

## The Dillwyn Collection

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

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<b>JANUARY 1850</b>
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Tuesday 1	Snow thick on the ground. Therm last night 26. O this first of January last year I did not much expect that either my dear Mary or I should see another New Years day. & now thank Heaven her recovery seems to me more perfect than mine
Wednesday 2	Therm 31. A gentle thaw. I did not go out
Thursday 3	Gentle thaw continues & I did not go out
Friday 4	Side very troublesome & for several days I have not accompanied my dear Mary on her drives
Saturday 5	Did not go out
Sunday 6	Not well enough to pass the Threshold. Tho' bitter cold my two Marys went to Church. Therm last night 26
Monday 7	My two Marys went to the Christmas Tree at Penllergare & I took a short walk in the Garden
Tuesday 8	Frost severe. In the afternoon I drove with Mrs D in the close Carriage as far as Norton
Wednesday 9	Took a short drive with Mrs D
Thursday 10	Drove with Mrs D to call on our dear Fan who is far from well
Friday 11	Drove with Mrs D as far as Norton
Saturday 12	A piercing [?freezing] black East wind & the Doctor advised me to keep by the Fire
Sunday 13	Internal pains kept me awake nearly all night & only Miss Mary went to Church. Therm last night 29
Monday 14	Remained at home
Tuesday 15 - Friday 18	Do
Saturday 19	Do. Much unwell. Dear Fan so ill that Miss Mary remained with her

Sunday 20                    Confined to the House & my dear Mary remained with me

Monday 21                    By the aid of Aconitum I am more free from pain today then fro several preceding weeks

Tuesday 22                    The favorable prospects of yesterday are not continued. Still confined to the House

Wednesday 23 Drove with Mrs D to the Mumbles

Thursday 24                    Drove with Mrs D to see Fan who is much better

Friday 25                      Drove with Mrs D to the Willows, & brought back Miss Mary who has been attending on Fan

Saturday 26                    Drove with Mrs D as far as Norton. Bessie spent the Evening here as Lewis has not yet returned from London

Sunday 27                      Very fine but frosty. My two Marys went to Church & I for 20 minutes ventured on a Walk in the Garden front of the House. Lewis returned from London this Evening

Monday 28                      Gallander my Butler complained of being unwell & begged not to wait at Dinner. Got worse in the Evening & we sent for Dr Howell who arrived about 11

Tuesday 29                    My two Marys drove to see dear Fan. When they reached our Door on their return at 4 one of the Servants told them that poor Gallander had just expired

Wednesday 30 Weather bad & did not go out

Thursday 31                    My two Marys drove to see our dear Fan & found her considerably better

<b>FEBRUARY</b>
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Friday 1                      I continued much unwell. Gallander was this afternoon by his Wife's direction buried at the Meeting House at Carnglas

Saturday 2                      Rained hard all day & nobody stirred out. Candlemas

Sunday 3                      A very fine day. My two Marys drove to Church & I walked for half an hour in the Garden  
1 Yellow, 1 Purple & ! White Crocus in Blossom. Also numerous Snow drops.

Monday 4 Dear Fans Head ach has already returned. Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D to the Willows

Tuesday 5 Took a drive with Mrs D to Norton

Wednesday 6 Drove to the Willows with my two Marys

Thursday 7 A sleepless night & did not go out. Miss Mary rode over to Ynyscedwin

Friday 8 Drove with Mrs D to the Willows, & I found dear Fan rather better tho still in Bed

Saturday 9 Drive in the afternoon with Mrs D to Swansea, & found our dear Fan better

Sunday 10 My dear Mary not well enough to go out

Monday 11 Rain all day confined us to the House

Tuesday 12 Snow on the Hills[?]. The Phaeton brought back Miss D from her visit to Ynyscedwin

Wednesday 13 Drove with Mrs D to the Mumbles

Thursday 14 Drove with Mrs D to the Willows

Friday 15 A very wet day kept us at home

Saturday 16 Drove with Mrs D to Norton

Sunday 17 Miss Mary walked with Lewis & Minnie to Church but age kept my dear old Lady a well as myself at home

Monday 18 Lady Mary Cole & Miss Talbot arrived about Midday to spend a couple of days with us

Tuesday 19 Very wet day, & did not admit of my walk. Lewis & Bessie joined us at Dinner. Person[?] engaged as Butler arrived from London

Wednesday 20 Lady Mary & Miss Talbot left us. Drove with Mrs D as far as Norton

Thursday 21 Drove with Mrs D to the Willows

Friday 22 Drove with Mrs D to the Willows. .... D Edwards offer & consulted[?] with young Rees on the value of the late Morgan Davis's[?] Estate which is for auction tomorrow

Saturday 23 Had a bad night & much unwell. Drove to meet Lewis at the Mackworth but was too unwell to do more than speak to him at the Door. Aferstille[?] for which Farm as a maximum I had agreed to offer 1500£ sold to Mr Berrington for 1750. The Youngsters at Penllergare all so unwell that Miss D rode over to stay there

Sunday 24 By a tenderness in her teeth my dear Mary was kept from Church & we took only a short walk in the Garden

Monday 24[sic] Took a short drive with Mrs D. Miss Mary came to spend the night at home & returned next morning to her nursings at Penllergare. Dear Johnny is getting better but still confined to his Bed

Tuesday 25[sic] Took a drive with Mrs D in the afternoon & called at Woodlands

Wednesday 26[sic] Drove with Mrs D to the Mumbles & called on Mrs Hewson

Thursday 27[sic] Drove in the aft[ernoon] with Mrs D to Swansea

Friday 28 A wet day & we did not go out

<b>MARCH</b>
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Saturday 1 Drove in the afternoon to the Bank of England & ordered the Investment of 200£ in the 3rd per cent reduced[?]

