

## The Dillwyn Collection

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

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<b>1827</b> <b>DECEMBER</b>
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- Monday 10           Spent the morning chiefly in introducing Lewis to the Revd Mr Kilverts to whom we have decided on trusting his Education for at least a Year & in visiting the Scientific Institution. Miss Morris (the eldest Sister of Sir John) drank Tea with us, & she went with us in the Evening to hear Miss Paton in the Marriage of Figaro - "The Sargeants Wife" was the after piece
- Tuesday 11           Early in the afternoon I went in the Carriage to leave Lewis at Bitten & brought back John to Bath. Weather very wet
- Wednesday 12           At ½ past 7 Mary Fanny & John set out in our Carriage by the way of Cirencester & reached Oxford soon after 5. I followed them in a Stage by the Swindon Road & joined them at the Star Inn soon after 6
- Thursday 13           Spent most of the morning in walking about Oxford & shewing some of the Living [?] to Fanny with Dr & Mrs Buckland. At ½ past 2 went to Oriel where to my no small delight he passed his Examinations & I spent an hour most pleasantly with Dr Coplestone
- Friday 14           Weather dismally wet & much interfered with Mary & Fanny's pleasures. The latter spent 2 or 3 hours at Dr Kidds & I an hour with Dr Coplestone who was this day gazetted as Bishop of Landaff & Dean of St Pauls. John was finally entered as Gentleman Commoner at Oriel & matriculated by the Vice Chancellor. Mrs Llewelyn joined us in the afternoon & Mary, Fan & I drank Tea & spent the Evening at Dr Bucklands
- Saturday 15           The Rooms for John at Oriel having been fixed on, I was principally engaged in paying for the Furniture & settling other matters. The Weather was very bad but Mrs Ll & Fanny contrived to go to see the Chapels at Magdalen & New Colleges, the Ashmolean, Picture Gallery, Radcliffe & etc & etc. I spent an hour in the Evening at Dr Bucklands
- Sunday 16           We were all prepared to go to Church but the Rain fell in Torrents, & as we thought it unsafe for John after his late illness in such Weather

to cross the Passage he started homewards with his Mother & Fanny in our Carriage by the way of Gloster & left me to take up Lewis at Bitten. Mrs Llewelyn also left Oxford in the afternoon on her way to Town. I called on Professors Rogorad [?] & Williams, the new Bishop & etc & etc & went to Christ Church Chapel with Dr Buckland with whom I also dined & spent the Evening

- Monday 17 At 9 left Oxford in the Stage, by way of Swindon & as the Roads & Weather were very bad I did not reach the York House at Bath till about ½ past 7. Found Mr, Mrs & Miss Provis [?] Wickham at the York House & drank Tea with them
- Tuesday 18 Breakfasted with Mr Provis Wickham & at ½ past 11 went in a hack Chaise to Bitten where I spent an hour in settling the Accounts, & then took Lewis with me to the Bush Inn at Bristol. We dined at Mr Wm Clayfields
- Wednesday 19 At ½ past 7 Lewis & I embarked in the St Davids Steam Packet & in about 4 hours we reached Newport. The Sea was very rough, the Weather stormy & the rain fell in such Torrents that we were bot wet to the skin & very sick. Lewis changed all his Clothes at Newport but I had no Flannels & was very cold & chilly. On our arrival at Cardiff we found that the Torrents had a ¼ of an hour before carried away the Bridge, & we went round by Landaff to Cowbridge. Supped at Counsellor Nicholls
- Thursday 20 Started at 7 in a hack Chaise at Cardiff. At Neath met our own Carriage. Went round to stop an hour at Swansea & at 4 arrived at Penllergare
- Friday 21 Drove on various Business to Swansea & my Brother returned with me to Dinner
- Saturday 22 Drove to Swansea & engaged most of the day with Mr Thomas & others on Trust affairs
- Sunday 23 A bad cold which I caught in crossing the Passage kept me at home, but all the rest of the Family went to Church either at Llangafelach or St Johns. My Brother came to dine & sleep here & I read the Evening Service as usual
- Monday 24 Drove on Trust affairs for an hour in the afternoon to Swansea. T E Thomas & his Son dined here
- Tuesday 25 Mary, Fanny, the two Boys & Miss Gowing went to St Johns Church, & I read the Service to our younger Girls at home. My Brother joined our Xmas party & dined & slept here

- Wednesday 26 Drove to Swansea to settle about the mode [?] of paying for Eglwsbrevis & met Mr Neville, Griffiths & etc to arrange for an exchange of Land Shares in Llanelly Marsh. J G Jeffreys returned with me to dine & sleep here
- Thursday 27 Weather still wet. Drove Mr Jeffreys to Swansea early in the afternoon & remained there an hour or two on various Business
- Friday 28 Went with Mary, our 3 Girls & Miss Gowing to Swansea & we returned to Dinner at ½ past 4
- Saturday 29 Drove to Swansea to compleat the Purchase of Eglwsbrevis & etc. Weather still very bad
- Sunday 30 Most of us attended Church either at Llangafelach or Swansea & I read the Evening Service as usual. My Brother came to dine & sleep here
- Monday 31 Weather being very bad I went in the close Carriage with my Brother to Swansea & returned soon after 4. Sir C & Lady Mary Cole, the 4 Miss Talbots & Miss Shakespear arrived to pay us a Xmas Visit

<p><b>1828</b> <b>JANUARY</b></p>
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- Tuesday 1 Weather very wet but Sir Chr & I went in the close Carriage for a couple of hours to Swansea. Capt Morgan & Calvert Jones Jnr joined our party at Dinner & in the Evening there was a Dance
- Wednesday 2 Very unwell all the morning. Mr Brother & Capt Hickey joined the Dinner party
- Thursday 3 Held a petty Sessions at Llangafelach & Sir C Cole accompanied me
- Friday 4 The Penrice party left us & Mary , Fan, the two Boys & I accompanied them as far as Swansea to hear young Aspell play on the Piano. I remained at Swansea & slept at my Brothers who
- Saturday 5 set out this morning by Mail for London. I was variously engaged allday at Swansea & returned to Penllergare to Dinner at 5
- Sunday 6 Nearly all of us went to Church either at Llangafelach or St Johns, & I read the Evening Service as usual

- Monday 7 Drove in the morning in Business to Swansea & in the afternoon Mary, Fan, John, Lewis & Self in our Carriage & a hack Chaise went on a Visit to Penrice Castle. In the Evening a 12th Cake afforded the customary amusement & Lewis & Miss Lucas of Stouthall who drew King & Queen opened the Ball
- Tuesday 8 Walked out with my two Boys & young Calvert Jones to shoot Water Fowl, & besides 2 or 3 Coots Lewis killed his first Snipe
- Wednesday 9 Walked in the afternoon to shoot with Lewis by the seaside & he killed another Coot & Rabbit
- Thursday 10 Left our kind Friends at Penrice Castle & returned to Penllergare. I stopped for an hour at Swansea & Mary called at Sketty Park
- Friday 11 Drove on various Business to Swansea
- Saturday 12 My dear John has this day completed his 18th Year, & the morning was given to shooting chiefly for Lewis amusement. T E Thomas & his son Iltid came to Dinner at 3, & about Dusk 4 of the young Morris' under the care of the Governess, & 2 young Hickeys arrived. The old Parlour had been handsomely fitted up with Laurel, Lamps & etc for Dancing & in the Evening we had a sort of Fancy Juvenile Ball with Drawing for King & Queen. We even had ...[?] Supper prepared in the Dining Room & the Jubilee [?sic] was merrily kept up till the clock told us that Sunday had arrived
- Sunday 13 The morning Service was read to several of our young Visitors & soon after noon they all but Iltid Thomas had left us. My dear Mary was quite knocked up by her exertions & very unwell all day. I read the Evening Service as usual
- Monday 14 Drove to Swansea & met Mr Forster & etc at the Mackworth Arms, respecting our consent to a new Tram Road & wet dock near Llandly [?]. devoted the Evening closely to Pottery Accounts & slept at my Brothers
- Tuesday 15 Closely engaged all the morning in examining the result of the Stock taking at the Pottery, & tho' many heavy debts had been increased I was pleased to find that there still remains a Profit of 1363.10.2½ for the Year ending at Christmas last. Returned home about 3 though a heavy Snow & found that young Mr Cottern [?] had arrived on a Visit to my Boys
- Wednesday 16 Drove for ¾ of an hour to Swansea. Mr Forster came in the afternoon & dined & slept here. Engaged all the Evening with him &

H Griffiths in discussing the Question whether it is our policy to consent to the proposed Tram Road from Gellygelli to end in a wet Dock at Machynis Port

