

The Dillwyn Collection

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

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January 1. Saturday - - Parkwern
Rain nearly the whole day - Mild
Wind S.W.
At 11 am. attended a meeting of the Town Council for the election of
Harbour Trustees - then went to see H.J.Bath. home at 1 P.M. & over to
Sketty - afternoon at home

January 2. Sunday
Showery but tolerably fine on the whole -
We went to church in the morning - after luncheon I went with Bessie to
call at Singleton - & afterwards went to Sketty with the children

January 3. Monday
Fine -
Met E.M. Richards at 9½ a m at his house - Committee of Works at 10½ -
then went with Richards to see Mr O Meissner, a German who he has
brought over from Freybourg to set up my Silver Furnaces & c - Harbour
meeting at 12 - in the afternoon again engaged with Richards & Meissner -

January 4 - Tuesday - Parkwern
Rain the greater part of the day - Mild -
Over to Sketty after breakfast & then over to Penllergare to the Xmas tree
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January 5 - Wednesday -
Showery -
Board of Health meeting at 11 a.m - up with Richards to Landore in the
afternoon - home to dinner. Sketty first -

January 6. Thursday
Heavy rain in the morning till about 10 - Fine in the afternoon
Infirmary at 10 a.m. Dock office at 11 - over to Sketty afterwards - We
went to Singleton Ball in the evening - Mrs Popkin Traherne & her 2
daughters are with us - H Bruce is also with us but did not go to the Ball -

January 7. Friday
a.m. Rain & Storm - P.M Fine -
a.m. Canal meeting & property committees -
P.M. over to Sketty - papa unwell - The Trahernes left us today

January 8 Saturday
Showery -
Over to Sketty - & spent the greater part of the day there - LWD is better -
Bruce left us today

January 9. Sunday
Showery -
a.m. over to Sketty & to Church - P.M. at Sketty - H. Thomas came to us to
day for a night -

January 10. Monday

Stormy & wetting rain nearly all day -
Comm^e. Of Works after breakfast. then went up to Landore - Sketty in the
afternoon - H. Thomas left us today

Jan^y 11. Tuesday

Stormy - a violent storm of Thunder & lightning in the afternoon - Wind W
-
Petty Sessions at 11 a.m. to Sketty in the afternoon -

January 12 - Wednesday -

Rainy & unsettled
a.m. over to Sketty - PM remained at home gardened & c

January 13. Thursday -

Slight showers but fine on the whole -
Infirmary at 10 a.m Harbour Committee afterwards - then with E.M.
Richards to Baths & on to Landore - Sketty in the afternoon. - Literary
Society (Annual Meeting) at 8 P.M.

January 14. Friday

Fine - excepting showers -
Town Council meeting at 11. Harbour at 12 - Over to Sketty in the
afternoon

January 15. Saturday

Heavy & frequent showers -
Wrote in the morning - over to Sketty about 12½ & remained there till 3
P.M. then home & went in the garden

Jan^y 16. Sunday -

a.m. rainy - P.M. tolerably fine - showers -
a.m. - at home - P.M. at Sketty

Jan^y 17. Monday

Slight frost in the night - fine all day - clear - Wind N -
Committee of works at 10 a.m. afterwards up to Landore with Richards -
over to Sketty in the afternoon -

January 18. Tuesday

Frost last night - Bright & fine all day - Misty rain came on about dark -
In the morning I wrote letters & afterwards unpacked 2 boxes of
Specimens in Zoology from Labuan which have arrived - Went over to
Sketty about 3½ P.M - & remained there till dinner time - Miss Crawshay
came to us today for a few days -

Parkwern

January 19. Wednesday -

Mild - misty rain frequent during the day.
a.m. at home - P.M. over to Sketty - we dined at the Biddulphs

January 20 - Thursday -

Fine - Mild - very heavy rain & wind in the night -
Infirmary at 10 - Harbour Committee at 11 - Went up to Landore with
Richards afterwards - Sketty in the afternoon -

January 21 - Friday

Showers - cold. Wind W.N.W -
At home & over to Sketty

Jan^y - 22 - Saturday

Fine - excepting slight showers -
a.m. 11 o'clock Dock office - P.M - home & over to Sketty -

Jan^y - 23 - Sunday

Fine all day - frost in the night. Wind N.N.W.
a.m. Church - P-M. over to Sketty -

Parkwern

Jan^y 24. Monday

~~Fine~~ - dark. no frost -
Com^e of Works at 10 a.m. then went with Richards to new Pottery & c -
Sketty in the afternoon -

Jan^y 25. Tuesday -

Very cold - no frost - wind E - high - dark -
Met Mr Achlom [?] at 10 upon Infirmary business - 11 a.m. Annual Dock
meeting - then called to see Fanny - Sketty in the afternoon -

Jan^y -26 - Wednesday

Fine - cold - - bright -
Went to Bridgend on a county Valuation Committee - returned by express
train & went over to Sketty before dinner -

Llanelly House

January 27, Thursday

Fine. clear & cold - wind N.E -
Infirmary at 10. Harbour Committee at 11 - then up to Landore - Came on
here with Bessie by the express train - Went over Nevills Lead & Silver
works with Chambers -

Parkwern

January 28. Friday -

Fine. clear & cold. Wind N.E.
We returned from Llanelly this morning - I went over to Sketty in the
afternoon - Dined with the Mayor -

January 29 - Saturday

Fine.

Went into Swansea at 11. Called on D Forbes (brother of E Forbes) walked with him up to Landore, shewed him the Institution & c - to Sketty in the P.M - The Trahernes came to us today

Parkwern

January 30 Sunday

Rain in the middle of the day - fine at night -

a.m. we all went to church - P.M I went over to Sketty - D Forbes dined here -

January 31 - Monday

Fine all day bright & clear - frost in the night -

Committee of Works at 10 a.m. then up to Landore - home in the afternoon & over to Sketty - We had a party to dinner -

February 1. Tuesday

Fine - overcast in the evening -

Petty Sessions at 11 - up to Landore at 11½ - home in the afternoon & over to Sketty - The Trahernes left us this morning - Kingscote came here -

Feb^y 2. Wednesday

Dark & gloomy - no rain -

Local Bd of Health at 11 a.m. Walked out to Sketty in the P.M. with J.D.L.

Feb^y-3. Thursday -

Cold rain all day which turned to Snow in the afternoon - Wind E -

Harbour Committee at 11 & Dock office afterwards - sat with Fanny in the afternoon - a 4 P.M. attended a meeting - a committee of the Local Board of Health respecting the sanatory [sic] state of the Borough

Feb^y 4. Friday -

Cold - dark - no rain -

Kingscote left us today & I drove in to meet the Xpress train at ¼ 12 - at 12 I attended a meeting of the Corporation property committee - walked out to Sketty about 3 & then walked with John up to see Hendrefoilan - Sketty again till six and home to dinner

Feb^y 5. Saturday

Cold - Wind N.E.

a.m. went with Bessie to Hendrefoilan - back about 11½ - then in to Swansea on a Committee respecting exp^s of the Water Bill - Sketty in the afternoon -

Feb^y 6. Sunday

Fine - cold -

a.m. we went to church. at 1 I went over to Sketty - walked with Harry in the afternoon -

Feb^v 7. Monday

Rainy in the morning - fine the rest of the day -
Committee of Works at 10 a.m. Harbour meeting at 12 - was engaged with Richards afterwards till 4 P.M. & then attended a committee on the sanitary condition of the Town - home to dinner at 6 -

Parkwern

Feb^v 8. Tuesday

Gloomy & dark in the morning - wind E - about 1 P.M a heavy fall of Snow set in & continued all day
At home in the morning - to Sketty about 12 - home in the afternoon

Feb^v 9 - Wednesday

8¹/₂ a.m. - Therm^r 31 - Bar^r 28.76 - it snowed in the night - wind E - Wind N.E. all day - cold at night - snow still on the ground -
Board of Health meeting at 11 am. engaged with Richards on business afterwards over to Sketty before dinner -

Feb^v 10 - Thursday

1¹/₉ a.m. Bar^r 29 - Therm^r 34 -
Superficial Thaw all day but not more - Wind N.E. Fine -
Infirmary at 10 - Harbour Committee afterwards - with E.M. Richards on business in the PM - & over to Sketty before dinner

Parkwern

Feb^v 11. Friday -

8¹/₂ a.m - Therm^r. 28¹/₂ - very cold, dark. wind high N.E - Fine all day with frost - no thaw even in the sun -
Went over to Sketty with Bessie after breakfast - returned at 12¹/₂ - & walked into Swansea to a meeting of the Registration Committee - home in the afternoon and laid up with a bad headache

Feb^v 12. Sunday

8¹/₂ a.m. Therm^r 32 - Bar^r 29.44 -
Fine all day - very partial thaw in the day - frost again at night -
a.m. we went to church - P.M. I went over to Sketty -

Parkwern

Feb^v 14 - - Monday

8¹/₄ a m. Bar^r. 29.63 Therm^r. 25¹/₂ - still & clear. Fine all day. slight thaw in the middle of the day
Committee of works at 10 a.m. Local Board of Health meeting at 11 - engaged with Richards in the afternoon - home to dinner -

Feb^v 15 - Tuesday -

8 a.m. Therm^r. 29 - Bar. 29.63 - Very fine all day -

I walked over to Penllergare after breakfast to see J.D.L. respecting the sale of Ystrad farm - I then went to Swansea - over to Sketty in the afternoon & walked with Harry -

Feb^v16. Wednesday

8¼ a.m. Bar^r. 29.70 - Therm^r 31. Clear & fine - Fine all day -
a.m. wrote & c - & over to Sketty - PM - at home G.Mansel - T.E.Thomas and Benson dined with us -