Sunday 2 My dear Mary kept by the Rheum in the Face at home & Miss Mary who returned from Penllergare to spend the day here went to the Mumbles Church

Monday 3 Drive at noon to vote for Harbor Trustees & had an ugly tumble through it was said a piece of Orange Peel[?]

Tuesday 4 The Tumble of yesterday gave me a head ach & so did not go out

Wednesday 5 Drove with Mrs D on the Mumbles Road

Thursday 6 Drove with Mrs D to see dear Fan who is much unwell

Friday 7 Drove with Mrs D to Swansea & attended a Meeting at [the] Royal Institution

Saturday 8 Miss Mary returned for a day or two from Penllergare

Sunday 9 Miss Mary walked to Church

Monday 1[sic] Dear Fan very ill & Mrs D & I drove over to see her

Tuesday 12 Do. Do. Do.  
My friend Mr Marriott[?] & Mrs[?] M & a foreign young Lady came to spend 3 or 4 days at Parkwern

Wednesday 13 Miss Mary went with the Parkwern Party to Penllergare. Took a drive on the Mumbles Road with Mrs D but a sharp giddiness in my head obliged us to turn back

Thursday 14 Lewis & Bessie with Mr & Mrs Marriott & Miss Ellerman dined with us

Friday 15 A Head ach. Not well enough to go out. Miss Mary dined with Lewis & Bessie at Parkwern

Saturday 16 A head ach continued for 4 days. Miss Mary dined at Singleton

Sunday 17 Miss Mary went from Parkwern to Church. Walked round our Shrubbery

Monday 18 Walked round our Shrubbery which is nearly ½ a mile

Tuesday 19 Walked round our Shrubbery & in brief to take the walk daily[?]

Wednesday 20 Drove with Mrs D to the Mumbles  
Mary & Bessie went on their Ponies for a Visit to Ynyscedwin

Thursday 21 Drove with the hope of meeting John at Swansea & through his having come to Sketty we missed him

Friday 22 Drove with Mrs D in the Phaeton (for the first time) across the Cockett & spent a couple of hours at Penllergare

Saturday 23 A heavy snow nearly all day. Drove with Mrs D in the afternoon as far as Norton. Therm last night 26

Sunday 24 Snow continued. Therm last night 26. My dear Mary went to Church

Monday 25 Snow at[?] frequent intervals. Thermometer last night 25. in the aft[ernoon] called with Mrs D in the close Carriage at the Willows

Tuesday 26 Snowed last night but thawed this evening. Slight snow again in Evening. Miss Mary came for an hour & we took to rejoin the Goughs[?] & return to Ynyscedwin

Wednesday 27 Cold. Drove with Mrs D to call at the Willows

Thursday 28 Bad pain in my Chest, & Dr desired[?] me not to move out. Cold wind

Friday 29                      Good Friday & my dear Mary went to Church

Saturday 30                    The weather having turned rainy the Phaeton brought Miss Mary back from Ynyscedwin

Sunday 31                      My two Marys went to Church. Rain & Cold Wind

<b>APRIL</b>
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Monday 1                      Drove with Mrs D as far as Norton. DelaBeche arrived in the Evening on a Visit to Parkwern

Tuesday 2                      [DelaBeche & Rose with Lewis & Bessie] [*this sentence blacked out*]  
Took a short drive on the Mumbles Road & called afterwards at Parkwern. Weather very wet

Wednesday 3                    Lewis & Bessie brought DelaBeche & Rose to dine with us. Weather very wet

Thursday 4                      Too wet to go out

Friday 5                        Weather wet. Drove with Mrs D to Parkwern & afterwards on the Mumbles Road

Saturday 6                      Drove with Mrs D to the Willows where our dear Fan is again very ill

Sunday 7                        My two Marys went to Church. Afternoon very fine

Monday 8                        Uncertain weather broke up our intended Party for Caswell but Mrs D with Rose drove there

Tuesday 9                        The DelaBeches returned to Town

Wednesday 10 Drove with Mrs D to Penllergare where I grieve to say that our dear Johnny's recovery has not latterly very favorably advanced

Thursday 11                      Drove with Mrs D to Swansea

Friday 12                        Drive in the afternoon with Mrs D to the Mumbles

Saturday 13                      Too wet to go out

Sunday 14                        My dear wife much unwell. Only Miss D went to Church

Monday 15 Drove with Mrs D to Swansea & forwarded specimens of my Ch..e[?] for Sir H DelaBeche

Tuesday 16 Heavy rain all the morning. Took a short drive with Mrs D in the afternoon

Wednesday 17 Drove with Mrs D to see the new Viaduct at Landore. our dear Miss Mary at Parkwern attacked by an over.... Ox & her escape from serious Injuries has been most provident

Thursday 18 Thronged[?] by Enquirers allday & much thankfulness is universally expressed for my dear Polly's most singularly providential Escape. Took a short drive late with Mrs D on the Mumbles Road

Friday 19 Drove with Miss Mary & called at the Hewsons

Saturday 20 Drove with Mrs D & called at the Davis's. Miss Elenor Hewson came on a Visit to Miss D