- Thursday 17      Continued the above mentioned Investigations with Mr Forster & Griffiths till 2 o'clock when after lunch the latter accompanied the former to inspect some points [?] on the spot [?]. I afterwards drove with Fanny for an hour to Swansea
- Friday 18        Engaged all the morning at Accounts & in the afternoon drove for an hour to Swansea. Declined Mr Gwyns offer to let us have Pontlasonucchaf [?] for 300£, which as a reversion is not worth more than half the Sum
- Saturday 19     I drove to Swansea in the morning & took young Cottam with me who closed his Visit to the Boys. Mary, Fanny, John & Lewis took me in the afternoon to Sir Jo Morris's where there was a Dinner & Dance, & to make room by Fanny's sleeping with her Mama I returned in a hack Chaise to sleep at my Brothers
- Sunday 20       Fanny, John & Lewis went with the Morris's to St Mary's & I after breakfasting with T E Thomas to St John's Church. Mary being much unwell rested at the Willows & we all returned in the afternoon to Penllergare. I read the Evening Service as usual
- Monday 21       Engaged at Accts in the morning & afterwards drove for a couple of hours to Swansea
- Tuesday 22      John rode to Swansea & went afterwards to shoot Jays. I coursed on the Common & Bryndavid with Lewis & killed 3 Hares
- Wednesday 23              Rd Jeffreys called here in the afternoon. I drove for an hour to Swansea. Sir Jo & Lady Morris, his eldest Sister, Mr & Mrs Peacock, Col & Mrs Jones, Mr Troughton & Dr Howell dined here. The 4 latter went home & the others slept here
- Thursday 24     The Morris party left us about Noon, & a conversation with Sir Jo then induced me to go to Swansea in hopes of expediting our Tredegar purchase
- Friday 25        Drove in the afternoon to Swansea & dined with T E Thomas. In the Evening Mary, Fanny & John came in to attend a Ball at the public rooms where I joined them, & Lewis was kept at home by indisposition. They at a little before 2 returned home & I slept at the Mackworth Arms

- Saturday 26 Engaged in the morning on Trust & Magisterial affairs, & about 12 drove home. Young Calvert Jones in the afternoon called on us
- Sunday 27 We had ordered the Carriage for Church but one of the Horses was so bad as to require the Coachmans aid, & only the two Boys went on Horseback to St Johns. I read both the Services to the family at home. In the afternoon Mr Troughton called on us
- Monday 28 John rode to call & say good by at Penrice & I took Lewis for a couple of hours shooting in the morning after which I drove to Swansea. Capt R Jeffreys came to dine & sleep here
- Tuesday 29 Coursed on the Commons with R Jeffreys & my two Boys & killed 3 Hares. Dr Howell called here
- Wednesday 30 In the morning I drove for an hour to Swansea. At 2 we all dined together, & about 4 I set out in the Socialet with my 2 Boys & then posted on in a Chaise to sleep at Cowbridge
- Thursday 31 Posted on to Newport where I dined, & at 3 started in the St David Steamer. Reached Hotwells where we had Tea at ½ past 6, & posted on to sleep at the York House at Bath

<b>FEBRUARY</b>
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- Friday 1 Dined at 4 at Mr Kilverts, & afterwards went with my two Boys to see Macready in Hamlet
- Saturday 2 Mr Kilvert came to breakfast with us at the York House, & to him I gave the charge of my beloved Lewis & at 9 started in the Stage by way of Swindon & reached Oxford before 7. Went to the Star & established John to sleep at his apartments in Oriel College
- Sunday 3 John attended both the Chapels & dined at oriel & I went to Carfax Church. Made many calls & etc
- Monday 4 John & I had breakfast with Mr Botfield at Christ Church. Made several Calls & dined with the Duncans at New College
- Tuesday 5 We breakfasted at Bucklands & at 5 Mr Coplestone (a nephew of the Bishop who is appointed to be John's private Tutor), Mr Botfield & Mr Tottenham dined with us at the Star

- Wednesday 6 After breakfasting together at the Star I bid good by to my dear John & [at] 9 started in the Coach by the Swindon road & reached Bath at 7. I found Lewis waiting for my consent & he immediately joined the Wickham Family to see Miss Foote in Lovers Vows. After the Play he supped & slept at the York House
- Thursday 7 After Breakfasting with the Wickhams who were staying at the York House, Lewis went out with his Friend Tom, & I to spend an hour with Mr Kilvert. Before breakfast I had gone into a hot Bath. Lewis & I dined at Iltid Thomas's in Camden Place where we met the Williams of Dyffryn, Capt Fredericks & etc. I afterwards took Lewis back to Mr Kilverts
- Friday 8 My darling Lewis came to breakfast with me at the York House, & soon after 8 I bid him good by & proceeded by the Mail & reached Penllergare at 10 oclock
- Saturday 9 Drove on various Business to Swansea
- Sunday 10 Fanny, little Mary & Miss Gowing & I read the Services at home
- Monday 11 Drove round to inspect the repairs of the Luckor [?] Mill & etc & reached Swansea about ½ past 12 on Business with T Thomas. My Brother who came back on Saturday from London, returned to dine & sleep here
- Tuesday 12 Engaged till noon about the proposed Tram Road to Llanelly & then drove with my Brother for a couple of hours to Swansea
- Wednesday 13 Engaged till one about the Llanelly Road & then walked to Swansea & the Socialet [met] me on my return. Miss Morris (Sir Johns eldest Sister) came on a Visit to us
- Thursday 14 Attended at ½ past 12 a Vestry about building a new Church at Llangafelach & drove round by Swansea home
- Friday 15 Coursed for exercise on the Commons & killed only one Hare. One of my dear Mary's Fingers, it is believed form a Thorn taken up in Gardening, has for several days been greatly swelled & inflamed & as matter had formed near the Bone Dr Edwards found it necessary to open it by a deep cut, & it was a very painful operation
- Saturday 16 Miss Morris this morning closed her Visit & returned to Sketty Park. My dear Mary's hand continued very painful & it has brought on such a general nervous irritability that we again sent for Dr Edwards. I was obliged to go to Swansea respecting the proposed



enclosure of Mynydd Staffa & etc & returned to Dinner at 5. The Mail brought us an Acct. of my Sister Sarahs safe delivery of a Boy

- Sunday 17 Mary continues very unwell & did not get up till after noon. Only Miss Gowing & Fanny went to Church. I was unavoidably engaged about some fresh communications respecting the Llanelly Rail Road & in the afternoon was obliged to send Griffiths to ascertain some points on the spot. Read the Evening Service to the Family as usual
- Monday 18 Engaged with T Morgan about planting the Ynysygerwn Woods till noon, when I drove to Swansea & then found that the Bank of Messrs Walters, Voss & Walters had been gutted to the amount in Cash & Bills of about 24000£. By a general request I undertook as a Magistrate the Investigation of this affair, & was closely engaged in it till after midnight. Slept at the Mackworth Arms
- Tuesday 19 Closely engaged in the above mentioned Investigation all day, & returned about ½ past 5 to dine at home
- Wednesday 20 Drove early to Swansea to breakfast & continued the Investigation till near Midnight. Slept at the Mackworth Arms
- Thursday 21 Continued the Investigation till near 5 when I started with my Brother to dine at Penllergare
- Friday 22 Drove early to Swansea & was again allday engaged about the Bank Robbery. Returned to Dinner late
- Saturday 23 Drove after Breakfast to Swansea, & finding that the Felony is likely to be compounded (as is now in such cases the general practice) I in a great measure [?] withdrew from further investigations & was partly engaged on other affairs. Retd. home by 5. In the morning I received 3 letters, & was engaged with Griffiths who I sent yesterday to ascertain certain points respecting the Llanelly Tram Road
- Sunday 24 **FEB 1828** Drove Fanny in the Phaeton to St Johns & we there heard a Funeral Sermon on the late Revd Mr Cottom [?], preached by Mr Peirce. detained afterwards for half an hour on Bank Business & returned to Dinner at 3. I read the Evening Service as usual. My dear Sally continues very unwell & is regularly attended by Dr Edwards every other day
- Monday 25 Drove through heavy Rain to Swansea & engaged chiefly about the Bank Robbery. My Brother returned with me

- Tuesday 26 Drove my Brother to Swansea & was again chiefly engaged about the Bank Robbery
- Wednesday 27 Drove about noon to Swansea. Dined with Mr D Davis (the Collector) & slept at my Brothers. Fan & Miss Vowing accompanied me to Swansea
- Thursday 28 Engaged on various Business all the morning at Swansea & returned home to Dinner
- Friday 29 Coursed immediately after Breakfast for 2 hours & killed only one Hare. Then drove for a couple of hours to Swansea & during my absence Mr Henry Jones & his Sister & the Stouthall Family called here

<b>MARCH</b>
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- Saturday 1 Engaged at home till pat 11 & then drove to Swansea & returned as usual to Dinner
- Sunday 2 Not well & repeatedly disturbed, even after we had all gone to Bed by messengers & etc respecting the Bank robbery. Fanny & Miss Gowing went to Church & I read the Evening Service as usual. Sally continues confined almost wholly to her room & is regularly attended by Dr Edwards
- Monday 3 Drove on very various Business to Swansea. Hurried home to meet Mr Howells of Gallygog on Carmarthenshire affairs. he had brought his Brother with him & they dined here
- Tuesday 4 Unwell & engaged at home till about one when Fan accompanied me to Swansea
- Wednesday 5 Drove on very various Business to Swansea
- Thursday 6 Attended a Petty Sessions at Llangafelach where Sir J Morris & Mr Levson met me. Drove home round by Swansea & when on my return at Waire Wen [?] the large Bay Horse got his hind leg over the Pole & kicked the Socialet to pieces. Walked home
- Friday 7 Drove to meet T Thomas on Business of the Estate. Superintended the new Planting in the Ground which I exchanged with C R Jones in front of the Willows