Parkwern

February 17 Thursday

Sharp frost at night - Fine all day -
I had a headache & did not go out -

Feb^v18. Friday -

8¼. a.m. Therm^r. 27⁰ - - Wind N.E.
Clear and fine all day - frost at night -
Went to Landore after breakfast to meet G.Morris respecting some boundaries & c - In the afternoon I called at the Bryn and Dderwen fawr & then went to Sketty -

February 19. Saturday -

8¼ a.m. Therm^r 31 - Fine - a Snow Storm came on in the afternoon but did not last long -
Rode into Swansea with Minnie in the morning & then went over to Sketty -
Walked with the children in the afternoon - Henry Thomas came to us this evening -

Parkwern

Feb^y 20. Sunday -

8½ a.m. Therm^r 29 - Fine - cold all day -
a.m. I went to church with B & the children. I afterwards went over to Sketty - in the P.M. I walked with Henry Thomas over Hendrefoilan & c -

Feb^y 21. Monday

8.a.m. Therm^r 30 - Fine all day - Thaw late at night & sky overcast
Went after breakfast to Swansea with H. Thomas - he went to the Quarter Sessions - I went to the Committee of Works & c - home in the PM & over to Sketty -

Feb^y 22. Tuesday

8½ a.m. Therm^r - 38. Thaw all night - overcast - Fine in the day rainy in the evening
Petty Sessions at 11 - Infirmary on a special Committee at 2 P.M - to Sketty in the afternoon - We dined at C.H. Smiths -

Cardiff

February 23 - Wednesday -

Rainy & overcast - Fine at night

Came up here with H. Thomas this morning by the 8 o'clock train arriving here at 10 - (Adjourned Q Sessions) I tried Prisoners in the second court - We dined and are quartered for the night at Roath (Mrs C W Williams s) -

Parkwern

Feb^y 24. Thursday

Frost in the night - fine - wind W. in the evening - mild & overcast - Tried prisoners again in the 2nd court & finished between 11 & 12 - returned to Swansea by the Xpress train - over to Sketty before dinner - Henry Thomas returned here about 8 not having finished his court in time for the Xpress train -

Parkwern

February 25 - Friday

Fine - Wind N.W - rather Cold - no frost.
a.m. went to Swansea - commissions & c -
P.M - Went with Bessie round by Hendrefoilan - called at Sketty in our way home.

February 26. Saturday -

Very Stormy & cold - Wind N.W. frequent flurries of Snow & Hail - Wind very high.
Went to Sketty after breakfast - at 12 met Penrice at Hendrefoilan - he returned here with me to Lunch - in the afternoon I gardened & c & went over to Sketty -

Feb^y 27 - Sunday

Occasional slight falls of Snow - otherwise fine -
a.m. Went to church. P.M. over to Sketty & c

Feb^y. 28. Monday

Fine - sharp frost in the night -
Comm^e. of Works at 10 a.m. then up to Landore with Richards - Infirmary at 2 P.M. & up to Landore again with JDL. afterwards - hone across the Cockett -

Parkwern

March 1. Tuesday

Fine on the whole - small rain in the morning -
Over to Sketty in the morning - Attended a special Sessions of the County at 1 P.M for the election of a Vice Chairman - home in the afternoon & over to Sketty

March 2. Wednesday

Fine -
Attended a meeting of the Bd of Health at 11 a.m. over to Sketty in the afternoon - dined at the Sheriffs ordinary at 5 P.M.

March 3. Thursday

Fine - frost in the night -
Infirmary at 10 - Grand Jury at 11½ - home at 6 P.M. -

March 4. Friday

Sharp frost in the night - fine a.m. Heavy rain all the afternoon & evening -
Attended a Canal meeting at 11 a.m. over to Sketty in the afternoon -

Parkwern

March 5 - Saturday

Mild - Showery
a.m. at home writing & c - P.M over to Sketty -

March 6 - Sunday

Foggy & frequent misty rain - mild - Wind S.W -
a.m. at home - P.M. over to Sketty -

March 7 - Monday -

Very fine - Mild & warm - Wind S.W. -
Com. of Works at 10 a.m. in the afternoon over to Sketty & then up to
Hendrefoilan with Bessie - we dined at Sketty Park

March 8. Tuesday

Fine -
a.m. went up to Landore &c
P.M. at home - we had a party to dinner but I was laid up with a bad
headache

Parkwern

March 10. Thursday

Fine - mild -
Infirmary at 10 a.m. Board of Health at 11½ & property Committee
afterwards - over to Sketty at 5 P.M. Meeting of Lit Soc^y at 8 P.M.

March 11. Friday -

Fine -
Town Council meeting at 11 - over to Sketty in the afternoon - Walked
with the children afterwards -

March 12 - Saturday -

Fine -
a.m. rode with Harry up to Landore - P.M. over to Sketty and then drove
Bessie over to Penllergare in the dogcart -

March 13. Sunday

Slight occasional showers - fine on the whole. Mild -
a.m. remained at home. PM over to Sketty & c -

Parkwern

March 14. Monday

Fine -
Committee of Works at 10 a.m. Canal meeting at 11 - & harbour meeting
at 12 - home in the afternoon - Went to a concert in the evening -

March 15. Tuesday

Fine -
a.m. Rode with Amy to Landore. P.M. over to Sketty - & then drove Bessie
in the gig to call at Kilvrough -

March 16 - Wednesday

a.m. fine - P.M. rainy. Calm - Wind E -
Town Council meeting at 11 am - PM over to Sketty -

March 17 - Thursday

Very cold - Wind E.N.E - frost -
Infirmary at 10 - Harbour Committee at 11 - - home in the afternoon and
over to Sketty - we dined at Kilvrough

Parkwern

March 18. Friday

Sharp frost in the night - Wind E.N.E
Dock office at 11 a.m. home in the afternoon over to Sketty & c -

March 19 - Saturday

Sharp frost in the night - therm^r at 8½ - 29 - Wind keen - fine all day &
bright but cold -
a.m. wrote at home. P.M. over to Sketty & c.

March 20. Sunday

Frost in the night - thaw in the day bit cold -dry -
a.m. went to church with Bessie and the children. P.M. walked down to
Derwenfawr & then to Sketty -

March 21. Monday

Cold - no frost. Snow the greater part of the day but it did not lie on the
ground. Wind. N.W
Committee of works at 10 - Canal meeting at 11 - Sketty in the afternoon

Parkwern

March 22. Tuesday

Sharp frost in the night - clear cold & bright in the day - Snow on the hills
a.m. Went up to Landore & into Swansea -
P.M. went with Mr Baylis the Architect to Hendrefoilan, respecting a plan
for a house there - afterwards went over to Sketty -

March 23. Wednesday

Sharp frost at night - cold & clear all day - fine - Wind NE.
a.m. wrote sat home and went over to Sketty

P.M - walked with Minnie & Harry to Hendrefoilan & afterwards with JDL.
½ way to Penllergare

March 24. Thursday

Frost at night - clear & cold all day. Wind N.E.
Infirmary at 10. A long meeting came away at 1.P.M. afterwards executed
commissions saw Richards & c - P.M. over to Sketty & called at the Bryn.
Lit^y & Scient^c Soc^y in the evening -

Parkwern

March 25. Friday - Good Friday -

Sharp frost in the night - cleared cold all day - Wind N.E. a few flakes of
Snow fell.
a.m. at home - P.M. over to Sketty & c -

March 26 - Saturday

Frost at night fine all day -
a.m. went up to Landore P.M. went to Hendrefoilan & c

March 27. Sunday -

Slight frost at night - fine all day
a.m. went to Sketty - P.M. walked with the children & c -

March 28. Monday

Very fine all day - little or no frost at night -
At 9 a.m. Meissner came out to see me & remained here an hour - I then
went up to Landore - in the afternoon I went up to Hendrefoilan with
Richards respecting stone & c for the building -

Parkwern

March 29 Tuesday

Very fine - some frost in the night -
Went over to Sketty after breakfast and into Swansea at about 12 - home
in the afternoon & walked with JDL towards Penllergare

March 30 - Wednesday -

Fine -
a.m. rode up to Landore with Harry. Home at 1 P.M. & over to Sketty -

March 31. Thursday

Wind W.S.W some rain fell in the night - the forenoon was dry - Heavy
rain set in the afternoon & continued till late - at night a gale of wind from
S.S.W.

Infirmary at 10 - at 12 attended a preliminary meeting of the promoters &
supporters of the Newport & Abergavenny extension to Swansea Railway.
Afterwards walked round the Dock works with them & at 3 attended a
Public meeting to petition favours of the line - dined with the promoters
at the Castle Inn at 6½ PM.

Parkwern

April 1. Friday

Wind high W - mild - fine - seasonable -
Over at Sketty the greater part of the day

April 2. Saturday -

Fine - Seasonable - Wind rather high. W -
Over to Sketty in the forenoon & remained there till 2½ P.M. Gardened in the afternoon - LWD has been for the last few days very unsettled in his mind and uneasy about his will, not being able to remember the provisions he had made respecting his property or to recollect one day what he had seen and had explained to him the day before - We got J.D.L. to come over to day & to undertake with me to see that all was right & to take charge of the papers, on the condition that he would not think any more about them - this being done he appeared to be satisfied -

Parkwern

April 3. Sunday

Rain in the night & morning - it held up about the middle of the day - heavy rain in the afternoon & evening - Wind W. mild - a.m. Went to church with Bessie & the children & then over to Sketty - at home in the afternoon -

April 4 - Monday

a.m. unsettled - P.M. heavy rain - mild Wind W.
Harbour meeting at 12. Com of Works at 10 - to Sketty in the P.M.