Sunday 21 Miss D & Miss H drove to the Mumbles Church. My dear Mrs D has much pain in her Limbs

Monday 22 Took a drive with Mrs D to the Mumbles

Tuesday 23 Drove with Mrs D to Swansea & the Willows family returned to Swansea

Wednesday 24 Drove with my dear Mary to Caswell. Miss Elen[?] Hewson returned home

Thursday 25 Drove in the afternoon with my dear Mary to Caswell. During the absence of John & Emma who on account of Johnny's back are gone with their 4 Chicks to Town two youngest [?] are come with Miss Southern to stop at Sketty

Friday 26 A very wet day. Had an ugly headach & Mrs D sent for Dr Howell. Eat [sic] nothing all day

Saturday 27 Not better, & a short drive with Mrs D did not suit my headach

Sunday 28 Weather delightful but I remained in the House all day. Mrs & Miss D went with Miss Southern to Church

Monday 29 Mrs Franklin [?spelling] & 4 of her Youngsters who are in Lodgings at Swansea came to get an early Dinner & spend the afternoon here

Tuesday 30 Moggridge & Weston dined here in their way to join Fan & Family who have today removed to Caswell



<b>MAY</b>
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Wednesday 1	I am much unwell but ventured in the afternoon a drive with Mrs D in the close Carriage to Norton
Thursday 2	Mrs D drove to see Fan at Caswell & Miss D accompanied her, but my Giddiness kept me at home
Friday 3	Giddiness better & I went with Mrs D as far as Norton
Saturday 4	Mrs D drove to Caswell, but I was forbid to accompany her. Walked with Miss D to the Village & our new Church which tired me
Sunday 5	A very cold day. Mrs & Miss D & Miss Southern went in the close carriage to Church. I did not stir out. Some snow fell
Monday 6	Drove in the close Carriage with Mrs D to Swansea & waited at the Institution while she made some calls. Took a Bath at 98
Tuesday 7	Weather cold & wet & none of us went out
Wednesday 8	Mrs D drove with Miss Southern & Elinor to the Mumbles
Thursday 9	Cold with rain & Hail but my dear Fans Birth day & I was tempted to go in the Phaeton with Mrs D to Caswell
Friday 10	Headach & much unwell. Mrs D drove with Miss Southern & Elinor to Swansea
Saturday 11	The Wind having at last removed from East by the Drs consent I drove in the afternoon with Mrs D to Caswell & appeared to be none the worse for it
Sunday 12	Mrs & Miss D went with Miss Southern to Church
Monday 13	Miss Mary went in the Phaeton to Swansea to assist in bringing over Mrs Franklin & her Family to take an early Dinner & spend the afternoon & Evening here
Tuesday 14	Mrs D in the close Carriage went to make some calls & bring Miss Southern back from Swansea
Wednesday 15	Drove in the aft[ernoon] with Mrs D to Swansea where she made some calls & I had my Hair cut
Thursday 16	Drove in the aft[ernoon] with Mrs D for an hour to Caswell

Friday 17 Went with Mrs D & the two Chicks in the afternoon to Mrs Hewsons for half an hour

Saturday 18 Lewis's Birthday being the 19th, Harry's the 18th and .... Amy's the 16th the whole were kept tria juncta in uno as a Gala at Sketty today

Sunday 19 Mrs & Miss D & Miss Southern went in the close Carriage to Church

Monday 20 Drove with Mrs D to Caswell & on the way met Mr Moggridge at Newton where at a Sale he purchased for me two Tenements of Land the one called Killspot the other Day Stone & the former I intend as a Gift for my son John

Tuesday 21 Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D for an hour to Swansea & Miss D took a party of Edens with Mr & Mrs Denman to see Penllergare

Wednesday 22 Continued fine weather with a few showers of rain & Thunder. After a short drive with Mrs D she took the Chicks for a Visit to the Seashore

Thursday 23 Drove with Mrs D to see our dear Fan who is much unwell at Caswell. Our two little Grandaughters returned to Penllergare

Friday 24 The Penllergare group having returned yesterday Evening from London Mrs D & I drove to spend 3 or 4 hours with them, & got home to Dinner

Saturday 25 Hearing that Dear Fan was much unwell we drove in the afternoon to see her at Caswell

Sunday 26 Such a very wet day than none of us went out

Monday 27 In the Evening drove to attend Lewis's Lecture at the Royal Institution

Tuesday 28 Miss Mary went in the Phaeton to spend a day or two at the Gnoll & attend the Consecration of the new Chapel at Resolven

Wednesday 29 Drove with Mrs D in the afternoon to Caswell

Thursday 30 Miss D prevented by heavy Thunder & Rain from going to meet the Bishop of Llandaff at Mr Biddulphs. Drove with Mrs D & met John at Swansea

Friday 31 Drove with Mrs D to Swansea & I spent an hour in quiet at the Royal Institution. Found my head groggy & found that I must totally decline to attend the anniversary tomorrow

<b>JUNE</b>
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Saturday 1 Drove with Mrs D to Caswell & found my self more able to walk in the Sands than[?] I have latterly been. Miss D went for 2 or 3 days to Penllergare

Sunday 2 My dear Mary went to Church

Monday 3 The new Bridge over the Swansea River being at last open I drove with Mrs D in the afternoon to call on the Grenfells. Polly returned from Penllergare & from Parkwern attended Lewis's 3rd Lecture on zoology in the Evening

Tuesday 4 Drove with Mrs D from Caswell took a walk on the Sands in the afternoon. My nephew Dilwyn[?] Janson arrived in the Evening on a Visit

Wednesday 5 My Grandson Johnny's Birthday kept, & I and Mrs D in the Phaeton & Miss D with my nephew on Horseback attended some May Pole Gaity at Penllergare. The 2 latter dined at Parkwern & attended Lewis's closing Lecture in the Evening at the Institution.