- Saturday 8 My dear little Mary has this day completed her 12th Year. Drove to Swansea & took up 3 of a Gang who have stolen nearly all the Geese in the neighbourhood & in Gower & committed 2 Burglaries at Landor. Mr J Reynolds, Mr Rathbone, Capt Wm Jones of Glanbran, C Smith, D Davis, Richd Jeffreys & my Brother dined with us, & all except the 2 last returned home at night
- Sunday 9 Capt jeffreys & my Brother left us soon after breakfast. The Weather being bad I read both the Services at home. In the afternoon visited Fanny's School which reflects the highest credit on her & greatly gratified me. Sarah not much better & is still regularly attended by De Edwards
- Monday 10 Drove to Swansea & was engaged magisterially nearly allday. My Brother came to dine & sleep here
- Tuesday 11 Again drove to Swansea & was variously engaged till I returned to Dinner at ½ past 5
- Wednesday 12 Again drove to Swansea about noon & was chiefly engaged with Mr Roberts about the Llanelly Rail Road & other Trust affairs
- Thursday 13 Drove early to Swansea & was variously engaged all day. Dined & slept at my Brothers where I met Cs Smith, Capt Jones of Glanbran, Mr reynolds, Mr Rathbone, Rd Jeffreys & etc
- Friday 14 Engaged chiefly in planting in front of the Willows. Fan & little Mary came & took me back to Dinner in the Chariot
- Saturday 15 Drove to Swansea soon after Breakfast & was variously engaged allday. Retd to Dinner at 6 & as yesterday found Dr Edwards in attendance on my dear Grundy [?] whose neck improves if at all at least very slowly
- Sunday 16 With Mary anout noon I took our precious Invalid out in a Bath Chair, & Fanny wioth Miss Gowing & little Mary went to Church. I read the Evening Service to the Family as usual
- Monday 17 Drove to Swansea & returned to look at the planting on the Twyn which has this day been begun
- Tuesday 18 Drove to Swansea & was variously engaged allday
- Wednesday 19 Drove to breakfast at my Brothers & was engaged chiefly in pkanting at the Willows allday. My Brother came to dine with [us] at ½ past 5 & slept here

Thursday 20 Engaged about the Llangennich Rail Road & other Business at home till 2 & then drove for an hour to Swansea

Friday 21 Went about 12 with Fanny & little Mary in the Chariot to Swansea & returned about ½ past 4

Saturday 22 Drove a little before noon, chiefly on Trust affairs to Swansea & was engaged as a mutual Friend in endeavoring to settle the Disputes which have arisen between Sir J Morris & Calvert Jones respecting the Pentre Colliery

Sunday 23 My dear Sarah continues to be much afflicted by an infection of the curricula Vertebrae & general debility & is attended incessantly by her Mother & either every day of every other day by Dr Edwards. Fanny little Mary & Miss Gowing went to Church & I read the Evening Service at home as usual. Sir Jo Morris on his Colliery concerns spent the afternoon here

Monday 24 Drove on very various Business to Swansea & was told by Mr W Lewis by Mr L Thomas's directions that an action would immediately be brought against us for enclosing our share of Mynydd Staffa. Mr Brother dined & slept here

Tuesday 25 Engaged till ½ past 3 with Mr Howells about Carmarthenshire affairs & with Mr Forster about the Llanelly Rail Road Bill, & they both dined here. I afterwards drove Fanny for ½ an hour to Swansea & we came back to Dinner at 6. Dr Edwards who is the daily Visitor of my dear Sally has now pronounced her complaint to be a Rheumatic Fever

Wednesday 26 Drove Fanny again to Swansea & conversed with Sockett & T Thomas about our claim on Mynydd Staffa. Returned home to Dinner at 5 when George came with us

Thursday 27 Drove early with H Griffiths about the Enclosure Act & other Business to Llanelly. Returned home & got a snack at 5. Immediately after which I went to Swansea to see Thos Thomas about the Mynydd Staffa dispute & etc. Fanny accompanied me & by the Mail John arrived back for his Easter Vacation from Oxford & went with us back to Penllergare

Friday 28 Drove after Breakfast to Swansea & was all day engaged about Mynydd Staffa & as a mediator between Sir Jo Morris & Calvert Jones. My Brother came to dine & sleep here

Saturday 29 On my arrival at Swansea I found what indeed I before feared that poor Lewis Thomas is almost as mad as ever & he served notices of

16 actions on behalf of the Duke to be tried at the approaching Cardiff Sessions against the Workmen & me. I was engaged till 5 with Sockett & others in preparing to meet them, & returned late home

Sunday 30 Engaged all the morning relative to Mynydd Stafford [sic] & I decided on sending a Statement of the Facts to the Duke. Drove in the afternoon to see Sockett on this Business & was closely engaged all day about it. Read the Evening Service to the Family as usual. My dear Sally continues to be entirely confined by a Rheumatic Fever to her Bed & she is attended daily by Dr Edwards

Monday 31 Wrote a letter with a statement of all the facts to Mr Ludlow, & about noon drove with our Papers to meet Mr L Thomas respecting Mynydd Stafford. Richd Jeffreys who breakfasted with us is decidedly of opinion that poor Lewis Thomas is in a state of unnatural excitement & is violent [?] that nobody dares to contradict or thwart him

<b>APRIL</b>
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Tuesday 1 Sir Jo Morris being very desirous of preventing any Litigation between us & the Duke, I this morning gave him a full statement of all the Facts with Liberty to make use of it if he pleases & as he is going tomorrow to London he will probably see the Duke. By appointment met Sockett & T Thomas in consultation, & heard from Sir J M that Lewis Thomas is more composed this afternoon & desirous of referring the question as I had proposed. Returned to late Dinner

Wednesday 2 Drove after Breakfast & was variously engaged all day till I retd. to Dinner at ½ past 5

Thursday 3 Held a Sessions at llangafelach with Mr Leyson which lasted from ½ past 11 till after 5 & much fatigued me. Mr Leyshon [sic] & Mr Thos Thomas on Mynydd Stafford Business dined & slept here

Friday 4 Good Friday - but was obliged by the Mynydd Stafford proceeding to go to Swansea. By the Post at Night I received a most handsome Letter from the Duke of Beaufort bending to my proposals, & the question is to be settled by Mr Ludlow & Mr Sockett

Saturday 5 Drove after Breakfast to Swansea & was very variously engaged all day by Business

- Sunday 6 Fanny & John rode to Llangafelach Church & I read both the morning & evening Service to the rest of the Family at home. My dear Sarah is still unable to leave her Bed except for a few minutes, & is regularly attended by Dr Edwards who drank Tea with us
- Monday 7 Walked to look over the Woods & etc in the morning & at ½ past 4 went to Swansea. John also rode over late with Henry Jones who had spent the day with him & when the Mail arrived it brought my dear Lewis & we 3 returned as merry as Grigs to Penllergare
- Tuesday 8 Drove on various Business to Swansea & returned at 5. My Brother, Albion Smith (who I have no great fancy to see again) & Henry Jones dined & slept here
- Wednesday 9 Drove on various Business to Swansea & committed the remaining 2 of the Gang of Geese stealers
- Thursday 10 John went on Horseback & I with Fanny in the Socialet to dine & sleep at Penrice. Lewis was to have gone but Rd Jeffreys arrived to fish & he preferred staying with him
- Friday 11 Sir C Cole, Fan & I came through a drenching Rain from Penrice, & in the Evening Sir C went to Swansea in his way to the Cardiff Sessions
- Saturday 12 Drove to Swansea & planted at the Willows a last load of arbutus & etc which Lady Mary sent me from Penrice
- Sunday 13 Rained very hard & none of us went to Church but I read both the Services at home. My Brother dined with us. My dear Sarah continues with a sort of rheumatic Fever to be confined almost entirely to her Bed
- Monday 14 Drove to Swansea on an appointment to endeavour to complete the Tredegar purchase
- Tuesday 15 I had engaged to meet early a last load of Shrubs which had arrived at the Willows from Margam but was detained till after 12 by Mr Sheaves [?] who had come purposely from London & by Mr Forester in an endeavour to arrange matters satisfactorily with regard to the Llangennach [?] Road. We however failed & I have agreed to meet in London on Monday next. Drove in the afternoon to Swansea & returned to a late Dinner when George met me & slept here
- Wednesday 16 Drove to Swansea in the morning & returned through a Drenching Rain to Dinner at ½ past 5. At 8 I went in the close Carriage with John & Lewis to sleep at the Mackworth Arms