April 5. Tuesday

fine on the whole some misty rain -
Attended Quarter Sessions - over to Sketty in the afternoon & went up to Hendrefoilan with Bessie -

April 6 - Wednesday -

Tolerably fine - heavy rain in the evening - mild -
Meeting of Local Bd of Health at 11 - to Sketty & c PM -

Parkwern

April 7. Thursday -

Fine- except a heavy shower in the afternoon - mild and Seasonables
Infirmary at 10 - Dock office at 11½ -
P.M. over to Sketty with Bessie & c -

April 8. Friday

Fine - -
Corporation meeting at 11 - at home in the afternoon & over to Sketty

April 9 - Saturday -

Fine - Wind W.N.W -

Went up to Hendrefoilan with Bessie & E M Richards after breakfast - at Sketty in the afternoon

April 10 - Sunday

Rain early in the morning - fine in the day -

Minnie is laid up with the Measles -

I went over to Sketty & sat with LWD during church time - in the afternoon walked with Bessie & the 2 other children in the garden

Parkwern

April 11. Monday

Fine - mild -

a.m. at 10. Committee of Works - at 12 Committee of enquiry respecting conduct of Police officer -

P-M to Sketty & in the garden with B-

April 12 Tuesday

Fine

a.m. in to Swansea & up to Landore &c. PM over to Sketty &c to Hendrefoilan before dinner with Bessie -

April 13 - Wednesday

Fine -

a.m. over to Sketty & c P.M - at home with Minnie

April 14. Thursday

Fine - wind N.E - rather overcast -

Infirmity at 10 a.m. Harbour Committee at 10½. Engaged with Strick & Richards afterwards - to Sketty with Bessie in the afternoon -

Parkwern

April 15. Friday -

Fine -

a.m. over to Sketty. P.M. up to Hendrefoilan with Bessie - Bessie was unwell in the evening & I sent for Dr. Williams

April 16 - Saturday

Fine -

a.m. I rode with Amy to Swansea & Hendrefoilan

P.M. over to Sketty - walked with the children & c

April 17. Sunday

Occasional & rather frequent misty thick rain - mild - Wind W -

a.m. remained at home with Bessie who is much better but still weak -

P.M - over to Sketty -

April 18. Monday

Fine

Comm. of Works at 10 a.m. then to Parkwern - in the afternoon rode with Harry to the Mumbles & c. & over to Sketty - attended a Public meeting in the evening

Parkwern

April 19. Tuesday

a.m. no rain - overcast & threatening - mild -

P.M - misty rain for some hours -

a.m. rode with Minnie to Landore -

P.M. over to Sketty & walked with Mary & Amy to Hendrefoilan

April 20 - Wednesday -

Fine - Wind W - rain set in at night -

Busy at Hendrefoilan the greater part of the day - Bessie & Harry & Amy were with me

April 21 - Thursday

Very heavy rain in the night and occasionally through the day - mild - calm.

Board of Guardians at 10 a.m. and on to the Harbour committee at 11 - at 2 P.M went to the Infirmary again on a committee for revising the rules - home to dinner -

Parkwern

April 22 Friday -

Rain in the night - No rain all day - Wind E - raw dark & overcast.

a.m. Went to Swansea

P.M. over to Sketty and then up to Hendrefoilan with Bessie

April 23 - Saturday -

Fine, except some heavy showers - wind W.N.W. cold - there was some hail -

a.m. at home & over to Sketty - P.M. rode with Amy & c -

April 24 - Sunday

Rain early in the morning - tolerably fine the rest of the day -

a.m. Went to Church with Bessie & the children

P.M. over to Sketty -

April 25. Monday -

Cold & stormy - occasional Hail & Snow storms - Wind N.W.

Committee of Works at 10 a.m - Went up to Landore afterwards - to Sketty in the afternoon -

Parkwern

April 26. Tuesday

Fine -

At home & over to Sketty - up to Hendrefoilan with Bessie in the evening -

April 27. Wednesday

Very fine -

Went up to Cardiff by the train at 8 am. Richards accompanied me. When there we went in a gig to Edmonds lead mine near Caerphilly - returned in the evening.

April 28 - Thursday

Fine on the whole occasional dark clouds (like Thunder clouds) & some rain -

Infirmery at 10 & then on to the Harbour Committee of Works - Infirmery again at 2 P.M. whence I walked out with J.D.L - & he went with Bessie & myself (calling at Sketty on our way) up to Hendrefoilan - Miss Beer left us to day

Parkwern

April 29 - Friday

Some dropping rain in the morning but not enough to speak of - Wind E - calm - overcast. gloomy - blue haze

a.m. over to Sketty - P.M. up to Hendrefoilan with Bessie & the children -

April 30. Saturday

Unsettled in the morning - Heavy rain for about an hour at 11 a.m. fine in the afternoon - mild - Wind S.W.

Rode up to Landore with Minnie after breakfast - over to Sketty at 12½ - up to Hendrefoilan with Bessie in the afternoon -

May 1. Sunday

Fine all day - Mild Wind S.W. overcast towards evening & wind rising -

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

P.M. over to Sketty - walked in the garden & c -

Parkwern

May 2. Monday

Wind E.S.E. occasional rain - dark -

Committee of Works at 10 a.m. Harbour meeting afterwards at 12 - & then up to Landore - Dock office at 3 P.M.

May 3. Tuesday

Rain all day - calm - mild -

Over to Sketty after breakfast & then up to Hendrefoilan

May 4. Wednesday

Fine - occasionally overcast - very sultry - Appearance of thunder - -

Meeting of Local Board of Health at 11 a.m - home at 1½ P.M - in the afternoon went up to Hendrefoilan & Sketty -

London - 10 Dover St

May 5. Thursday

Very fine -

Attended the Infirmary meeting at 10 am - at ¼ to 12. Came up by the Express train with Bessie & the children - Mary also accompanied us

London -

May 6. Friday

Dark - Wind E - cold - no rain -

a.m. went for a walk with Harry & Amy -

P.M. at 1 o'clock I met Mr Colling¹ at our hotel respecting our new home at 3. Went with Bessie & Mary & the 2 little girls to DelaBeches museum & the water colour exhibition -

May 7. Saturday -

Heavy rain all day

Went with Bessie & Mary to Tottenham to see the Bevans - returned about 3 P.M. Harry is laid up with the Measles - in the evening I went with Mary Minnie & Amy to Sadlers Wells to see M. Houdin the conjurer -

May 8 Sunday

Cold. dark - rainy in the evening -

a.m - went to Whitehall chapel with Mary Minnie & Amy -

P.M. - We went to the Zoological gardens - Bessie also accompanied us

London

May 9. Monday

Very rainy & unsettled - cold - some snow -

Harry is better this morning - after breakfast I write letters & c - in the afternoon Bessie went to see DelaBeche & I went with Mary & the 2 little girls to the Panorama & c - after dinner we went to the Haymarket Theatre -

May 10. Tuesday

Fine -

I had a headache & did not go out much - in the evening went with Bessie & Mary to hear a debate in the House of Commons -

May 11. Wednesday

Fine

a.m. went to the Vernon Gallery with Bessie & Mary -

P.M. We went to the exhⁿ of the Royal Academy in the evening we went to Albert Smith Mont Blanc

London

May 12. Thursday

Fine - rain late at night -

To the Atheneum after breakfast & then with Minnie to the Vernon Gallery - in the afternoon with Minnie & Amy to the Coliseum - in the evening to the Royal Italian Opera (Covent Garden) with Mary Bessie & Minnie - the performance was part of Norma and the Puritani -

¹ Probably James Kellaway Colling 1816-1905. Architect and garden designer.

May 13. Friday -

Fine - gloomy -

Athenaeum & down to the City after breakfast - In the afternoon I went with Minnie & Amy to the British Museum - In the evening to Exeter Hall with Bessie & Mary to hear the performance of Elijah - we went at 7½ & got back at 11 -

London

May 14. Saturday

Fine -

a.m. with Bessie & the children to see the Horse guards changed & then went with Mary & Bessie to the exhibition of the Royal Academy - P.M. we all went to the Pantheon² & shopping -

May 15. Sunday

Fine - Wind E - rather cold. dark -

a.m. went with Mary Minnie & Amy to service at Westminster Abbey - P.M. We all went to the Zoological gardens in our way home Bessie called & I called at DelaBeches -

May 16. Monday

Very fine -

Went with Minnie & Amy after breakfast to see Westminster Hall, Abbey & c - in the afternoon we all went to the Polytechnic institution in Regent St
In the evening we all (except Mary who is not quite well) went to Astleys Theatre

London

May 17. Tuesday

Very fine -

a.m. engaged with Mr Colling in settling the plans for our new house - P.M. We shopped &c. in the evening we dined with Mrs Bateman -

May 18. Wednesday

Fine -

I had a bad headache nearly all day & did not go out excepting for a short time in the afternoon when I took the children for a walk - shewed them Hungerford Market & took them in a steamer on the Thames. Bessie went with Mary to Mr Bells today & had her two front teeth taken out - she is to go to him again in about six weeks - We intend to return home tomorrow -

Parkwern

May 19. Thursday

Very fine - hot & bright - Wind S.

² The Pantheon, Oxford Street, London. Designed by James Wyatt and opened in 1772.

We left Paddington about 5 minutes to 10 this morning and came down here to Swansea by the Xpress train arriving at 3½ PM - I went over to Sketty before dinner - Miss Bernard (our new Governess) came down with us -

May 20. Friday -

Very fine -

Over to Sketty after breakfast - in to Swansea to the Police committee at 11 - out to Hendrefoilan with Richards at 2½ PM

May 21. Saturday

Fine - Wind S.E - blighting -

a.m. into Swansea P.M. over to Hendrefoilan with Bessie - home by Sketty

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Parkwern

May 22. Sunday

Fine - Wind S.E. rather high - very hot in the sun - & blighting in the wind -

a.m. Went to church with Miss Bernard & Minnie & Amy -

P.M. Went over to Sketty with Bessie & the children

May 23. Monday

Fine. East wind - high -

Committee of Works at 10 a.m. then to the Police court - at 12 went up to Landore where we began work - to Sketty & Hendrefoilan in the afternoon -

May 24. Tuesday

Fine - very high wind. E. hot sun -

Drove with Bessie into Swansea & up to Landore after breakfast - home at 1 - then over to Sketty

In the afternoon went with Bessie to Hendrefoilan -

Parkwern

May 25. Wednesday -

Fine - calm - very hot -

After breakfast I rode to Landore with Minnie - returned about 11 - & over to Sketty - In the afternoon I went in to meet Mr Colling (our architect) who came by the Xpress train - I then went with him to Hendrefoilan

May 26. Thursday

Some rain in the morning - thick - very close & sultry all day -

Went up with Bessie & Mr Colling to Hendrefoilan where Mr Richards met us - we spent the whole day there fixing the levels & c of our new house - home to dinner at ½ past 6 P.M. I called at Sketty in my way home - Mr Colling leaves us tomorrow & has promised us the final basement plan by Tuesday or Wednesday

Parkwern

May 27 - Friday

Very fine

Over to Sketty - Gardened & c

May 28. Saturday

Rain last night - fine in the morning & c after 3 P.M. some heavy showers of hail & rain came on - Wind N.W.