Thursday 6 Rained in Torrents all the morning. In the afternoon I drove with Mrs D to Swansea, & Miss D took a ride with Mr Janson to see the Marriots who have engaged apartments with the Stanfields at Park [Parle?]

Friday 7 Drove with Mrs D to Caswell

Saturday 8 Spent the day at Caswell. Mrs D & I went in the Phaeton & Mr Janson & Miss Mary on horseback. Bessie unwell & Lewis accompanied her for a trial of Mountain air to LLanaurmarch[?] on a Visit to Henry Thomas

Sunday 9 Mrs & Miss D & Mr Janson went to Church at the Mumbles

Monday 10 Went in the Phaeton with Mrs D to Penllergare where Miss D & Mr Janson met us on horseback

Tuesday 11 Mrs D in the aft[ernoon] drove to Caswell

Wednesday 12 Spent 3 or 4 hours at Caswell

Thursday 13 Much unwell & remained at home. Mrs D drove to the Mumbles. I tried a Warm Bath

Friday 14 Much unwell but in the afternoon drove with Mrs D to Swansea & remained at the Institution while she made some calls

- Saturday 15 A party consisting of Miss D, Mr Janson, Carl. Eden & Mr Moggridge visited the Worms head on horseback. I drove with Mrs D to Caswell
- Sunday 16 My two Marys & Mr Janson went to Swansea Church
- Monday 17 Mrs D & I in the Phaeton & Mr Janson & Miss D on horseback spent the afternoon at Caswell. Yesterday was Westons Birthday & it was kept today
- Tuesday 18 Our neighbour Mrs Edens Daughter Francis was married to a son of Lord Denmans & Miss Mary attended the wedding & spent the day at the Bryn. It was the anniversary of our dear John & Emma's wedding & of the Battle of Waterloo. The Rail Road opened to Chepstow & great rejoicings at Swansea
- Wednesday 19 John & Emma came over to us & to celebrate the opening of the Railway Vivian gave a grand gala at Singleton. Miss Mary & Mr Janson accompanied the Edens to a Picnic at 3 Cliffs Bay
- Thursday 20 Drove with Mrs D in the afternoon & enjoyed a walk on the Sketty Sands. Weather delightful
- Friday 21 My nephew Janson left us by the Mail for Bristol on his way home. Drove on the afternoon for a walk on Caswell Sands in the afternoon. In the Evening Lewis & Bessie returned from Breconshire
- Saturday 22 Mrs D went on divers Business to Swansea & the Carriage returned for me to bring her back in the afternoon
- Sunday 23 Lovely weather continues. My two Marys went to Swansea Church
- Monday 24 Weather very hot & with Mrs D took only a short drive on the Mumbles Road
- Tuesday 25 Therm at Breakfast near 71. Being Minnies Birthday all the Parkwern Family spent the day here & we all enjoyed it. The young Wilmots joined our Birthday party
- Wednesday 26 The Wilmots & etc & Miss Mary made up a picnic & dined & so forth at or about Weobley Castle. Mrs D & I in the afternoon drove for an hour to Caswell
- Thursday 27 Drove with Mrs D as far as Norton. Sessions held at Pyle & it was decided by 35 to 14 that the Q Sessions shall be given up at Neath & Cowbridge & all held alternately at Swansea & Cardiff
- Friday 28 Drove in the aft with Mrs D to Caswell

Saturday 29 Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D to Caswell

Sunday 30 My two Marys went to Church. Walked in the afternoon to Parkwern to bid Bessie goodbye

<b>JULY</b>
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Monday 1 Lewis took Bessie in the Train to Bristol & from there in the afternoon by the express Train to meet her Father in London. Lewis returned & reached home the same Evening. Fanny with her 3 Chicks came from Caswell to spend a few days with us

Tuesday 2 Drove with Mrs D & spent a few hours at Penllergare

Wednesday 3 Drove with Mrs D for a few Errands to Swansea in the morning. Miss S went on her Pony on a Visit to the Marryatts at Ynyscedwin

Thursday 4 In the morning drove with Mrs D to some Errands to Swansea. In the afternoon Mr & Mrs J M Traherne arrived by train from Coedriglan to dine & sleep here

Friday 5 In the morning Mr & Mrs Traherne drove for a call at Penllergare on their way back by Train in the Evening to Coedriglan. In the afternoon I drove to[?] Mrs D & we had a short walk under the Cliffs at the Mumbles. In the Evening Miss D came back from Cwm Tawe

Saturday 6 Rained hard all day. Mrs D having an Errand at Miss Bassetts [?] drove in the close Carriage & I accompanied her to the Institution. Moggridge came to us from Newport in the Evening & found dear Fan very unwell

Sunday 7 Mrs & Miss D took little Sarah in the close Carriage to Swansea Church. In the afternoon John walked with Mr Digby, Henry Thomas & Miss Talbot from Penllergare & remained about a couple of hours here

Monday 8 Her Pony took Miss Mary early to Ynyscedwin & she there joined Mrs Marriott who took her in her Carriage for a Weeks ramble by Llanwrtdid & etc. I drove with Mrs D to call on Lady Mary at Penllergare