- Thursday 17 Started with John & Lewis at ½ past 4 in the Mail for Bristol but Lewis suffered so very seriously from Sickness that we were obliged to stop at Newport. Towards Evening he became a little better & at 6 we started in the Lady Rodney & arrived in Bristol soon after 9
- Friday 18 Left Bristol at 9 & in 2 hours reached the York House at Bath. John & Lewis got the latters fellow Pupil at Mr Kilverts (Iltid Thomas) to take a Holiday with them, the Rev Iltid Thomas also dined with us at the York House. John ought to have gone on for Oxford but no conveyance could be procured. The 3 youngsters went in the Evening to hear Madame Vestris at the Theatre
- Saturday 19 Leaving our dear Lewis at Bath, John & I started in the Reading Coach at 10, & with Sir J Duckworth he left me & posted from Hungerford to Oxford. I went on & slept at Maidenhead
- Sunday 20 Got up at ½ past 3 & at ½ past 4 found a Vacancy in the Stroud Mail & reach [sic] Hatchetts Hotel by 8 in the morning. Went to St James Church but it was so crowded that I could not get any sort of a Seat & came away. Called on Mrs Llewelyn Mrs Goring. Met Sir J Morris respecting the completion of the Tredegar purchase & etc. Dined at the Hotel
- Monday 21 Met the people concerned in the Llanelly Rail Road Bill at Crowder & Maynards in Lothbury & was closely engaged by this & other Business allday. Dined with Maule at 7 at the Athenaeum & attended the Soiree where I remained with H Gurney, Davis Gilbert, Prince Comitille & others of my Friends till one oclock
- Tuesday 22 Closely engaged by various Business from early till late
- Wednesday 23 Engaged till noon with Mrs Llewelyns affairs, & in the afternoon at Crowder & Maynards & etc about the Llanelly Rail Road, & did not get back to my Hotel till about 8. Went afterwards for an hour to the Athenaeum & to see some Illuminations in honor of the Kings Birthday
- Thursday 24 Breakfasted with Dr Gilbert & then to Grays Inn & finding it necessary I engaged Mr Frampton to meet me in the Committee of the House of Commons on the Llanelly Bill, & entered into an arrangement which is decidedly preferable to the trouble expense & uncertainty of an opposition. Dined with the Clerk at the Crown & Anchor & afterwards attended the Royal Society
- Friday 25 Met Mr Trevor at Lord Cawdors on an appointment to endeavour to arrange the Disputes respecting the Tithes of Landilofawr in which

our Estate is interested. Again to watch proceedings attended a Conversatione at the Royal Institution

Saturday 26 Closely engaged by various Business at my Solicitors in the City & etc. In the Evening attended the President of the R S's Levee at the Thatched House Tavern & remained there with him & Dr Wollaston till past midnight

Sunday 27 Went in the morning to Hornsey to see my Sister Mrs Janson who for many weeks had been confined to her Bed, & who came down stairs for the first time to meet me. returned to dine at Lord Js Stuarts where I met, Sir Jo Morris, Powell of Menters [?], Bright [?] the MP for Bristol & etc & etc

Monday 28 Went early to the City, Grays Inn & etc. At 12 called on the Duke of Beaufort respecting Mynydd Stafford. At ½ past 1 attended the Police Committee to which I had been summoned to give Evidence, & afterwards the Llanelly Rail Road Committee of the House of Commons. Dined at Hatchetts late. Spent 2 hours with Mrs Llewelyn at Mrs Gorings. At ½ past 10 attended a large party to which I had been invited at the College of Physicians & remained till after midnight very pleasantly at the Athenaeum

Tuesday 29 Engaged in the City at Grays Inn & etc & etc. Dined with Dr Sims to consult him on a Statement sent this morning by Mary about our dear Sarah & spent the Evening with Sir C Cole & the Talbots at Coburg Hotel in Charles St

Wednesday 30 Called on Dr Sims for his further opinion on our dear Sarah, then on Sir Jo Morris at No. 6 Princes St & on Col Wood with whom I walked round by Tittenhalls [?] to the House of Commons where the Llanelly Bill in the afternoon was passed tho' strongly opposed by Mr Pemberton & others. Mrs Llewelyn in the morning set out on her return home & at 8 I started in the Mail for Oxford

<b>MAY</b>
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Thursday 1 Variously spent the whole day with my dear John who with his Friend Mr Sheffers [?] & Dr Buckland dined with me at the Star. In the Evening John rowed me to Iffley & we drank Tea about 9 at Dr Bucklands



- Friday 2                    John breakfasted with me at the Star, & at ½ past 8 I started in the Coach & reached the York House at Bath by 5. Lewis who I sent for from Mr Kilverts spent the Evening with me
- Saturday 3                Lewis & Iltid Thomas jnr. rowed me to Bath HAMpton where we landed & lunched in a sort of Tea Gardens. We dined at Iltid Thomas's in Camden Place
- Sunday 4                 My dear Lewis breakfasted with me at the York House & I then bid him good by & starting per Mail reached home soon after 9. Found my dear Sarah confined almost wholly to her Bed & no better
- Monday 6                 Drove on various Business to Swansea & Mrs Llewelyn who had arrived at Swansea on Friday returned with me to dine & pay a visit at Penllergare
- Tuesday 7                Drove over on various Business to Swansea & Mr T R Jones on Business relating to the Bank robbery came to dine here
- Wednesday 7            Went in the close Carriage with Mrs Ll. & Fanny to Swansea & we returned to Dinner at ½ past 5. Mr Osler who is lately returned from a Voyage to the West Indies dined & slept here
- Thursday 8               Mr Osler went with me to Llangafelach & walked to Swansea. held a Petty Sessions with Mr Leyshon & returned home before 4
- Friday 9                 Our dear Fans Birth Day, & as usual we all wore Lillies of the Vally in compliment to her. She & Mary accompanied me for a couple of hours to Swansea, & George joined us at Dinner. Dr Edwards is now a daily Visitor of poor Sally
- Saturday 10             Took Mrs Llewelyn to spend a few days at Swansea & returned to Dinner
- Sunday 11               My dear Sarah had such a bad night, as to make us exceedingly uneasy, & she has not been able to leave her Bed except just to have it made since I came home. Fanny, little Mary & Miss Gowing went to Llangafelach Church but I staid at home to read the Service to Mary & I also read the Evening Service as usual. George dined with us
- Monday 12               Drove about noon for 2 hours to Swansea & returned rather early. Capt Hickey & Messrs Vivian, Webber & T E Thomas came to shoot Rooks & dined here. As they were starting to return home the Horse of Mr Thomas' Gig took fright, & so much injured himself that Mr Thomas & Capt Hickey were compelled to sleep here

- Tuesday 13                      After breakfast Capt Hickey & Mr T E Thomas went with me to Swansea. My Brother came to shoot Rooks & dined here
- Wednesday 14                      Drove with Fan to Swansea Mrs Llewelyn returned with her
- Thursday 15                      Did not go out engaged allday at Accounts & etc. Capt T Morgan & my Brother & T Thomas (on Business) came to shoot Rooks & dine here
- Friday 16                      Engaged at Accounts & etc till past 4 when I went to dine at Marino & returned late
- Saturday 17                      Drove on various Business to Swansea & returned to Dinner at ½ past 5
- Sunday 18                      Mrs Llewelyn with Fanny, little Mary & Miss Gowing went to Church, & I remained at home with Mary & our precious Invalid who is still wholly confined to her Bed. My Brother dined with us & I read the Evening Service to the Family
- Monday 19                      My dear Lewis has this day compleated his 14th year & the whole Family regretted his absence. Engaged on Business at home in the morning & drove for an hour to Swansea afterwards. George dined & slept here
- Tuesday 20                      Went in the Coach & Fanny went with me to spend the day with Miss Shakespeare<sup>1</sup> & Mrs Llewelyn to spend the day at the Willows. I dined with T E Thomas's, & we all reached home together by ½ past 10
- Wednesday 21                      Engaged in the morning with Griffiths of Ynysygerwn who slept here last night, & at noon I drove on various Business to Swansea & returned to Dinner
- Thursday 22                      Drove early to Swansea & in consequence of the Coppermen heaving[?] violently[?] driven off every Irish workman & resisted my Warrants I was obliged to direct the Cavalry to be in readiness. They have yielded in the afternoon & Fanny who had accompanied me to spend the day with Miss Shakespear returned with me home to Dinner
- Friday 23                      Drove again to Swansea to examine further into the violent proceedings of the Coppermen & returned to Dinner

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<sup>1</sup>Possibly a Talbot/Cole relation. RM

- Saturday 24 As it rained very hard I went in the close Carriage & concluded the purchase & paid Morris Edward for near 11 Acres in Llanelly Marsh. Some of our present Lands require an embankment & my wish is to purchase all those other tenements which will be virtually improved by the embankment so as to secure as far as possible the advantage to ourselves
- Sunday 25 Fanny & Miss Gowing [/ MISSING WORDS?] but I staid at home & read the Service in the Chamber of our precious Invalid with her dear Mother & Little Mary. My Brother dined with us & I read the Evening Service to the Family as usual. Dr Edwards now in daily attendance still reports favorably of our dear Girl, but her knee is now swollen [CHECK SPELLING] to double the natural size & we are so uneasy that we have decided on having a consultation with Dr Howells
- Monday 26 Drove in the morning for an hour to Swansea. In the afternoon Drs Howells & Edwards came over & the former differs so materially from the latter & thinks so much more seriously of our dear Girls disorder that it has much alarmed & distressed us. Both the Doctors dined here & remained in examining the precious Patient till 10 oclock
- Tuesday 27 The Doctors both came again about 11 & the report tho' still alarming is more favorable. In the afternoon I drove for an hour on Business to Swansea
- Wednesday 28 Both the Doctors paid another Visit about Noon, & I afterwards drove for a couple of hours with Mrs Llewelyn & Fanny to Swansea & we returned to Dinner
- Thursday 29 Dr Edwards only came this morning & much comforted us by his positive assertions that our dear Patients knee cannot a while [?] swelling or at all of that nature. In the afternoon I drove for an hour to Swansea & George on his return from Carmarthen dined with us
- Friday 30 Dr Edwards & Dr Howell for a fourth time met in consultation about our Darling, & I afterwards drove without stopping to Swansea to fetch some Medicines. In the Evening Dr Sims to whom I & Dr E had written on Tuesday & in whose medical Judgement both Mary & I place great reliance, arrived form Town. I had engaged to be at Neath & Ynysygerwn, but my beloved Girls sickness prevented me & I sent H Griffiths in my stead
- Saturday 31 Dr Edwards arrived to breakfast & spent the whole morning in examining & consulting about our beloved Child. Soon after 12 as I

had unluckily appointed this day for receiving the Penllergare Rents I was obliged to go to Swansea & Dr Sims accompanied me. Returned to dine at 6 & George joined us to dine & sleep here. Dr Sims has quite decided that Dr Edwards was right in treating our Darlings disease as a rheumatic Fever & it has settled her Knee