Over to Sketty after breakfast - then up to Landore - home at ½ past 1 p.m. & to Hendrefoilan with Bessie - went with the children to fish at Sketty before dinner -

London

May 29. Sunday

Fine - in London there was heavy rain -

Went over to Sketty after breakfast - left Swansea by the 1¼ P.M train & came up here - arrived at 10 P.M.

London

May 30. Monday

Heavy showers -

Breakfasted with J.D.L - afterwards went to the Committee Rooms of the House of Commons to give evidence at the Swansea Extension Railway Bill - I was not however examined today and about 1 P.M - went with H.Thomas to see the Vernon³ & National Galleries & DelaBeches Museum

May 31. Tuesday

Dark Gloomy & cold. no rain

Went to the H of Commons at 12 & remained there the greater part of the time till 4 P.M Again I was not examined - I dined with J.D.L. and afterwards went to the Covent Garden Opera with Emma Theresa & Emmy, and Miss Pearson - the Performance was Lucretia Borgia & the 2nd Act of Il Barbieri -

London

June 1. Wednesday -

Dark & Gloomy - no rain -

³ The Turner Bequest and the Growth of the British Collection. From the very beginning, the National Gallery's collection had included works by British artists. By the mid-1840s, the rooms of the National Gallery had become overcrowded. When Robert Vernon bequeathed a large collection of British works to the Gallery in 1845, they had to be displayed elsewhere: first at Vernon's private house, and later at Marlborough House.

In 1856 Joseph Mallord William Turner bequeathed over 1000 paintings, drawings and watercolours. They were displayed at South Kensington, along with the Vernon collection, which was moved from Marlborough House. In 1876 the National Gallery was enlarged, and the paintings were returned to Trafalgar Square. However, by this time a precedent had been set for exhibiting British works in separate premises. (taken from a web site)

Down to the Committee room at 12 - was examined today & got away at ½ past 3 P.M. I then went to see DelaBeche & into the City &c - dined at 6½ - start for home to night by the Mail train at 9 P.M. -

Parkwern

June 2. Thursday

Very fine -

I came down from Town by the Mail train last night - arrived at Swansea at 20^m to 6 am - came out here - went over to Sketty after breakfast - in the afternoon went up to Hendrefoilan with Bessie - the Basement plan of the new House came down to day & tomorrow the work will be set out -

Parkwern

June 3. Friday

Very fine -

a.m. up to Hendrefoilan with Bessie where we met E.M.Richards & marked out the ground for the new house -

P.M. I went up to Landore with Richards - after dinner I went over to Sketty with Bessie & Minnie & Harry -

June 4. Saturday -

Fine -

a.m. Went into Swansea

P.M. at 1 oclock went over to Sketty & afterwards up to Hendrefoilan with Bessie & the children -

June 5. Sunday

Fine - a very slight shower or two about noon - hardly enough to lay the dust - calm

a.m - we went to church

P.M. - H.H. Vivian lunched with us - afterwards over to Sketty with Bessie & the children -

Parkwern

June 6. Monday

Rainy - Mild - Wind S.W.

Committee of Works at 10 a.m. Harbour meeting at 12 - over to Sketty and up to Hendrefoilan in the afternoon

June 7. Tuesday

Very fine -

I went out fishing on Llew -

June 8. Wednesday

Dark & misty in the morning, about 11 a.m. - musty rain set in & continued till about 4 P.M. when it cleared up -

I went to Landore after breakfast - returned about 1 P.M - & went over to Sketty - at 4 P.M walked with Bessie up to Hendrefoilan

June 9. Thursday

Mild & calm. dark with occasional rain

Infirmery at 10. Harbour Committee at 11 and Corporation property Committee at 12 - over to Sketty in the afternoon -

Parkwern

June 10. Friday -

Rain nearly all day - calm - Wind SW -

Over to Sketty after breakfast & then in to Swansea - attended a Town Council meeting at 12 - & afterwards met E Strick & R Jenkins & for Mary received the principal & interest from Vivian of Marys mortgage on Parkwern (which has been bought by Vivian) - I gave Strick the deeds, paid the principal (£1500.) to Marys credit at the Brand Bank - in the afternoon I again went over to Sketty & paid the interest to Mary

June 11. Saturday

Thick & threatening in the morning - it cleared off about noon & the rest of the day was very fine - Wind S.W.

We all went up after breakfast & the first stone of the new House was laid at Hendrefoilan - to Sketty in the afternoon & afterwards walked with J.D.L part of the way towards Penllergare

Parkwern

June 12 - Sunday

Very fine - Wind W - fresh

a.m. Bessie was not very well & I remained at home - P.M. over to Sketty &c -

June 13, Monday -

Fine

Committee of Works at 10 a.m. Harbour meeting for letting the Harbour tolls at 12 - up to Landore in the afternoon - over to Sketty at 5½- PM -

June 14. Tuesday

Very fine - in the afternoon there were some Thunder claps - & rain among the Hills -

I went out fishing on the Dylais -

June 15. Wednesday

Rain in the morning - very fine in the afternoon

Went over to Sketty after breakfast - at 1 P.M. attended meeting at H of Correction - afterwards went up to Hendrefoilan with Fanny & the children

Parkwern

June 16. Thursday

Fine -

Infirmery at 10. & up to Landore about 12 - over to Sketty &c in the afternoon

June 17 - Friday

Fine - rain in the evening & last night -
Went with Bessie to 3 cliffs bay -

June 18 - Saturday

Rain in the night & early morning - fine in the day - rain again about 6 P.M.
Wind S.W.
a.m. over to Sketty &c - P.M. went to Sketty with the children fishing

June 19 - Sunday

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

June 20 - Monday

Very heavy & frequent Showers -
Bought a horse in the morning & then to the Com. of Works &c - to Sketty
in the afternoon

Parkwern

June 21. Tuesday

Rain in the night & early morning - very sultry - thick rain set in about 4
P.M.
Rode over to Penllergare with Bessie - we got back about 4 P.M. & I went
over to Sketty -

June 22 - Wednesday -

Fine - overcast & sultry in the evening -
Wrote & c in the morning - went over to Penllergare fishing in the
afternoon -
Moggridge dined with us & sleeps here to night -

June 23. Thursday

Very fine - bright & oppressively hot -
Infirmary at 10 a.m. - Walked up to Landore with J.D. Llewelyn at 1 P.M. &
then home - D Janson came to us today - in the afternoon I went with him
& Bessie up to Hendrefoilan - over to Sketty after dinner

Parkwern

June 24. Friday

Very fine. hot & bright in the morning overcast & sea mist in the afternoon
- no rain to speak of
a.m. Walked over to Sketty and then to Llangafelach Petty Sessions - at
1.P.M. walked with J.D.L to Penllergare & he then accompanied me to
Landore - thence I went him to the Railway station (as he started for
Lanelay at 20.m. past 4 P.M.) & home by S^t Helens - Went over to Sketty
again in the evening

June 25. Saturday

Rainy - on & off - mild - channell [sic] fog - Wind S.W.

At home in the forenoon - in the afternoon went up to Hendrefoilan with Bessie Minnie and D Janson - called at Sketty in the way home -

Parkwern

June 26 - Sunday

Very heavy & continued rain nearly all day Wind S.W.

I went over to Sketty in the forenoon - returned at 1 P.M. to dinner - at home all the afternoon

June 27. Monday

Heavy rain the whole day - Wind S.W.

Committee of works at 10.a.m - Board of Health meeting at 11 - up to Landore afterwards and home at 3.P.M. - I then went over to Sketty &c.

June 28. Tuesday

Heavy rain all day - it cleared off a little in the evening - Wind S.W -

Petty Sessions at 11-am. over to Sketty in the afternoon &c -

June 29. Wednesday

Occasional showers but tolerably fine on the whole - wind S.W.

Into Swansea after breakfast and up to Landore - home in the afternoon & rode out with Bessie & Minnie

Parkwern

June 30. Thursday

Showery

Infirmery at 10 - Meeting of Local Board of health at 11½ - over to Sketty in the afternoon with Bessie & Minnie & then up to Hendrefoilan -

H.Thomas came here in the afternoon & we had a party in the evening -

July 1 - Friday

Showery -

Attended the Annual Infirmery meeting and adjourned quarter Sessions

July 2 - Saturday

Fine

Went in to the Quarter Sessions at 10 a.m - about 2 P.M. went up to Landore with H.Thomas and then to Hendrefoilan - returned by the Bryn and Sketty -

Parkwern

July 3 - Thursday -

Fine -

a.m. went over to Sketty & stayed with LWD during Church time -

P-M - Walked over to Penllergare with H.Thomas -

July 4 - Monday

Fine in the day - small rains et in in the evening -
Committee of Works at 10 a.m - Harbour meeting at 12 - at 2 went with
H.Thomas to see E.Hickeys china & - which are to be sold at Burrows
Lodge - We then went up to the Pottery, whence I went up to Landore
Silver works where I began refining today - home to dinner at 6½ P.M.