Tuesday 9 Mrs D attended a School Meeting at Swansea. In the Evening Fan returned with her Chicks to Caswell & after Dinner Moggridge on Foot followed her

Wednesday 10 Drove with Mrs D to Caswell & took little Minnie with us

Thursday 11 Mrs D went to attend a Meeting of a Charity School, & in the afternoon my old friend Jos Woods arrived by a steamer on a Visit to us

Friday 12 Woods went to botanize in Cline, & Lewis joined us at Dinner

- Saturday 11 Drove with Woods to Penllergare & found John entirely confined to his bed by a sever head ach. I have this day been married 43 years to the best of Wives, & Lewis & Moggridge joined us at Dinner
- Sunday 14 After attending his Meeting Woods dined at Parkwern. Mrs D went with Polly & Minnie to Church
- Monday 15 The Carriage took Mrs D to Swansea & then left Woods & Moggridge to botanize on Cromlyn. Miss D returned from Ynyscedwin & Woods, Moggridge, Jo Jeffreys & Lewis dined with us
- Tuesday 16 Drove with Mrs D & left Woods at the Gower Inn to botanize in the neighbourhood for a few days
- Wednesday 17 Took Harry with us in the Phaeton & spent the afternoon at Caswell
- Thursday 18 With Mrs & Miss D & Minnie in the Britzka we drove & variously spent the afternoon at Swansea
- Friday 19 My back being very troublesome I did not leave home, & my two Marys took little Amy with them to Penllergare. Mr Woods returned to us in the Evening from Park
- Saturday 20 Went with Mrs Woods & Miss D in the Britzka to Caswell. Mrs D not very well & in the afternoon we sent for Dr Howell who thought it only a biliary affection brought on by sultry weather
- Sunday 21 Mrs D better but unable to go out. Miss D went with Mr Woods & some of the Parkwern set to Church. I read as much s I was able of the Service to my dear Mary
- Monday 22 Confined mostly to the House by a heavy Rain
- Tuesday 23 Johnny who had come over from Penllergare to spend a few days with his Uncle, & both dined with us while the younger Branches[?] of the Family came to Tea
- Wednesday 24 My two Marys went with Mr Woods in the Britzka to endeavour to find some Plant unknown which Miss Mary had seen near Merthyr[?] Castle. I not sufficiently well to accompany them
- Thursday 24 The Phaeton took Mr Woods to meet the 2 o'clock Train on his way to spend a few days at P...wich[?]
- Friday 26 My dear Mary not well & I accompanied to take a drive & short walk on the Shore at the Mumbles [sic]

Saturday 27 Mrs D drove in the close Carriage to see Mrs Vivian & I only walked as far as our Upper Lodge

Sunday 28 Miss D took some of the Parkwern party to Church. I read part of the morning Service to Mrs D who continues to be unwell & walked as far as the Upper Lodge

Monday 29 Spent the aft with Mrs D at Caswell

Tuesday 30 Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D to Swansea & completed the purchases of Day Stone [?] for self & Killsploott as a present for John. [see 20th May entry]

Wednesday 31 Miss D took Minnie to spend a few days at Penllergare

<b>AUGUST</b>
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Thursday 1	Weather sultry, & kept me at home. Mrs D drove to Caswell. Capt E Morgan & Lewis dined here
Friday 2	Spent the afternoon with Mrs D at Caswell
Saturday 3	The Phaeton brought Miss D & Minnie from penllergare. I walked with Mrs D to call at the Bryn & afterwards to Parkwern which much fatigued me
Sunday 4	Mrs & Miss D went to Church
Monday 5	Johns Carriage took Miss D & Minnie for a short[?] visit to Penllergare. Mrs D & I called at Woodlands & etc
Tuesday 6	Went in the afternoon with Mrs D & Harry to Caswell
Wednesday 7	In the afternoon Mrs D & I took little Amy with us to Caswell & returned through a heavy rain
Thursday 8	Drove with Mrs D to Swansea & I spent an hour with John at the Institution
Friday 9	Drove with Mrs D & walked a little on the shore at the Mumbles
Saturday 10	Miss Mary returned from Penllergare
Sunday 11	Miss Mary went to Church

Monday 12 Mr & Mrs Marriott & Miss Trowbridge[?] came over at noon to spend a couple of days here. In the afternoon Mrs D took the Ladies to the Mumbles. Lewis dined with us

Tuesday 13 Mrs Marriott went in her own Carriage with Miss Trowbridge[?] & Miss Mary to spend the morning at Penllergare. Mrs D & I had a short drive & short walk on the shores

Wednesday 14 Mrs D & Miss Mary after breakfast took the two Ladies to Caswell & after luncheon our Friend[?] returned home

Thursday 15 Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D to Swansea. Lewis went by train to meet the DelaBeches at Matlock[?]