JUNE
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- Saturday 1      Early in the afternoon Drs Edwards & Howell arrived for a consultation with Dr Sims & they opened the affected knee with such favorable appearances as put me into better spirits. George dined & slept here & I read the Evening Service as usual
- Monday 2      Went early with Fanny & Dr Sims to the Mumbles & returned to see my precious Invalid by ½ past 10. The 3 Physicians met me in consultation at 12 & appearances are still rather favorable
- Tuesday 3      The 3 Physicians again met at 11, & about 2 went with Fanny & Dr Sims to Ynysygerwn in the Socialet & returned to Dinner at 6
- Wednesday 4      An inflammation in the swollen knee of my Darling rendered it necessary to apply Leaches which gave her much pain, & my hopes are on the ebb. Dr Edwards came in the morning & again at 8 & about ½ past 9 Dr Sims went to Swansea & on his return per Mail to London
- Thursday 5      Dr Edwards paid a long Visit to my Darling both in the morning & the Evening, & our anxiety has become most painfully intense. I went for an hour to the Petty Sessions at Llangafelach
- Friday 6      Dr Edwards came early & about noon her Knee broke - at 3 Dr E left us for a few hours & on his return at 8 the discharge from her Knee had been great & this added to the Diarrhea most alarmingly exhausted her. Dr E remained here all night & both Mary & I sat up
- Saturday 7      Sent early for Dr Howells who arrived before 8 & it did not then appear that our precious Darling could last for many hours. her extremities were cold & clammy - when she slept her Eyes remained open, the pulsation was extremely languid & at one time her respiration so much affected that we thought her almost gone. neither Mary or I went to Bed & Dr E remained here all Night. Towards night appearances became rather more favorable

- Sunday 8 Early this morning the Doctors succeeded in producing a reaction & our Darling has slowly mended allday. At this critical time our anxiety has been intense & we kept both the Doctors here all night
- Monday 9 One or other of the Doctors in constant attendance all day & Dr E all night on my Darling Angel
- Tuesday 10 Appearances became more alarming & yet we fondly cling to hope. The Doctors as yesterday
- Wednesday 11 A day of much suffering to all of us. Dear John who came late last night by the Gloster Coach to Swansea arrived here with his Uncle to breakfast. My Darling was delighted to see him
- Thursday 12 A day of great distress. The Doctors in incessant attendance as heretofore. In the Evening out most precious Darling suffered much excruciating pain in her knee but it lasted only about 20 minutes, & it was afterwards feared that a mortification had commenced
- Friday 13 Our hope is gone & we [are?] all in great affliction - the blessed Darling alone amidst all her suffering is patient & as placid & cheerful as ever tho' Life is fast ebbing away. george set off to bring my dear Lewis from Bath
- Saturday 14 A dreadful Day. The mortification has spread & our Darling was so entirely relieved from pain that all the morning she amused herself with arranging her trinkets, & in cheerful gossip with her Brother & Sisters. As if in anticipation of the approaching Event she most affectionately made a present to each of us & about 2 she requested they might leave her alone to say some prayers with her Mother. afterwards she continued cheerful tho' encreasingly weak, till 20 minutes past 3 when happening to be out of the room I was sent for & arrived just in time to see her without a struggle pass as [an?] Angel ready made for Heaven. Assisted by my dear John & closed her lovely Eyes
- Sunday 15 My dear Mary got no rest last night, & after having with the tenderest solicitude incessantly watched our Darling Day & night for upwards of 4 months it must be expected that she will most severely feel the Blow. I thank God for a belief that all that could be done to relieve my precious Sufferer has been done. For the last week Dr Edwards has never taken off his Clothes & either he or Dr Howells has been in constant attendance on her to take advantage of any favorable change it one had happily appeared. We all doted on this Darling Pet & she possessed a peculiar sweetness of disposition - natural simplicity & Benevolence of Character & an affectionate sensitive Heart that from her infancy had endeared her

to everybody. Unlike a Death bed hers was a sudden translation from happiness here to Bliss eternal, & her sweet Face of which not a muscle was disturbed has been to us to day an object of the most affectionate Interest. In the Evening she was placed in a Shell

- Monday 16 My dear Lewis arrived from Bath this Evening, & Mary having enjoyed a good nights rest is much better. Throughout the whole illness she has in my opinion been especially & marvellously supported both in body & mind & she now enjoys a sort of composure which is beyond the reach of reason & which my unassisted Heart cannot at all equally attain
- Tuesday 17 Fanny John & Lewis have employed themselves in dressing the Corps [sic] with the choicest Flowers, & paying the most affectionate attentions to their Mother & me. George lunched & Dr Edwards drank Tea here
- Wednesday 18 This Day passed much as the two preceeding ones. The sweetest of Faces still remains unchanged
- Thursday 19 Had agreed top take a Lead at a Public Meeting at Llanelly of the Marsh Proprietors with the view of expediting the Commissioners Award under the enclosure Act, & was obliged to send H Griffiths there in my stead. My Brother dined with us
- Friday 20 A considerable change has this day taken place in the remains of my Darling & at ¼ past 7 she received my farewell Kisses & Tears. The Shell was then nailed down & soldered in a Copper Coffin which was placed in another of Penllergare Oak & covered with black Cloth. My dear John, my Brother & Dr Edwards remained in the room during these proceedings & every thing was done to our entire approval.
- Saturday 21 In the morning with Mary & our 4 precious remnants [?] we read prayers round the Coffin of our Darling & at 12 it was carried & placed in the Hall near the entrance soon after which it was borne to Llangafelach by 8 of my Laborers all of whom knew her & who were dressed uniformly in our Livery for the occasion. It was followed by Mary & myself in our Chariot - Fanny John & Lewis & my Brother on our Coach & by Mrs Llewelyn & little Mary in Mrs Llewelyn's Carriage, & there was not one in the Church who did not know & admire our sweet Angel. At about ¼ past 2 after Service it was placed in the Family Cemetery between her Grandfather & Brother William & we then returned home
- Sunday 22 My dear Mary again had no rest at night & did not get up till near noon. I remained with her, & we read prayers by the side of our Darlings deserted Bed. The rest of the Family went to Llangafelach

Church where an appropriate Sermon was preached by the Revd Mr Williams, & I read the Evening Service as usual

- Monday 23 Obligated to go to Swansea to see Mr Thos Thomas on Business of the Estate, & Mrs Llewelyn accompanied me & closed a long Visit to us
- Tuesday 24 Sent Griffiths to meet Mr Lewis at Shaddy respecting the Llanelly Enclosures & I went for 3 hours on various other Business to Swansea
- Wednesday 25 This Evening my dear Mary sent away Miss Gowing for various misconduct, with every mark of disgrace & with the strongest expressions of disgust & displeasure. To our great amazement my Brother chose to follow her immediately to an Inn at Swansea & it became clear that she has long carried on a secret Intrigue with him. She is a very clever artful woman & has humbugged us by assuming the mask of a Saint. Her unfeeling conduct during the illness of our Angel had disgusted us in the highest degree
- Thursday 26 Miss Gowing had yesterday sent on to have a place taken & a Fare paid for a place in this mornings Stage, but on driving to Swansea I find that she is still at the Mackworth Arms, & she appears to have found it necessary to stay in defiance of decency the more securely to hook her Gudgeon. We have reason to fear that she has succeeded in getting a written promise of marriage from him! It has much wounded the already lacerated Heart of my dear Mary, & he has long shamefully requited the Kindness which she has incessantly [?] shown him
- Friday 27 Affliction for the loss of my Darling & my Brothers disreputable conduct have together made me ill, & except for a walk to the upper Gate I did not leave the House all day
- Saturday 28 Confined to the House as yesterday, but my dear Mary who continued quite unwell in the morning, in the afternoon thank Heaven became much better
- Sunday 29 We all went in the morning to Llangafelach Church & I read the Service in the Evening to the Family. Sir Jo Morris in the afternoon called on me
- Monday 30 Drove after an early Dinner with Fanny John & Lewis for an hour to Swansea