July 5. Tuesday

Frequent misty rain -
at 11 a.m. I drove H.Thomas into Swansea for the Xpress train by which he
went - I attended the Annual Canal meeting at 12 - home at 4½ & went up
to Hendrefoilan with Bessie

Parkwern

July 6. Wednesday

a.m - misty rain - P.M Fine -
Landore in the morning - rode over to Penllergare with Bessie and Amy in
the afternoon

July 7. Thursday

Rain in the morning - Fine in the day - bright and oppressively hot -
Infirmary at 10. Property Committee (Corporation) at 1 P.M. over to
Penllergare at 2 where Bessie & the Children had preceeded [*sic*] me &
where our portraits by the collodion Photographic process by Mr Fry a
gentleman who is staying there - about 6 I went to Landore where we
drew our first plate of Silver - it weighed 1 cwt. 1q^r- 16.lbs - Richards will
take it up to London tomorrow - I got home about 9, oclock

Parkwern

July 8 - Friday -

Overcast & very sultry - Thunder at night
Over to Sketty after breakfast - attended a Corporation meeting at 11 - &
then went up to Landore - E Hickey came to us to day and I went with him
& Bessie up to Hendrefoilan before dinner -

July 9. Saturday

Rainy - sultry -
Over to Sketty in the morning & again in the afternoon - Bessie & E Hickey
dined at the Hill House but I had a headache & remained at home -

July 10 - Sunday

Fine -
a.m. we all went to church
P.M - In went over to Sketty &c -

Parkwern

July 11. Monday

Fine - showers in the evening & overcast sky - Wind S.W.
Committee of Works at 10 a m - Local Board of Health at 11 - up to
Landore at 2 P.M - & home about 5 -

London

July 12. Tuesday

Fine -

Over to Sketty after breakfast & then to the Infirmary - left Swansea (with Bessie) by the Xpress train & arrived here at about 6½. Hickey came with us - we are staying at 10 Dover St

July 13. Wednesday

Fine - threatening rain in the evening -

After breakfast with Bessie to the Dentists - executed commissions & c - in the afternoon & went with H Bruce to see the exhibition of pictures of the British Institution in Pall Mall

London

July 14. Thursday

Very heavy rain all the morning - tolerably fine after 3 P.M. -

a.m. went to the city & executed commissions

P.M - walked with Bessie -

July 15 - Friday -

Heavy rain nearly all day -

Went to the Dentists with Bessie after breakfast - In the evening Bruce & Hickey dined with us & we went to the Princesses theatre to see Sardanafalus [?]

July 16. Saturday

Heavy rain from about 11 am to 2½ P.M. fine in the afternoon -

After breakfast went to see Gore house exhibition with Bessie - we then went to the dentists - at 4 P.M. met Mr Colling - Hickey & Bruce dined with us & we went to the opera afterwards

London

July 17. Sunday

Fine -

a.m. went up to see DelaBeche with Bessie.

P.M. We went with Bruce & Hickey to the Zoological gardens -

July 18. Monday

Frequent & very heavy rain -

Went with Bessie to the Dentists after breakfast - at 12 we went to the British Museum & met Mr Layard [?] who shewed us & a party consisting of Bruce Hickey & c the Nimroud remains -

Parkwern

July 19 - Tuesday

Fine -

We left London at 10.15 a.m. & went to Windsor - thence to Chobham camp. returned to Windsor at 3½ - & saw St Georges chapel - the terrace

&c. dined & came on to Reading to meet the down express by which we came here

Parkwern

July 20. Wednesday

Misty rain nearly all day -

a.m. went into Swansea with Bessie - thence I went up to Landore - we came back about 2 P.M. & walked down to Norton where the Sketty party have taken Jeffreys s house during repairs & painting at Sketty Hall - home to dinner -

July 21. Thursday

a.m. misty rain early - fine the rest of the day

Moggridge breakfasted here & walked with me to the Infirmary afterwards - thence I went up to Landore - in the afternoon I rode with Bessie & Minnie down to the Mumbles - We dined at Sketty Park with the Biddulphs in the evening -

Parkwern

July 22. Friday

Rain in the night & early morning

Fine in the day -

Went to Norton after breakfast after breakfast - in the afternoon Mr Colling came to us & I went with him up to Hendrefoilan - Bessie & the children went to a dance at the Biddulphs in the evening -

July 28 - Saturday

Fine - threatening & S.E. wind in the evening -

After breakfast I rode with Bessie & Harry towards Penllergare - before we got to Cadley however we met JDL- & then we turned to Swansea, home & about in the afternoon - Mr Colling was with Mr Richards at Hendrefoilan the greater part of the day

Parkwern

July 24 - Sunday

Very heavy rain in the night & morning - it cleared up however about 12 & the rest of the day was fine - Wind S.W. high -

Mr Colling left us today for London - in the afternoon I walked down to Norton

Llwyn Madoc

July 25. Monday

Fine in the day - small drizzling rain set in, in the evening -

We left home this morning about ¼ to 8 and came up here -

July 26. Tuesday

Fine on the whole but rather squally wind high -

I fished on the Cammarch

Llwyn Madoc

July 27. Wednesday

Rainy in the morning - showery in the afternoon
I went out fishing on the Cammarch

July 28. Thursday

Rain early in the morning - fine in the day & clear & bright in the evening -
I fished on the upper Irwen and Gwessin

July 29. Friday

Threatening in the morning heavy rain all the afternoon and evening -
I fished on the Dulais -

July 30. Saturday

Showers - but fine on the whole
I fished on the Dulais

Llwyn Madoc

July 31. Sunday

Rain nearly all day - it cleared up a little in the afternoon -
I took a walk with H Thomas in the afternoon -

Talieris

August 1. Monday

Rain nearly all day -
We left Llwyn Madoc about 11½ a.m. & came here for the night the Peels
having asked us - the H. Thomas also accompanied us -

Parkwern

August 2 - Tuesday

Fine -
At 7½ a.m. I went with Mr Peel to see his tile manufactory - after
breakfast Bessie & I returned home here - after dinner we went up to
Hendrefoilan with the children -

Parkwern

August 3. Wednesday

Fine -
Went up to Landore after breakfast & remained there till about 2 P.M. a
plate of Silver of about 500 lbs weight was drawn in the refinery - from
the works I came home & went over to Penllergare in the Dog cart with
Bessie Harry & Amy - the Royd Smiths are staying at Penllergare - we got
home about 7 P.M.

August 4. Thursday

Fine
Infirmary at 10 - thence I went to the Harbour float Committee, home
about ½ past 1 - in the afternoon I rode down to Norton with Bessie &

Harry - on out return the children shot with Bows & Arrows - After dinner we walked up to Hendrefoilan -

Parkwern

August 5. Friday

Very fine -

Went up to Landore at ½ past 9 a.m. at 11 went to the Glam^r Bank to see Stroud on Harbour matters - Attended a meeting of the Corporation property Committee at 12 - got home about 2 P.M. and then went down to Norton with Bessie - the children & Miss Bernard had preceeded [sic] us - I sat with LWD in the afternoon & the children & c went down to Caswell Bay - we dined at Norton & got home about 9 P.M - -

August 6. Saturday.

Very fine -

a.m. rode up to Landore with Bessie and Amy -

P.M. in the garden with Bessie & the children - at 5 oclock drove over to dinner at Penllergare - Bessie & Minnie came with me

Parkwern

August 7. Sunday

Very fine -

a.m. had a headache & remained at home

P.M - went up to Hendrefoilan with Royd Smith & Johnny & afterwards I went down to Norton -

August 8. Monday

Very fine -

Attended committee of works at 10 a.m - & at 12 went to a Harbour meeting respecting an application to Parliament next year for a new Harbour Bill - in the afternoon I rode down to Norton with Bessie - Sir J Morris came to us this evening -

August 9. Tuesday

Very fine

Attended at Petty Sessions at 11 a.m - home at 2 P.M and rode to Derwen fawr & Hendrefoilan with Bessie

Parkwern

August 10. Wednesday -

Very fine -

I walked over to Penllergare after breakfast & home about 3 P.M. I then rode with Minnie down to Norton * **CHECK THIS ASTERISK** in to Swansea - home to dinner -

August 11. Thursday

Very fine -

I rode up to Landore before breakfast - Infirmary at 10 a.m. Harbour Comm. at 11 a.m. Walked down to Norton in the afternoon

August 12. Friday

Fine -

I went up to Cardiff to day to attend a meeting of the Liberal registration Society - returned by the 8 P.M. train -

August 13. Saturday

Fine

a.m. Went up to Landore with Sir J. Morris

P.M. went down to Norton & up to Hendrefoilan

Parkwern

August 14. Sunday

Fine

Went down to Norton after breakfast - home in the after noon -

August 15. Monday -

Fine - overcast and threatening in the evening -

Committee of works at 10 a.m. Harbour meeting at 11 - home in the afternoon to meet Mr Strickland and Mr Wallace & shew them round my Labuan collections - they dined with us afterwards with a party

August 16. Tuesday

Heavy rain from the S.E - about the middle of the day - it cleared up about 3 P.M.