Friday 16 Drove in the aft[ernoon] with Mrs D to Penllergare

Saturday 17 Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D to Caswell. Theresa & Emma for a few days came to us

Sunday 18 Mrs D not quite well enough to go out. Miss D with two nieces went to Church

Monday 19 Drove with Mrs D & Emmy to Caswell. Lewis in the afternoon returned to Parkwern & brought Bessie with him by train

Tuesday 20 Mrs D went to attend as President of the Girls School at Swansea in the morning, & I drove to bring her back in the afternoon

Wednesday 21 Birthday - completed 72. Went with Mrs D & Miss Mary, Theresa & Emma to Caswell. Lewis & Bessie joined us at Dinner. Dear John confined by rheumatism in the head to his Room

Thursday 22 Mrs D too Emmy to Singleton, Swansea & etc. I walked to Parkwern

Friday 23 Mrs D went with Miss D, Theresa & Emmy to spend the afternoon in 3 Cliffs Bay. I did not leave home

Saturday 24 Mrs D & I drove to see our dear John, who so far better as to come down stairs continues much unwell. Theresa & Emmy returned to Penllergare

Sunday 25 Heavy Rain kept me at home. I & the two Marys read the morning Service & Litany

Monday 26 Drove with Mrs D to Caswell & felt much fatigue in the Evening

Tuesday 27 Miss Mary with Stephens [her maid] [? original brackets] in the Phaeton & Mrs D & I with Post Horses drove in the close Carriage through heavy Rain to Ynysygerwn [?] with intent of remaining there while Sketty



undergoes a thorough cleaning. Though the distance is only 14 or 15 miles I was greatly fatigued by the short journey

- Wednesday 28 Drove with my dear Mary as far as Neath. Miss Mary galloped over the mountain on her Pony to see the Marriots at Ynyscedwin
- Thursday 29 Principally [?] from heedlessness I got a tumble on the Lawn & my two Marys drove for some sticking Plaster to Neath. The Aberpergums [?] called here
- Friday 30 Mrs D accompanied me in the Phaeton, & Miss Mary soon followed us on her Pony to spend an hour with our Friends at Aberpergwm
- Saturday 31 We were gratified by a short visit from Lewis , & our dear John & Emma soon after followed him & spent several hours with us. Not being at all hearty I afterwards took only a short drive with my dear Mary as far as Cadoxton Church

## SEPTEMBER

- Sunday 1 The two Marys went to Cadoxton Church
- Monday 2 Occupied by Visitors. Mrs Lindsay, Miss Webber, Capt & Miss Ward, Mr Grant & etc. In the afternoon drove 4 miles [?] on the Road to the Northward
- Tuesday 3 My dear Mary this day compleated her 74th Year. The whole of the Parkwern Family & Mr Moggridge came over for the occasion & our Carriage went to meet the Train at Neath. They took an early Dinner with us
- Wednesday 4 My two Marys went in the Phaeton & enjoyed themselves at the Rapids of the Dylais. In the afternoon went to call at Prysylfa[?] but met the whole party at Neath
- Thursday 5 Drove in the afternoon to Kellibebill [?spelling] but the Lloyds were out
- Friday 6 Lewis came over to us by the early Train. Mrs D & I drove in the afternoon & called at Prysylfa, & afterwards my two Marys revisited the Dylais
- Saturday 7 The two Marys drove in the afternoon to Paramadwchan [?] but my locomotises [?] would not allow me to accompany them
- Sunday 9 Mrs & Miss D attended Cadoxton Church. In the afternoon they strolled on the Riverside & Canal Banks & for a shot distance accompanied them

- Monday 9 After the two Marys had again spent an hour or two at the Dylais Rapids we drove to call on Mr Griffith [?] the Vicar of Cadoxton & afterwards to see the Neath Museum which tho' small is neatly kept & vastly improved
- Tuesday 10 The two Marys made another visit to the Rapids of the Dylais. The weather continues [?] as unusually delightful as it has since we came here
- Wednesday 11 Our return home fixed on & Post Horses ordered but in the morning it was found that one of our Carriage Horses in a very extraordinary way had hung [?] himself in the halter & in the Evening it was concluded to put him out of [?] his misery. The Cart with our Luggage went on to Sketty & the rest of us remained at Ynysygerwn
- Thursday 12 The Marys continued their sketching at Ynysygerwn till past 2 when Miss Mary on her Pony & Mrs D & I in the close Carriage returned to Sketty
- Friday 13 Our dear John sent us over one of his Carriage horses, & I accompanied Mrs D in the Phaeton for half an hour to Swansea
- Saturday 14 Drove in the aft[ernoon] with Mrs D to Penllergare
- Sunday 15 The two Marys went to Swansea Church. In the afternoon I walked as far as the new Chapel without fatigue
- Monday 16 Drove with Mrs D to call on Bessie who was moved for a few weeks to Rose Hill & taken Mr Baths[?] House at the Mumbles
- Tuesday 17 Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D to call on the Grenfells. Miss G being engaged to marry Griffiths Llewellyn. The new Church Bells tried their first Peel in the Evening, & all admired their sound
- Wednesday 18 Drove with Mrs D to Rose Hill, & thence with Bessie & a strong party of youngsters to Caswell & there met our Grandsons & their Tutor
- Thursday 19 Went with Mrs & Miss D to meet the Vivians at the new Church & at the first trial of the Organ its tones by all were admired. In the afternoon we drove to Swansea
- Friday 20 Drove with Mrs D to make calls on Mrs Tennant, at Caswell[?] on the Callands[?] & at Rose Hill
- Saturday 21 John came over early & drove with us to see his Boys at Caswell & afterwards returned to Ynysygerwn. The Boys with their Tutor came to dine & pay a Visit at Sketty with their Tutor