## JULY

- Tuesday 1                      Variously engaged allday at home. In the morning T E Thomas & his Son Iltid called & Dr & Mrs Edwards in the afternoon. The Dr was consulted about our dear Fan who is not well
- Wednesday 2                      Drove to Swansea & paid 60£ to Mr Nevill for a .....[?] of Land on Llanelly Marsh & 2750 for to compleat the purchase of Glynwallis & etc. returned home to Dinner at 3. My Brother left Swansea by the Steam Packet this morning & we suppose has followed his Paramour
- Thursday 3                      Attended a Petty Sessions at Llangafelach & Mr Fredericks who came on Business of his own, assisted me
- Friday 4                          Engaged at accounts in the morning & in the afternoon Fanny, John & Lewis accompanied me for an hour to Swansea
- Saturday 5                      Drove about noon for a couple of hours to Swansea chiefly on Business of the trust Estate. Fanny & John both rather unwell & in the afternoon Dr Edwards visited them
- Sunday 6                          Not being well I did not go out but all the rest of the Family went to Church & I read the Evening Service at home as usual
- Monday 7                          Engaged all the morning at home about accounts & etc. Dined early & drove with my two Marys to drink Tea at Mrs Llewelyns
- Tuesday 8                          Engaged at Trust Accts. in the morning & in the afternoon drove on various Business for 1½ hours to Swansea
- Wednesday 9                      Engaged as yesterday in the morning & in the afternoon again drove for a couple of hours to Swansea
- Thursday 10                      Drove in the morning for an hour to Swansea. A change of air & of Scene having been strongly advised both for Mary & Fanny, all six of us in our Chariot & Socialet with 3 Servants set out to spend a fortnight at Tenby. Started at 4 & about 8 reached the Bush at Carmarthen where we slept
- Friday 11                          The two BOys & I with Amelia & our Coachman drove on with our own Horses ion the Socialet to breakfast at St Clears, & a couple of hours afterwards the rest of our Party followed us in the Chariot with posters. About 2 we reached Tenby - dined & drank Tea at the Coburg Hotel & in the Evening moved to a commodious House



called "the China Hall" which we have taken for a fortnight. It is the blank Birthday of my Darling Will

- Saturday 12 At 10 I embarked with my two Boys in a pleasure Boat to fish & Lewis caught a Gurnel, but there was too much of a Breeze for fishing. WE then landed our Servant by [?] bring our Guns & went to shoot Puffin off Caldey UIsland. John brought home  $\frac{3}{4}$  & Lewis 2. At 4 we again embarked & Fanny with us landed on Caldey where Fanny sketched & returned to Tenby at a little before 8. John brought home 3 & Lewis 1 more Puffin
- Sunday 13 We all in the morning went to Tenby Church, & in the afternoon I took adrove for about 3 Miles on the Pembroke Road with the 2 Marys. We have this day been married 21 years
- Monday 14 Our Family six attended by the Coachman & Amelia got into the Boat at 10, & sailed for Caldey where all but Lewis & I were at once landed. We two intended to fish but L:ewis soon became qualmy & we then changed our plans and were landed on the Island. John killed a great many Puffins but many of them fell into inaccessible parts of the cliff & he only bagged 13, & Lewis only 2. At  $\frac{1}{4}$  before 4 we reembarked & at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 4 we landed at Tenby
- Tuesday 15 This is St Swithin & the rain in the morning fell in Torrents but it cleared in the afternoon & accompanied by my two Mary's I drove in the Socialet to Manorbeer Castle which stands close by the Sea about 6 Miles W of Tenby
- Wednesday 16 Morning very fine but the Evening turned out wet & stormy. Walked on the Sands
- Thursday 17 I & the Boys walked & Mary & the Girls followed us in the Socialet to Galter point, where we collected a vast number of Shells, & Lewis shot a ring Plover. All returned together on foot to Dinner at 4 & in the Evening the Boys & I looked in at the Theatre but the performance was very bad, & we stopped very little more than one Act of Paul Pry
- Friday 18 Dined at 2 & immediately afterwards all of our Family six started in the Socialet to visit the Ruins of Carew Castle & were much pleased with them. Returned home by 8 & I went into a Warm Bath
- Saturday 19 Sailed after Breakfast with my Boys to St Margarets & they shot several Sea Birds but became so sick that they landed & walked home from Galter Point. In the afternoon walked to Galtar point & the Socialet brought us back. Besides other Shells Fan picked up,

altogether some thousands of the Manix[?] reticulatus which is here used to make necklaces & other ornaments

- Sunday 20           Went in the morning to Tenby Church with Fanny John & Lewis & in the afternoon with the two Mary's. In the afternoon Fanny & the Boys walked to Galter point, & Mary & I after Church went to meet them
- Monday 21           Started from Tenby at 11 with our whole {Party in the Socialet & drove to Pembroke where we rambled about 3 or 4 hours. Dined at the Golden Lion & reached Tenby again about 7. Mrs Llewelyn arrived from Swansea in the Evening, & has engaged an apartment near us
- Tuesday 22           After breakfast started in a Boat with my two Boys & Mr John Jeffreys & landed these 3 youngsters for an hour on Caldey Island while I went to fish. In the afternoon I went in the Boat to call at Waterwynet[?] on Mr C Morris, & afterwards walked to meet our whole party at Galty point
- Wednesday 23           Mrs Llewelyn & Fanny in a hired Carriage & the rest of our Family party in the Socialet started at 9 for Pembroke, & at 11 got a Boat which in 3½ hours landed us at Milford where we dined. In going both Wind & Tide were against us, & we returned in ½ the time. At Pembroke we drank Tea & reached Tenby at 9
- Thursday 24           Got into our Boat with my two Boys at 5 to catch mackerel but the wind had too completely died away altogether we only caught about a Dozen. Both John & Lewis were very ....ded[?] & about ½ past 9 I set them ashore at Galty point. I remained at Sea about 3 hours longer, & in the afternoon attempted to go with Mrs Llewelyn & my 2 Marys to Caldy island but when ½ way we were turned back by a heavy Rain
- Friday 25           Hearing the Lord Cawdor has just returned from Scotland I drove after Breakfast to Stackpole to endeavour to settle his dispute with regard to the boundary of Llanelly Marsh by which the Commissioners award in now delayed [??CHECK THIS SENTENCE] & spent 3 or 4 hours most pleasantly with him, & returned home by 6 oclock
- Saturday 26           The Socialet took us in the morning to the further end of Lidstep Bay, from whence we walked back to Galty point, & Lewis in the former shot a Cornish Chough. With Mrs Llewelyn & the two Mary's I in the Evening enjoyed a Sail in Saunders foot bay. John on Galty point found the asparagus officinalis growing pleantifully[?SPELLING]

- Sunday 27 Finding that Dr Rotch was to perform & knowing that it would be impossible to understand or hear him we in the morning did not go to Church but walked to Galty point, & attended the afternoon Service which was well performed by Mr Hughes the Curate. Dined at 5 & Mrs Llewelyn as usual dined with us
- Monday 28 walked in the morning to Galty point, & on the bank opposite to St Margarets Islands the asparagus officinalis grows plentifully. After Dinner took a sail with Mrs Llewelyn, Lewis & little Mary & failed in our attempt to reach Caldy as both Winds & Tide would have prevented our return for several hours
- Tuesday 29 Left Tenby soon after 9, & about 3 reached Carmarthen which we found all in a Bustle owing to the Boat Races & to the opening of Pictons Monument. After Dinner John & the two Mary's went in our Chariot to Penllergare & I with Mr Howells in a hack Chaise to look over some Fields near Abergwilly which are for Sale. In the Evening with Fanny & Lewis saw the Boat Races. Tar Barrells on Fire & etc
- Wednesday 30 Left Mrs Llewelyn & Fanny at Carmarthen with an intent of spending 2 or 3 days at Ferryside, & Lewis & I started soon after 6. Breakfasted at Pontarhyd & reached home soon after 11. In the afternoon I drove for an hour to Swansea & returned to Dinner at 5
- Thursday 31 Engaged at home till ½ past 1 & then drove with my two Mary's for a couple of hours to Swansea

<b>AUGUST</b>
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- Friday 1 Continued to work at the Trust Accts till near one & then drove to assist Mr T Thomas at Swansea & retd. to Dinner at ½ past 5
- Saturday 2 Engaged at Accts. till noon & then drove to Swansea & returned to Dinner
- Sunday 3 The Weather being very wet none of us went to Church & both the Services were read at home
- Monday 4 Engaged at Accts. till ½ past 12 when I drove to Swansea with my two Boys & we dined at T E Thomas's & reached home soon after 8 to Tea