Went up to Landore in the morning & down to Norton in the afternoon

August 17. Wednesday

Fine -

a.m. up to Landore - P.M. rode with Bessie to Norton & Hendrefoilan

Parkwern

August 18. Thursday

Slight showers in the afternoon but otherwise fine -

Sir J. Morris left us this morning - at 11 I went down to Norton - returned at 1 P.M. & went up to Landore - home at 6. We dined at Hill House

August 19. Friday

Fine -

I went up to the works after breakfast - returned about 2½ P.M - & went up to Hendrefoilan with Bessie - We dined at Woodlands Castle -

August 20. Saturday -

Slight Showers in the morning - fine the rest of the day

I went up to the works with Bessie after breakfast and we remained there till about 4 P.M. to see a large plate of Silver drawn - We rode down to Norton before dinner -

Parkwern

August 21. Sunday

Fine -

a.m. went down to Norton - P.M - walked to Hendrefoilan with Bessie & the children

August 22. Monday -

Fine -

a.m. attended a Harbour meeting - P.M. went to the works -

August 23. Tuesday -

Fine - a heavy but partial shower in the bay in the afternoon -

Attended Committee of Works (B^d of Health) at 10 - at 12 went to Landore - home at 3 - & then rode with Bessie & Minnie to Norton & Kilvrough -

August 24. Wednesday

Fine

I went up to Landore after breakfast - home about 3 P.M - & went down to Norton where Bessie & the 3 children with Miss Bernard had gone in the carriage - we dined there -

Parkwern

August 25. Thursday

Heavy rain in the night - Stormy & frequent heavy rain in the day - Wind in the evening S.E. with violent rain -

Infirmiry at 10 - Harbour Committee at 11 - & afterwards up to Landore - thence I came back about 5.P.M - & walked up with Harry towards Hendrefoilan & met Bessie & the two other children -

August 26. Friday

Showery - Wind S.W.W. very high

Attended Town Council meeting for letting the Market dues & Town Quay dues - returned home about 3 P.M & rode down to Norton with Bessie & Amy

August 27. Saturday

Showery - fine in the P.M. Wind very high -

Rode with Harry up to the works after breakfast - in the afternoon I went up to Hendrefoilan with Bessie & the children -

Parkwern

August 28. Sunday

Fine -

Went to church with Bessie and the children in the morning - In the afternoon I went down to Norton

August 29. Monday

Fine with the exception of a heavy shower about the middle of the day -

Committee of Works at 10 a.m. Harbour meeting at 11 - up to Landore in the afternoon-

August 30. Tuesday

Unsettled - heavy and frequent storms in the afternoon -
In to Swansea after breakfast - up to the Works at 12½ - home in the
afternoon and rode down to Norton with Bessie & Harry -

August 31 - Wednesday -

Fine in the day - Heavy rain set in about 5 P.M.
Up to Landore after breakfast - home about 2½ P.M. & went up to
Hendrefoilan with Minnie - Bessie & Harry & Amy went up to the Marriots
to day to stay till Saturday

Parkwern

September 1. Thursday -

Rain early in the morning - fine on the whole through the day -
Infirmary at 10 a.m. - Up to Landore at 12 - home at 3½ P.M. & rode with
Minnie to Norton & Hendrefoilan -

September 2. Friday

Fine -
a.m. went down to Norton - P.M - Gardened &c -

Sept^r. 3. Saturday

Very fine -
a.m. went up to the Works & attended a Dock meeting -
P.M. Rode down with Minnie to Norton & spent the afternoon there -
home to dinner at 7. Bessie & the children came home this evening -

Sept^r. 4. Sunday

Very fine - Wind N.E.. hot in the sun -
a.m. Went down to Norton -
PM - Went up to Hendrefoilan with Bessie & the children -

Parkwern

September 5. Monday

Fine -
Committee of Works at 10 a m - Harbour meeting at 12 - went up to
Landore with Richards in the afternoon - dined with E Morgan at 6 - to
meet Mr Somerset -

Sept^r. 6. Tuesday

Fine -
Attended Petty Sessions at 11 a.m - in the afternoon I rode down to
Norton with Bessie & Amy - We had a party to dinner to meet Mr
Somerset -

September 7. Wednesday

Very fine

Attended a meeting of the Local Board of Health at 11 a.m. - in the afternoon went up to Hendrefoilan with Bessie to meet Mr Richards respecting the Hot water apparatus for the House & c -

Parkwern

September 8. Thursday

Fine -

Infirmery at 10 a.m. Harbour Committee at 11 - Up to Landore at 12 - at 3 P.M. met Bessie at the House of Correction & Town Hall to see the Warming apparatus for those buildings - I afterwards rode with her & Harry to Norton - at 8 P.M. I went in to a special meeting of the Literary & Scientific Society -

Sept^r. 9. Friday

Fine - Glass falling rapidly. Wind E. overcast towards evening & wind rising

Town Council meeting at 11 - then up to the Works. to Hendrefoilan in the afternoon with Bessie & the two little girls -

Parkwern

September 10 - Saturday

Rain about 5 or 6 a.m. fine the rest of the day - Wind S.W -

Went up to Landore after breakfast - attended at the Dock office at 11½ a.m -

Home in the afternoon and went to Hendrefoilan & in the garden with Bessie & the children - the Sketty party returned from Norton to day & after dinner I went over to Sketty to see them -

September 11 - Sunday

Dark & threatening a.m. - Rainy P.M -

Went to church with Bessie & the children in the morning - we went over to Sketty in the afternoon

Sept^r. 12 = Monday

Fine early in the morning - Rain in the afternoon & very heavy rain at night - the Bar^r. however is gradually rising & has been so since yesterday -

Attended the Committee of works at 10 a.m. Harbour meeting at 11 - I afterwards called on M^r Wyse (of the E. Archipelago C^o) & then went up to Landore - home to dinner at ½ past 6 -

September 13. Tuesday

Very fine -

a.m. I went to Sketty & sat with L.W.D.

P.M - Went up to Hendrefoilan with Bessie -

September 14. Wednesday -

Threatening - Wind S & S.W. rain at night

a.m. I went over to Sketty returned about 2 P.M & then rode over to Penllergare with Bessie and Minnie to see the Victoria Regina, which is in blow there in the open air - We rode round by Hendrefoilan in our way home - the elevations for our new house arrived today

Parkwern

September 15. Thursday -

Stormy in the night - it cleared up in the morning & the day was fine -
Wind E. to N.E.

Infirmery at 10 a., & then on to a Harbour Committee - up to the Works in the afternoon - the Marryats came to us this evening -

September 16. Friday

Fine

a.m. went with Mr Marryatt up to my works

P.M. Went over to Sketty & then up with Marryatt to Hendrefoilan - We dined at Kilvrough

September 17 - Saturday

Very fine -

I went up to the Works after breakfast & remained there till 6 P-M. - We drew a plate of Silver - The Marryatts left us today

Parkwern

Sept^r. 18 - Sunday

Fine - there was a fog in the morning -

a.m. went over to Sketty - P.M. went with Bessie & the children to call at Rhydyhelig & Derwenfawr -

Sept^r. 19. Monday

Fine

Committee of Works at 10 a.m. I then went up to Landore & remained there till dinner time -

Sept^r. 20. Tuesday

Fine -

a.m. went over to Sketty

P.M. Went up to Hendrefoilan with Bessie

Sept^r. 21. Wednesday

Small rain early in the morning & again in the afternoon - Fine on the whole -

I went to J.D.Ls farms near Carmarthen to shoot over them - Arthur Jones accompanied me

Parkwern

September 22. Thursday

Rainy and unsettled - Rain not very heavy or continuous. Wind S.W.

Infirmary at 10 a.m. then to a Harbour committee meeting - at 11½ a.m. I went up to the works - at 3 P.M. attended a meeting of the Dock Directors - home by way of Sketty -

September 23. Friday

Fine on the whole

Attended a meeting of the local Board of Health at 11. I moved the appointment of an officer of Health, which was adopted - I afterwards went up to the works with Mr Richards - Home to dinner at ½ past 6 P.M.

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September 24. Saturday -

Showery but bright & clear on the whole -

a.m. rode with Amy up to the works -

P.M. over to Sketty & afterwards went up to Hendrefoilan with Bessie & the children

Parkwern

Sept^f. 25. Sunday

Heavy & violent storms - Wind very high (a gale) W.S.W.

a.m. over to Sketty

P.M. Walked with Bessie & the children to Sketty &c -

September 26. Monday

Fine in the day - Rain in the evening late -

The wind has died away

Committee of Works at 10 a m and Harbour meeting at 11 - I went up to the Works in the afternoon - We dined at Derwen fawr in the evening -

September 27. Tuesday -

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

Attended at Petty Sessions in the morning & afterwards went up to the Works - over to Sketty in the afternoon & in the evening went to a Regatta Ball with Bessie -

Parkwern

Sept^r. 28. Wednesday

Rainy - very mild -

Meeting of Corporation at 11 & then went up to the works - rode down to the Mumbles with Bessie in the afternoon - we dined with the Grenfells

Sept^r. 29. Thursday

Rainy all day - Mild -

Infirmary at 10 a m - Harbour Committee at 11 - thence up to the Works - home about 3 P.M. & over to Sketty - Calvert Jones came to us to day & we had a party to dinner

Sept^r. 30. Friday -

Fine -

I went to Cardiff with Richards by the 8 a.m. train - thence we went to Caerphilly mountain Lead mine & went down it - We got back by the 8 P.M. train -

Parkwern

Oct^r. 1. Saturday

Wind high - W N.W. clear & cold - occasional heavy showers -
I rode up to Landore after breakfast with Bessie & Minnie - in the afternoon went to Sketty & then up to Hendrefoilan - Bessie & the children accompanied me

October 2 - Sunday

Fine - excepting some slight showers - Wind high N.W -
a.m. Went to church with Bessie & the children
P.M. I walked down to Caswell to see JDL -

Oct^r. 3. Monday

Fine -
Committee of works at 10 a.m - Harbour meeting at 12 - - in the afternoon I rode to call at Kilvrough with Bessie - in the evening I attended a public meeting of Ratepayers respecting the app^t of a Medical officer

Parkwern

Oct^r. 4. Tuesday

Heavy rain all day - Wind S.W.
Went up to the Works after breakfast - home about 3 PM & Over to Sketty - H Allen came to us this evening to dinner & remained here for a couple of days -

Oct^r. 5 - Wednesday

Heavy rain all morning - it cleared up about 3 P.M. Wind high.
Attended a meeting of the local Board of Health to appoint an officer of Health - In the afternoon I went up to Hendrefoilan with Bessie & H. Allen - We dined with Mrs Webber in the evening -

Oct^r. 6. Thursday

Fine -
Infirmary in the morning
Dock office at 11 - & then attended a meeting of the Board of Guardians -
Went to the works at 1 & returned to Swansea at 3½ P.M. to meet the Express train by which DelaBeche & Rosie came

Oct^r. 7. Friday

Fine -
a.m. Walked with Minnie to Swansea
P.M - We went to Sketty & up to Hendrefoilan

Oct^r. 8 - Saturday

Fine -

Rode with Minnie up to Landore after breakfast - we returned about 1 P.M. & I went over to Sketty - before dinner I walked up to Hendrefoilan with Minnie

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Parkwern

October 9. Sunday

Fine. Wind E -

a.m. remained at home writing letters & c.