- Sunday 22 Mrs & Miss D with the Boys & their Tutor went in the Britzka to Church at Swansea
- Monday 23 Our dear Emmas Birthday. Our Carriage took the Boys & Mr Knight to meet the early Train & spend the day at Ynysygerwn. They returned to us about 7
- Tuesday 24 Our Carriage took the Boys & Tutor as far as the Mumbles on their way to Caswell soon after Breakfast. I walked with Miss Mary to the new Church where we found a large party of the Vivians, SAndfords & Goddards & we remained there a couple of hours which much overtired me
- Wednesday 23 Drove with Mrs D to Swansea for an hour or two
- Thursday 24 Accompanied by Mrs & Miss D & Miss Eden in the britzka for sundry[?] shopping & etc at Swansea. Mr & Mrs Grant & Lewis & Bessie came to dine & sleep here
- Friday 27 Sketty Chapel consecrated & Mrs & Miss D, Mr & Mrs Grant & Bessie attended the Ceremony. After luncheon at which we were joined by Capt Lindsay & several of his relations the Grants returned to the Gnoll. I went contrary to the Drs advice to an afternoon Service at 4 & it may[sic?] me much unwell
- Saturday 28 Much unwell all day, & contrary to my wishes Dr Howell was sent for in the Evening. The Bishop Thirlwell[?] spent half an hour here in the morning
- Sunday 29 Miss Mary attended the morning & afternoon Service at Sketty Church but neither Mrs D or myself were sufficiently well to go out & I read most of the morning Service to her
- Monday 30 Sick & [?] did not go out

<b>OCTOBER</b>
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- Tuesday 1 Mrs D presided at a Meeting of York School. I walked down the lane as far as the Mumbles Road
- Wednesday 2 Drove with Mrs D to Caswell & walked on the Sands
- Thursday 3 The Vivians started for Rome & Miss Mary accompanied them as far as Lanylai [sic] to spend a Week there
- Friday 4 Drove with Mrs D to the Mumbles

Saturday 5 Drove with Mrs D to call at Rose Hill. Johnny & Willy came with their Tutor to dine & sleep here

Sunday 6 Mrs D took the Party to Church at Swansea & after an early Dinner sent them in the Carriage as far as the Mumbles to Caswell

Monday 7 Drove with Mrs D for her to attend her School & I went to a Harbor Meeting

Tuesday 8 Drove with Mrs D to Caswell

Wednesday 9 Drove with Mrs D to Mumbles & she called on Mrs Jeffreys & I at Rose Hill

Thursday 10 Mrs D & I went in the Britzka to meet at ¼ past 3 the Train which brought Miss D from Lanelai & Lewis from attending a County Meeting at Bridgend

Friday 11 Mrs & Miss D went in the Phaeton & I walked home

Saturday 12 Went in the Britzka with Mrs D to meet the Train at ¼ to 3 & bring back Miss D who had been this morning by the train to Ynysygerwn

Sunday 13 Mrs D not well & we read the Service at home. Miss D walked to Church

Monday 14 Mrs D much unwell. I walked as far as the new Church, but far from well

Tuesday 15 Had a sleepless night. Drove in the close Carriage with my two Marys to Swansea

Wednesday 16 Attended by a rheum in the Jaws & Earache

Thursday 17 My dear Mary drove chiefly with the view of obtaining some relief for me to Swansea & on her return found that my old Friend Robt Brown had arrived to spend a fortnight with us

Friday 18 Mrs D took Robt Brown for a drive to the Mumbles

Saturday 19 Lewis & Bessie dined with us

Sunday 20 Confined by a Pain almost wholly to the Fire side

Monday 21 So much laid up that I am obliged to leave my friend to the care of the Ladies

Thursday 24 Brown went to stop at Penllergare

- Saturday 26 John brought back Brown from penllergare, & I felt able to join him at Dinner. Lewis spent the Evening with me
- Sunday 27 In much less pain with almost a ...[?] of the Earache, tho the rheum in my Jaws continued troublesome
- Monday 28 Continue better. Mr Friend Brown, Miss Mary took my valued Friend to meet the Train & he returned to London
- Tuesday 29 John Nichol came to dine with me, & arrived just as we finished. he slept here. The rheum in my Teeth & much abated. Nichol slept here
- Wednesday 30 John drove over early from Penllergare & took Nicholl with him to Swansea. In the afternoon my two Marys drove to Swansea
- Thursday 31 Continue nearly well but my Head retains its wraps

<b>NOVEMBER</b>
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- Friday 1 The Parkwern Children spent the day & dined here on their way back from Rose Hill. My dear Mary took a short drive
- Saturday 2 Much troubled with a pain in my side & submitted to a mustard Poultice for 2 hours without relief
- Sunday 3 Continuing unwell my dear Mary did not choose to leave & only Miss Mary went to the regular opening of our new Church
- Monday 4 [dated 3 in Diary]  
Again tried a Mustard Poultice for 2 hours this morning. Hussey Vivian, Revd Mr Sandford & Miss & Emily [?] Eden dined with us
- Tuesday 5 Better but my side still troublesome. Mary as President attended a long Meeting of the York Place Schools
- Wednesday 6 For the first time these 2 or 3 weeks ventured out & drove with Mrs D in the close Carriage on the Mumbles Road
- Thursday 7 Mrs D engaged about her School affairs at Swansea, & Miss D went in a Fly for a couple of days to the Marryatts
- Friday 8 Took a drive with Mrs D to the Mumbles
- Saturday 9 The Phaeton brought Miss D back from her visit to Mrs Marryatt. I tried a warm Bath before Dinner

Sunday 10 Mrs & Miss D went to our new Church

Monday 11 Mrs D made some calls but I did not move out

Tuesday 12 Drove late with Mrs D on an Errand to Swansea

Wednesday 13 Tho' better did not go out, except with my two Marys for a drive to Swansea