- Tuesday 5 Engaged principally in writing on the Welsh Judications [] to Lord Cawdor till near 2 when I drove with Mary & our 2 Daughters to Swansea & returned to Dinner at ½ past 5 bringing Iltid Thomas with us on a Visit to our Boys
- Wednesday 6 Variously engaged at home till near 2 & then drove for an hour to the Pottery
- Thursday 7 Held a Petty Sessions at Llangafelach & the Revd T Morris joined me. The Revd T Morris, Capt George Mansell, T E Thomas & a Mr Woodruff came to Dinner & the two former slept here
- Friday 8 Drove in the morning for an hour to Swansea, & in the afternoon Mr Thos. Wickham who had been with them at Mr Ellicombes arrived on a Visit to my Boys
- Saturday 9 Drove on various Business to Swansea & called on Wickhams father, Mother & sister who were at the Mackworth Arms. Had she lived the sweetest of all Darlings - my beloved Sarah, would this day have completed her 10th Year
- Sunday 10 In the morning I went to Llangafelach Church with Mary, Fanny, John & T Wickham. In the afternoon Wickham Father - Mr Provis[?] Wickham with his Wife & Daughter arrived to spend a couple of days with us
- Monday 11 The Rain of which we have latterly had a great deal, fell nearly all day in Torrents but in defiance of it John & young Wickham set off on Horseback in the Evening to sleep on the Hills to be in readiness for the Grouse tomorrow morning
- Tuesday 12 Drove up with Lewis & joined John & T Wickham on the Grouse Hill before 1 o'clock, & after dining there returned home by 7. Mr & Mrs & Miss Wickham after taking early Dinner with Mary had left Penllergare & gone on to Tenby leaving young Wickham to be John's Visitor. The Grouse killed were Wickham 4 - John 1 & Mr Strick 3
- Wednesday 13 Drove in the afternoon for 2 hours on various Business to Swansea
- Thursday 14 Fanny accompanied me to Swansea in the afternoon for 2 or 3 hours & during our absence Lady Morris with Miss Peacock & little Lucy called here
- Friday 15 Drove in the afternoon for a couple of hours to Swansea. Lewis went with his Brother & Wickham to the Marshes by Penclawd where to

his great delight he shot a Curlew & etc. & John on Loughor Marsh found the Lavateria arborea growing plentifully

- Saturday 16 Drove for a couple of hours to Swansea
- Sunday 17 Rain by which we have long been inundated fell heavily all the morning & none of us went out but I read both Services to the Family at home
- Monday 18 Drove with Mary & out two Girls for a couple of hours in the afternoon to Swansea
- Tuesday 19 After Breakfast went with Lewis & Wickham to shoot Flappers[?] & fish on Llanelly Marsh & got some Dinner which we took with us at Maesydafen. My dear John was kept at home by a swelled Face which was a great disappointment to us
- Wednesday 20 At  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 11 drove on various Business to Swansea & returned to Dinner at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 5
- Thursday 21 Drove in the morning for an hour to Swansea & after an early Dinner took my dear Lewis on his return to Mr Kilverts & we slept at Pyle. I have this Day completed my 50th Year & have endeavored to feel humbly thankful; tho' insufficiently so to the Almighty for the many Blessings which he has granted me
- Friday 22 Started soon after 6 in the Socialet from Pyle & almost immediately after our arrival at Cowbridge we went on by the Mail to Cardiff where we breakfasted & staid for about an hour & a half. By the Packet Coach we reached Newport. At  $\frac{1}{2}$  past one we embarked in the Lady Rodney & in 3 hours & 1[?] minutes were landed at the Hotwells. From Bristol we at once went on by Mail & reached Bath by  $\frac{1}{4}$  before 7. Took up our Quarters at the York House
- Saturday 23 Spent the Day at Bath with my dear Lewis, & in the Evening went with him to see some Horsemanship at a sort of Circus
- Sunday 24 At  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 6 left my dear Boy at Bath who then went on to Mr Kilverts & I in a Stage to breakfast at Bristol & from thence by Mail to attend the Grand Jury at Cardiff. Attended afternoon Service & spent the Evening with Maule & etc
- Monday 25 Breakfasted with Edwd. Richards & attended the Grand Jury, where we were detained by a Bill of Indictment against the Honr. W B Grey for Perjury till  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 9 at night. It occasioned much discussion but was ultimately found to be 'no time [?] Bill'. The Grand Jury had engaged to dine with the Judges & they very handsomely insisted on

waiting for us till 10 o'clock. I afterwards supped with Sheriff R Jenner [?] of Wenvoe & etc at the Cardiff Arms

- Tuesday 26      Breakfasted with E Richards, & about 11 the Grand Jury was discharged, & I went to Swansea in the Mail & soon after ½ past 9 reached home in a hack Chaise. Found that Mr, Mrs & Miss Wickham had joined their Son here yesterday, & that Miss Charlotte Talbot had arrived on Saturday on a Visit to Fanny. The Weather has ...[?] very fine & St Swithin whose 40 days ended yesterday has exactly kept his Charter
- Wednesday 27      The Wickham party left us soon after breakfast. We dined at ½ past 2 & after an early Tea John escorted Miss C Talbot back to Penrice & staid the night there. About 4 I drove to Swansea & Fanny who had gone in the Chariot thus far with her Friend, returned in the Socialet with me
- Thursday 28      Drove for 2 or 3 hours on various Business to Swansea
- Friday 29      Drove soon after Breakfast to Swansea & was all day engaged chiefly on Pottery Affairs
- Saturday 30      Drove soon after breakfast to the Pottery & remained there till I returned home to dine at 5
- Sunday 31      We all in the morning went to Church & I read the Evening Service as usual. After Dark we walked to the Farm, to see an extraordinary number of Glow Worms about our Hay Ricks  
John in this last week of August has seen a large Flock of Starlings & another smaller one of Fieldfares, & White in his Natural Hist. of Selborne has not recorded any such early appearance or congregation of these Birds

<b>SEPTEMBER</b>
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- Monday 1      Drove chiefly on Pottery Affairs to Swansea. John killed 7 & the Keeper 5 partridges
- Tuesday 2      Drove again to Swansea on various Business. John killed 9 & the Keeper 7 partridges
- Wednesday 3      My dear Mary has this day completed her 52nd Year. I drove early in the morning on various Business to Swansea but returned by 2 &

in the afternoon Mary & our two Girls walked with John & me to see the Dogs make a point but we could not get a single Shot

- Thursday 4 Drove after an early breakfast for an hour to Swansea & from thence by ½ past 4 to Llangafelach where for 5 hours I was engaged at a Licence Meeting & Petty Sessions with Sir Jo Morris & Mr Leyson
- Friday 5 Drove to Swansea, & was argularly[?] served with a Notice that the reference about Mynydd Stafford [sic] see p.35 would be held on Tuesday next. Mr Jeffreys & his Family on their way to Laugharne called & breakfasted here, & Mary & her 2 Girls went afterwards to make some calls in or about Swansea in the close Carriage
- Saturday 6 Drove to Swansea & engaged most of the Day in preparing for the reference. I had meant to attend the Sale of some Lands about Abergwilly at Carmarthen on Tuesday next see p.68. but the reference will prevent me & I sent full instructions to Mr Howells to bid on my behalf
- Sunday 7 Mary with John & little Mary went to Llangafelach Church & brought back Jo Jeffreys a Paper of whose for the Linnean Society on Land & fresh Water Shells I had promised to look over. About 2 my Friend Davies Gilbert the President of the Royal Society arrived with his son on a Visit
- Monday 8 Drove to see T E Thomas at Swansea & from thence with the President, Mary & our two Girls to lunch at the Mumbles. Capt Rd. Jeffreys & Mr Sockett came to dine & sleep here. John, young Gilbert, & Rd Jeffreys had been shooting all day
- Tuesday 9 Mary Fanny & I took the President to Aberdulais Falls & Ynysygerwn. The Revd Iltid Thomas & his Brother T E Thomas joined us at Dinner. Consulted with Griffiths about purchasing the Gringilo[?] Estate. As convenient to exchange with the Bishop of r Tyrfirdfach[?] & Melinllan I had directed Mr Howell to attend the Sale of the Lands at Abergwilly mentioned at p.68 & unluckily they were previously sold by private Contract to Mr Morris
- Wednesday 10 Drove in the afternoon to Swansea & from thence Mr Davis Gilbert & his Son went to Penrice. I had kept myself ready for the appointed reference[?] about Mynydd Stafford & it has been unceremoniously put off by Mr Ludlow till next week
- Thursday 11 Mr dr. Mary & John drove in the morning for an hour to see Mrs Llewelyn who is unwell, & in the afternoon at 3 he & I set off to dine & sleep at Penrice

- Friday 12 About 12 the President & I in my Socialet & John & young Gilbert in hack Chaise drove from penrice to Marino & they went to see the Copper Works. We dined together at Marino & John & I returned home at night as the President & his son had appointed to start in the Steam Vessel at 6 tomorrow morning for Ilfracombe on their way to Cornwall]?)
- Saturday 13 Accompanied by Mary & our two Girls I drove to Swansea to see Mrs Llewelyn who is far from well & to see about the Mynydd Stafford reference & other matters - particularly Sir Jo Morris soli...[?] for Tredegar[?] which has latterly given me incessant trouble. Agreed with Js James to have Cringelt[?] Estate looked over whenever it is offered to me for Sale in writing for 4000£ [In margin "Ented]
- Sunday 14 A wet cold day & none of us went to Church but I read the Service at home. In the Evening Dr Edwards came to assist Mary in drawing up a report for Dr Sims of our dear Fan who since the Death of her Sister has been far from well
- Monday 15 Drove about noon to Swansea, with Mary & our two Girls, & the two Mary's went on to call at Sketty Park. The Cringell Estate for which 8000 was asked a Year ago is now offered to me for 4000 & I am to have the refusal of it till Saturday sennight. The Brinwillach & Cefn Myddfa Estate have through Mr Vivian been again offered to me & this & a des...[?] part of John Trahernes Estate will require all the money which the Trustees have to invest
- Tuesday 16 Wrote to Mr Baillie for an immediate decision about the Brin-allach & Cefn myddfa Estate. In the afternoon went with John in the Socialet to meet Lord & Lady Cawdor at Penrice
- Wednesday 17 John & I accompanied Lord & Lady Cawdor to see Arthurs Stone & etc. & taking Swansea in our way returned to Dinner at Penllergare
- Thursday 18 Drove with the two Mary's in the morning for an hour to Swansea & returned by 2 oclock. Busy about making a new Will
- Friday 19 I had just set out to shoot with John when a Messenger informed me that Mr Ludlow had arrived & that at 11 he would meet Mr Sockett to settle the Mynydd Stafford Question as is mentioned at p.35. I immediately drove to Swansea & found a long argument that the Lawyers will never agree, & in fact that Ludlow would not give the time and trouble which would be necessary to understand more than the Dukes side of the Question. Young Ludlow came back to Penllergare with me to visit John as they are both at oriel, & Lord & Lady Cawdor arrived on a Visit to us