P.M. Went with Minnie over to Sketty & then in the garden

Oct^r. 10. Monday

Fine -

Committee of Works at 10 a.m. at 11½ I went up with DelaBeche and Rosie to shew them the works - home in the afternoon, & up to Hendrefoilan with

Bessie & Rosie -

Oct^r. 11. Tuesday

Fine -

Up to the works after breakfast - In the afternoon I went up to Hendrefoilan with Bessie & Emma - to shew the latter the place

Parkwern

October 12. Wednesday

Fine on the whole. Wind E - some rain fell in the morning

I went out shooting to Travelly & c - we dined with Mr T.E. Thomas in the evening

Oct^r. 13. Thursday

Fine - Wind E -

Infirmity at a.m - at 11. I attended a Dock Directors meeting and at 1 P.M attended a meeting which was held at the Dock office of parties interested in getting up a railway to communicate from Loughor or Pontardulais between the Llanelly railway & the Docks by way of Dunvent & Clyne valley & home to dinner in the evening I attended a meeting of the Lit^y & Scient^e Society

Parkwern

October 14. Friday -

Fine - Wind E.N.E.

Town Council meeting at 11 - up to the works in the afternoon

October 15 - Saturday

Wind W - rain all day

At home in the morning - up to Hendrefoilan & over to Sketty in the afternoon

- Henry Thomas & his son came to us to day -

Oct^r. 16. Sunday

Showery in the P.M - otherwise fine -

a.m. Went to church - P.M - over to Sketty & then went with Bessie & H.

Thomas to call at Singleton -

Oct^r. 17 - Monday

Rainy -

a.m. attended at Com^{ee} of works & Quarter Sessions -

P.M. went up to the works -

Parkwern

October 18 Tuesday

Fine

DelaBeche & Rosie left us today & I went in to see them off by the Express train - I afterwards shewed my works to M. Diendonnè a pupil of the Ecole de Mines at Paris who had a letter of introduction to DelaBeche - in the afternoon H Thomas & his Son came up to the works and I shewed them to them -

Oct^r. 19. Wednesday

Rainy & unsettled wind N.E - Dank & Gloomy - it blew a gale from the East in the night -

H Thomas & his Son left us this morning - I wrote at home in the morning & at 1 P.M. went into Swansea in the afternoon went to Sketty & Hendrefoilan

Parkwern

October 20. Thursday

Fine -

Infirmary at 10 a.m. and thence up to the Works - returned home about 2 and rode with Bessie and Minnie to Kilvrough - home to dinner -

Oct^r. 21. Friday

Heavy & frequent rain - Wind S.W.

I attended a meeting of the Town Council at 11 a.m. afterwards went up to the works -

Oct^r. 22. Saturday

Fine on the whole - some rain. Wind N.W.

Went up to the works after breakfast - at 3 P.M. attended a meeting of promoters of the Llougher Valley & Swansea bay railway - it was held at Attwoods house - I went over to Sketty after dinner

Parkwern

Oct^r. 23. Sunday

a.m. thick & threatening. wind SW. high

P.M. Rainy -

A m - I went into Swansea to see Mr Richards on business

P.M went over to Sketty & c

Cardiff

October 24. Monday

Fine -

I left Swansea by the 8 am. train & got here at 10 a,m - to attend a Committee for reassessing the County for the County rate - O.Jones H. Bruce & C.C.

Williams also attended - We sat a day I have put up at the Cardiff Arms

Parkwern

Oct^r. 25. Tuesday

Fine -

At 10. We again met on the County assessment. I returned home by the Express train

Parkwern

October 26. Wednesday

Stormy & unsettled a.m tolerably fine P.M.

Went up to the works after breakfast returned about 3 P.M and went over to Sketty & up to Hendrefoilan.

Maes Derwen

Oct^r. 27. Thursday

Threatening but little or no rain -

Over to Sketty after breakfast & then up to the works - about 3½ PM. I came up here with Bessie on a visit to the Marryatts -

Parkwern

Oct^r. 28 - Friday

Heavy rain in the morning - heavy showers in the afternoon -

I left the Marryatts after breakfast & came down to the Works & home in the afternoon - Bessie will return tomorrow -

Parkwern

Oct^r. 29 - Saturday

Fine -

a.m. went to Sketty

P.M. walked with Bessie (who returned this morning from Maes Derwen) and the children up to Hendrefoilan

October 30 - Sunday

Fine - Bright & mild -

a.m. we all went to church -

P.M. over to Sketty, walked with Bessie & the children &c -

October 31. Monday

Threatening & occasional heavy rain -

Committee of Works at 10 a m - Harbour meeting at 12 - home about 3 P.M. and went with Bessie to call at Singleton - We dined at Sketty Park with the Biddulphs -

Parkwern

November 1. Tuesday

Threatening - wind high - no rain to speak of

I went out shooting with Penrice -

November 2. Wednesday

Fine - it blew a gale from the S.E - in the night - the wind is W to day & the weather calm -

Meeting of the Board of Health at 11 - I afterwards went up to the Works - at 3 PM - attended a meeting of Dock Directors - home to dinner - walked over to Sketty with Bessie in the evening -

November 3. Thursday

Wind E. Fine - gloomy

I went over to Sketty after breakfast and then up to Hendrefoilan - where I planted trees &c -

Parkwern

November 4. Friday

Wind E. No rain. Gloomy -

Went up to Hendrefoilan planting after breakfast - went into Swansea in the afternoon to a meeting of the Dock Directors

November 5. Saturday

Wind E. Dark & raw - occasional spitting rain through the day but not very heavy -

Busy all day with Bessie at Hendrefoilan - (planting) -

November 6. Sunday -

Dark - calm - no rain - Glass rising -

a.m. Went to Church with Bessie & the children - Bessie & I stayed Sacrament -

P.M. Went over to Sketty & remained there till dinner time -

Nov^r. 7. Monday

Fine -

Attended Comm^{ee} of Works at 10 a.m.. then up to Landore, Harbour meeting at 12 - Dock Directors meeting at 3½ P.M. - home to dinner. Kingscote came to us today

Nov^r. 8. Tuesday

a.m. Fine. clear & cold in the night - about 1 P.M. the wind got to W - & mist & rain came on - about 3 P.M. however it cleared up & the wind again got up to N -

a.m. Went over to Sketty -

P.M - busy at planting at Hendrefoilan -

Parkwern

Nov^r. 9. Wednesday

Very fine -

After breakfast walked up to Landore with Kingscote - at 12. I attended the Town Council meeting for the election of Mayor Alderman &c - We had a party in the evening -

Nov^r. 10. Thursday

Very fine -

Went up to Hendrefoilan with Bessie after breakfast & we were engaged there all day planting a lot of trees from Lucombe & Prince^s [?] of Exeter.- I went over to Sketty about 5½ PM. We dined at Dderwen fawr -

Parkwern

Nov^r. 11. Friday

Fine -

a.m. Went over to Sketty. PM planted & c at Hendrefoilan

November 12c- Saturday

Fine -

Went over to Sketty after breakfast & in the afternoon went up to Hendrefoilan with Bessie & the children

November 13. Sunday

Fine -

a.m. Went to church

P.M. went over to Sketty and then walked down to Caswell to see how John is - he has been very ill but is now something better - got home to dinner about 6½ p.m. -

Parkwern

November 14. Monday

Fine

Committee of Works in the morning at 10 - at 11. Went up to Landore - at 3 P.M. attended a meeting of Dock Directors - home to dinner at 6 - H.A. Bruce came to us this evening - After dinner I went over to Sketty -

November 15. Tuesday

Some small misty rain fell about 6 a.m. but very little - fine in the day - but Gloomy -

H. Bruce left us this morning for Llwyn Madoc - after breakfast I went over to Sketty & c - Went up to Hendrefoilan in the afternoon -

November 16 - Wednesday

Very fine -

a.m. rode with Bessie to Caswell - P.M. called at Singleton, went over to Sketty & up to Hendrefoilan with Bessie -

Parkwern

November 17. Thursday

Fine - frost in the night

Infirmary at 10 - then up to the works, over to Sketty in the afternoon -

November 18. Friday

Fine - sharp frost in the night - bright in the forenoon, overcast in the afternoon - between 9 and 10 o'clock a.m. there was an indistinct halo round the Sun, with a bright spot of prismatic colours on each side of it placed horizontally to the Sun -

Went out shooting to Crinant & Gellygaled with Moggridge -

Nov^f. 19. Saturday -

Fine in the day - threatening & dark at night - Wind S.E -
a.m. up to Landore
P.M. over to Sketty & up to Hendrefoilan with Minnie -

Parkwern

Nov^f. 20. Sunday -

Rain last night - fine & bright all day -
a.m. Remained at home
P.M. went over to Sketty & afterwards walked with the children - Bessie is
laid up with a cold -

November 21. Monday

Fine - bright. White frost in the night -
Committee of works at 10 a.m. - home in the afternoon & went up to
Hendrefoilan with the children - I went over to Sketty before dinner -

November 22. Tuesday

Fine - very cold -
Attended a Harbour Committee at 10½ a.m. afterwards went up to the Works,
over to Sketty at 4½ P.M - We dined at Singleton -