Thursday 14 Drove with Mrs D on the Mumbles Road. Lewis & Bessie gone for a Visit to Henry Bruce & Harry & Amy are left with us. Minnie having accompanied them

Friday 15 Took a Drive with Mrs D to the Mumbles

Saturday 16 Weather very wet & did not go out

Sunday 17 In the aft[ernoon] Mrs & Miss D in the Close Carriage took little Harry to Church

Monday 18 Took a Drive with Mrs D to the Mumbles. Weather wet

Tuesday 19 Heavy rain but Mrs D took a Drive to Swansea on School affairs

Wednesday 20 Weather very wet but took a Drive with Mrs D on the Mumbles Road [to] call at Glanmor

Thursday 24 Weather very wet but took a drive with Mrs D on the Mumbles Road. The Children went back to Parkwern as Lewis & Bessie returned from Henry Bruce's last Evening

Friday 27 Took a drive in the Close Carriage with Mrs D on the Mumbles Road

Saturday 23 Weather still very wet & stormy. Drove with Mrs D to meet the Train at Swansea & brought over Charlotte Traherne of Coytraherne on a Visit to Miss D

Sunday 24 Though very rough weather both Miss Traherne & Miss Mary went to Church, & the latter caught a baddish cold. I read the Service to my dear Mary & neither of us stirred out

Monday 25 My dear Mary went to her Swansea School & we were grieved to hear from Penllergare that little Elenor has Scarlatina

Tuesday 26 Took a short drive with Mrs D. The Moggridges have for 3 Months engaged the Elms from Mrs Hewson [?] & moved there this afternoon

Wednesday 27 My dear old Lady much unwell & neither of us went out today

Thursday 28 Mrs D considerably better. The Edens & Wilmots dined with us

Friday 29 Miss Trahernes cold so severe [?] as to confine her all day to Bed. Mrs D took a Drive to Swansea

Saturday 30 Miss Traherne still bedridden. I drove with Mrs D in the close Carriage to call at the Elms

<b>DECEMBER</b>
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Sunday 1 Mrs D in the morning went to Church & Miss D also in the afternoon

Monday 2 My dear Mary took Miss Traherne for a Call at the Elms

Tuesday 3 Mrs D on her way to attend a School Meeting left Miss Traherne at the Train for a return to Coedriglan & Miss Mary to go with Lewis for a Visit to Rheola

Wednesday 4 Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D to Swansea & took a Water Rat chick which has been taken in a Moletrap at Coytraherne as there as not one on our Institution

Thursday 5 My dear Mary has a very bad cold & neither of us went out

Friday 6 My dear Mary's cold still oppressive [?]

Saturday 7 Miss Mary returned this Evening from her Visit to Rheola. I drove in the afternoon for an hour to Swansea

Sunday 8 Neither my old Lady or I went out & I read most of the morning Service to her

Monday 9 My dear old Lady went in the morning for an hour or two to her Goat Street Schools & Miss Mary on the errands accompanied her

Tuesday 10 Miss Mary went on her Pony on a Visit to Ynyscedwin. Mrs D & I in the afternoon visited Fan at the Elms

Wednesday 11 Kept at home all day by a heavy Rain

Thursday 12 Drove to have my Hair cut at Swansea. Miss Mary returned from her Visit to Ynyscedwin

Friday 13 Drove with Mrs D to call at the Elms

Saturday 14 The Bishop of St Davids & Revd Mr Melville arrived on a Visit & Ellen[?] Hewson, Hussey Vivian, Revd Mr Sandford & Louise Eden joined us at Dinner. My dear Mary had a Cold & did not leave her Room

Sunday 15 The Bishop went to preach in the morning at Trinity Church & in the afternoon at Sketty. In the Evening he preached again at St Mary's. Neither Mrs D or myself well enough to attend either, but Miss Mary & etc attended him

Monday 16 Lewis & Bessie joined the party at Dinner

Tuesday 17 The Bishop went to consecrate a Chapel near Penclwd & went in the Evening to dine at Llanelly. Ellen[?] Hewson went with Mrs D to .....[?] intending to return to us but was prevented by an alarming account of her Brothers illness in London

Wednesday 18 Mrs & Miss drove to Swansea & the latter went on by train for a Visit to the Gnull. The former engaged on her School affairs

Thursday 19 Drove with Mrs D to the Elms & found Fan looking very ill

Friday 20 Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D to Swansea & attended a Meeting at the Royal Institution

Saturday 21 Drove with Mrs D to the Elms & found dear Fan much better

Sunday 22 My two Mary's attended Sketty Church

Monday 23 A nasty raw foggy Day kept the old folk at home

Tuesday 24 Polly went to a gay Christmas at Singleton

Wednesday 25 Polly kept Christmas at Mrs Webbers after having attended Sketty Church with her Mother in the morning. All Moggridges Family dined with us

Thursday 26 Miss Mary dined with a large party at Parkwern. Mrs D & I took a short drive

Friday 27 I drove with Mrs D for an hour to Swansea

Saturday 28 Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D to see Fab at the Elms

Sunday 29 Read with Mrs D in the morning & in the afternoon we both attended Sketty Church

Monday 30 Very wet day. Miss Mary with Lewis & Bessie joined a Xmas party at T E Thomas's



Tuesday 31

Heavy rain all day. The two Mary's drove for half an hour to Swansea

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