Parkwern

November 23. Wednesday

Wind S.E. very cold - threatening towards the evening -
Attended a Town Council meeting at 12 - in the afternoon I rode down to
Caswell to see J.D.L. he is much better but not yet out - We dined at Glanmor
-

Nov^f. 24. Thursday

Heavy rain from S.E. & N E - all day - it cleared up about 4 P.M.
I went to Sketty after breakfast - In the afternoon I went up to the works -
returned about 5½ P.M -

Parkwern

Nov^f. 25. Friday

Gloomy & threatening in the day - rain set in about 4 P.M - Wind SSW . -
I went out shooting with Penrice at Kilvrough -

November 26. Saturday

Fine -
I went up to the works after breakfast and afterwards with Mr Richards to Mr
Baths Yard to see about some sales of Silver ore - I returned home about
3.P.M. and went up to Hendrefoilan with Bessie and the children - Went over
to Sketty before dinner - we expected H Bruce but he did not come

Parkwern

Nov^f. 27. Sunday

Dark & threatening -

a.m. I remained at home having a cold -
P.M - Went over to Sketty - H. Bruce came here this evening -

Nov^r. 28. Monday

Wind S.S.E - Rain all day
Committee of Works at 10 a m - home in the afternoon over to Sketty & c -
Lord Emlyn & Mr Phillips & H Thomas came here to day -

London

Nov^r. 29. Tuesday

Rain all day
Lord Emlyn Phillips & H Thomas left us this morning & I came up here by the
express train - arrived about 7¼ P.M.

London

November 30. Wednesday

Gloomy - not much rain -
I executed some commissions & c - saw Mr Robinson as to Greenland ores & c
-

December 1. Thursday -

Fine -
At 10½a.m. I went with Mr Robinson to the city - then saw Mr Janson &
Sharps & Wilkins - in the afternoon made up tenders for ores with Richards &
c

Dec^r. 2. Friday -

Fine -
a.m. Went into the city to A. Gibbs & Sons & afterwards met Richards
P.M. shopped & c

Parkwern

December 3. Saturday

Foggy - but otherwise fine -
After breakfast executed commissions & c - at 10 minutes to 5 P.M. I left
Paddington by Xpress train & returned home - arrived about 12½.

Dec^r. 4. Sunday

Gloomy no rain - Wind S.E -
Went over to Sketty at Church time - In the afternoon I went in to Swansea
with Bessie, she went to the Willows & I went to see Mr Penrose respecting a
sale of Silver ores at Liverpool tomorrow - afterwards returned home with
Bessie -

Parkwern -

Dec^r. 5. Monday

Fine -
Committee of Works at 10 a m - Harbour meeting at 11 - Landore at 3 P.M -
& over to Sketty before dinner

Dyffryn Aberdare

December 6. Tuesday

Very fine - frost last night -

Went up to Merthyr by the 8 a.m. train (Vale of Neath railway) - got there about 10 a.m. and attended a meeting of the Committee for the reassessment of the County - In the evening I came over here with H.A. Bruce - G.

Llewellyn (who is on the committee also accompanied us - tomorrow we are to meet at Aberdare -

Dyffryn Aberdare

December 7. Wednesday -

Gloomy - no rain -

Attended the county valuation committee at Aberdare - returned here to dinner

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Rheola

December 8. Thursday

Gloomy & dull - but no rain -

Attended a meeting of the County Valuation committee at Newbridge at 10 - afterwards came here (via Merthyr) - I got here about 7½ P.M. - Bessie met me here -

December 9. Friday

Very fine - bright & clear

Went out shooting with Vaughan Lyon & G. Ward -

Parkwern

December 10. Saturday -

Fine - Wind E - raw & cold -

We left Rheola about 2 P.M. & returned home by Railway - I went over to Sketty before dinner -

Dec^r. 11. Sunday

Dark & Cold - Wind E. high -

a.m. over to Sketty -

P.M. Went into Swansea to see Richards -

Dec^r. 12. Monday

Dark - Cold. Wind E - high -

Harbour meeting at 10-a.m. at 3 P.M. went up to the Works back to dinner at 6. Richards dined here

Parkwern

Dec^r. 13. Tuesday

Wind E. dark and gloomy - cold - occasional rain -

Went over to Sketty after breakfast & then up to Hendrefoilan - thence over the Hill with my gun - We dined at the Hill House -

Dec^r. 14. Wednesday

Very cold - dark & gloomy Wind East - high -

Attended a Committee on the Tariff for the new Harbour bill at 10½ a.m.
Went up to the Works afterwards, whence about 3 P.M - I rode over to Penllergare - JDL was not at home & I got back to Parkwern about 5 P.M. over to Sketty before dinner

Parkwern

December 15. Thursday

Sharp frost in the night - fine & clear all day - cold -
Infirmary at 10 a.m. Harbour Committee at 11 - Meeting of Registration Society at 12 - up to Landore at 2 P-M - home at 4½ & over to Sketty before dinner -

December 16. Friday

Overcast - still - wind N - not so cold as yesterday no frost - in the P.M. it threatened rain. very little however fell
At 11 a.m - attended a Harbour meeting - in the afternoon went up to Hendrefoilan - returned home by Sketty where I remained about an hour -

Parkwern

December 17. Saturday -

Very fine - bright - Sharp frost in the night -
I walked over to Penllergare in the morning - & about 1 P.M. shot my way back to Hendrefoilan where I met Bessie and the children -

December 18 - Sunday

Wind very high - a gale S.E - occasional rain - but the wind too high for much rain -
a.m - I went to church with Bessie and the children
P.M. after church I went over to Sketty & remained there till about 4 o'clock when I returned home -

Parkwern

December 19. Monday

A Gale of wind from the E.S.E - no rain - very cold - dark -
Committee of Works at 10 a.m. at 11 attended a Corporation meeting respecting the various railways & c for which Parliamentary notices have been given - at 3 P.M. attended a Dock meeting on the same subject - went over to Sketty before dinner -

December 20. Tuesday

Wind N.E. high very cold - dark & threatening - Snow in the morning
Went over to Penllergare directly after breakfast & then on to Swansea to a Harbour meeting - home in the afternoon & over to Sketty - at 6 P.M. went to the works where I gave a dinner at my new offices -

Parkwern

December 21. Wednesday

Wind N.E. dark. cold - no frost -
Attended a Harbour meeting at 11 - over to Sketty before dinner -

Dec^r. 22 - Thursday

Very cold - Wind high - N.E - Snow on the hills - no frost -
Went over to Sketty after breakfast and then up to the Works - at 3 P.M.
attended a meeting of the Town to consider a scheme for making a railroad to
the Mumbles with a branch up the Dunvent to Pontardulais - I got home about
6 P.M - but the meeting was not over when I left it -

Parkwern

Dec^r. 23. Friday

Wind N.E. cold - overcast.
I went out shooting with H. Vivian in Clyne Wood - the party consisted of
H.H. Vivian Pendarvis Vivian S.Benson H.Benson & myself - We bagged 29
Woodcocks -

27 Woodcocks bagged at 2 picked up dead afterwards

Dec^r. 24. Saturday -

Frost in the night - fine in the day - Wind N.E. - glass rising
Rode with Minnie up to the works after breakfast - home about 112c- & then
over to Sketty where I remained till nearly 2 P.M. then returned home and
walked with Bessie & the elder children up to Hendrefoilan -

Parkwern

December 25, Sunday

Overcast - wind N.E. A little Snow fell in the morning -
a.m. Went to church with Bessie and the children
P.M. over to Sketty and thence with Bessie & the children about 3½ o'clock for
a walk on the Sands & so home -

December 26 - Monday

Frost in the night. Wind N.E. & N.W. Overcast in the morning - some snow
fell about 12 (noon) - in the afternoon the weather was fine & at times bright -
Went into Swansea after breakfast returned in the afternoon & went with the
children up to Hendrefoilan - About 4½ P.M. I went over to Sketty - -

Parkwern

December 27. Tuesday

Occasional Snow in the forenoon - frost in the night but not severe - In the
afternoon it was clear & bright and the wind N.E. & very keen & cold, with
sharp frost -
At 11.a.m. I went to Strouds bank to meet Grenfell & Benson with Stroud
respecting the new Harbour Bill - thence I went up to the Works & returned at
1.P.M. to attend a meeting of the Corpⁿ Committee respecting a
misunderstanding with the Duke of Beaufort as to his Gaol - I afterwards went
up to the Works again (with Stroud) -, home to dinner & in the evening went
over to Sketty with Bessie

Parkwern

December 28 - Wednesday

Very sharp frost in the night and all day. Wind N - fine except one or two short & partial snowstorms -

I went out shooting to day down the Cadley brook from Pont Llewitha to Travelly mach - We dined at Singleton -

December 29. Thursday

Very sharp frost in the night - clear & cold all day -

Infirmery at 10 - thence at 11 to the Float Committee - I afterwards went up to attend the Finance Committee at Bridgend by the express train & returned by the same conveyance - Went over to Sketty before dinner -

Parkwern

Dec^r. 30. Friday

Thaw in the morning & some rain - In the afternoon the wind was N.W - & very sharp & cold - frost set in again about 3½ or 4 P.M - at night from about 10 o'clock to 12 there was a heavy fall of Snow -

I went over to Sketty after breakfast and then up to Hendrefoilan - in the afternoon I went into Swansea - executed some commissions & c and then went to Richards s house to see him on business - home to dinner at 6 -

Parkwern

December 31. Saturday -

Fine -cold all day but the cold not extreme - calm Wind W.N.W. the snow lay deep on the ground all day - the Barometer has fallen through the day

At 10½ a.m. I attended a meeting of the Conference committee of the Infirmery to meet the Medical board - at about ¼ 1 P.M. I went over to Penllergare where Bessie & all the children had preceeded [*sic*] a party to dinner in the evening

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