- Saturday 20 In the afternoon went with Lord & Lady Cawdor to the Goppa. Griffiths with Sockett met the opposite Party on Mynydd Stafford but Ludlow was too unwell either to go out or to dine here as he had engaged to do. The Vivians dined here & took young Ludlow back with him as he is to start early tomorrow with his Father for Bristol
- Sunday 21 Lord & Lady Cawdor Fanny John & I went to Llangafelach Church & afterwards drove towards Wich Tree Bridge to get a good view of the Swansea Valley. After Luncheon Lord Cawdor & I, attended by H Griffiths drove on Business to Loughor. Mr Evan Thomas of Sully dined & slept here
- Monday 22 Lord & Lady Cawdor left us about 11 & Mr Thomas soon afterwards. In the afternoon I drove with the two Mary's for a couple of hours to Swansea
- Tuesday 23 Drove in the afternoon with John to meet the Rous's at Vivians & we returned home after a late Dinner
- Wednesday 24 Drive in the afternoon to Swansea about the completion of the purchase from Sir Jo Morris, & to treat with Js James & etc for Coedwyllowell[?] by Tircoedmeme[?]. I have been in treaty for it these 8 years, & as it contains good Coal 800£ is still asked for it but I have refused to give more than 700
- Thursday 25 Attended an adjourned Licence Meeting & petty Sessions at Llangafelach, & from thence walked to Swansea & was brought home by Mary in the Carriage
- Friday 26 Having waited for 2 or 3 days for other Witnesses I this morning completed my Will & it is attested by our Woodward, Bailiff and Butler. It is deposited in the Drawer of my Iron Chest & a Duplicate given to Mrs D. Mary & I at the same time executed two appointments in exercise of the powers vested in us by our Marriage Settlement, & our object has been to give such a Sum to each of our Daughters as in addition to the Legacies from their Grandfather Llewelyn may under certain Limitations give them about 12,000£ a piece. Drove in the afternoon about the completion of Sir Jo Morris's purchase & other Business to Swansea
- Saturday 27 The price at first asked for Ciergallt[?] of 8000£ was utterly absurd & I have refused the option see p.82 of taking it at 4000£ nor would I give more than 3000 Guineas for the Estate. Drove on various Business to Swansea & brought back Capt Morgan to dine & sleep here. Mr & Mrs John Nichol & their 4 Children arrived from Penrice

on a Visit to us. The Keeper in some rushy ground by the Cuckoo Hill shot a Spotted Gallimile

- Sunday 28 Mary John & Fanny went to Church. Dr Edwards came in the morning & Capt Morgan returned to Swansea with him. RAWleigh Mansell came to dine & sleep here.  
I received from Mr Baillie an offer of his Brinwillnach and Cefnwyddfas Estates for 22,500£
- Monday 29 The Nichol Family left us about noon & R Mansell then accompanied me to & returned with me from Swansea. Arthur Jones junr also dined here
- Tuesday 30 Drove R Mansell in the afternoon to Swansea & Mrs Llewelyn came to pay us a Farewell Visit before she goes to Bath

## OCTOBER

- Wednesday 1 Drove in the afternoon on Trust Affairs for an hour to Swansea. Jo Jeffreys in a note says "The coliopturous Insects seem to hybernate very early. Those which I met with last Year about this time in the Sand Hill & Thistles on Crumlyn Burrows I have found lately only under stones & the Labria complanata wjhich is generally so active is now hardly able to stir" May not insects as wella s Birds be impressed by some indicatory feelings of a approaching hard Winter. See p.77
- Thursday 2 Mrs Llewelyn left us. Attended a Petty Sessions at Llangafelach & returned to Dinner at 3 in order to make way for our Harvest Home. Drove afterwards for ½ an hour to Swansea & Harvest Home was kept as usual in the Evening
- Friday 3 Drove again about noon to Swansea to hurry on the completion ofm our Tredegar purchase
- Saturday 4 Again drove on various Business to Swansea
- Sunday 5 Cloed my valuation of the Brinwillach & Cefnmydaffa Estates which deducting Repairs & other charges I am clear will not produce more than a little [?] rental of 600 a year & as all the Timber had been cut I write to Mr Baillie \* declined his offer see p.85. Its contiguity would render it a desirable addition for this Estate but even considering the present price of stocks I consider 17500 to be the full Value

Our 3 youngsters having bad colds Maryu & I were in readiness to start for Church with the Intention of staying over the Sacrament when we were unexpectedly stopt by a violent storm. I therefore read both the Services to the Family at home

- Monday 6                      Went on our Chariot on various Business to Swansea & my dear Mary accompanied me
- Tuesday 7                     Weather very bad & I have a bad Cold & sore Throat. Drove in the afternoon for an hour to Mynydd Stafford & etc to Swansea
- Wednesday 8                 Drove in the afternoon for a couple of hours to Swansea, & brought J G Jeffreys back with me. T E Thomas, his Brother Iltid & the latters Daughter arrived to spend a couple of days here
- Thursday 9                    Attended a petty Sessions for the Highways at Llangafelach, & afterwards with Griffiths inspected the reiers and Improvements at Knapplwyd. T E Thomas accompanied me & his Brother went with John a shooting. Henry Jones came to Dine & sleep here
- Friday 10                     Coursed with the two Thomas's & John & were driven back by a heavy Rain after killing one Hare. Our Friends then returned to Swansea & I accompanied them for a couple of hours
- Saturday 11                  Drove on various Business for a couple of hours to Swansea
- Sunday 12                    My Cold being still baddish I did not go but all the rest attended Llangafelach Church in the morning & I read the Evening Service as usual
- Monday 13                    Obliged to go early in the Socialet about Tredegar Business to Swanswa & Mary & our 2 Girls in the other Carriage followed me. Mr Evan Thomas & his Son & Daughter arrived to spend a few days with us
- Tuesday 14                   Drove with our Chairman E Thomas to the Quarter Sessions & after dining with the Bench returned home about 9 in the Evening
- Wednesday 15                Drove over with the Chairman to the Sessions & ½ past 10, & Jo Traherne returned with us to a late Dinner at ½ past 7
- Thursday 16                   Drive in to the Sessions with E Thomas & J Traherne & they closed about 2. We returned home to Dinner & Mr Talbot then joined our party

- Friday 17 Mr Evan Thomas & his Son & Daughter & Mr John Traherne left us soon after Breakfast, & in the afternoon I went with Mr Talbot to Swansea
- Saturday 18 Drove with Fan to Swansea & she returned almost immediately without me. Am much disappointed to find that I shall not be able to compleat the Tredegar purchase before we go to Bath, & that it will be useless for me to remain behind my family for the purpose for a Week as I had intended to do. Walked part of the way home & the Carriage met me
- Sunday 19 We all went to Llangafelach Church in the morning & I read the Evening Service as usual at home
- Monday 20 As that Sum has been otherwise offered for it, & as it is important for working our Coal I drove to Swansea & agreed to give 750£ for Coedgerighowell. Advanced Griffiths 95 to purchase Tredegar, as in its present state I cannot let it to any advantage
- Tuesday 21 At 4 Mary with our 2 Girls, & attended by her Maid and Footman set out to sleep at Pyle on our way to Bath, as a change of air & Scene has been particularly recommended for Fanny. I had been the whole day engaged in sorting & putting away our Trust Deeds & having some Business at Swansea John & I went there about 6 & slept at the Mackworth Arms
- Wednesday 22 John & I set out at 5 in the Cambrian Coach, & met & dined with our Family Party at Newport. At ½ past 3 we all embarked with our Carriage in the Lady Rodney Steam Boat, & in a little more than 3 hours were landed at Clifton. We drank Tea at the Gloster Hotel & in our Carriage & a Hack Chaise reached the York House at Bath by about 10 oclock. The Rain fell in almost incessant Torrents the whole afternoon & Evening
- Thursday 23 John walked & brought our dear Lewis to spend the day with us. Variously engaged in looking out for apartments in calling on Mrs Llewelyn who is at No 3 South Parade & has now Mrs Beadon on a Visit with her. We dined at York House
- Friday 24 Breakfasted at the York House about 8, & soon afterwards John set out for Oxford & Lewis returned to Mr Kilverts. About 11 we took possession of No.36 Milson Street which we had [? word omitted] yesterday & engaged, & it is the only whole Hosue which is ever let in this Center of Bath. Both Mary & I much preferred a House in Brook street, but we gave up our oikings to please the Youngsters

- Saturday 25 Having nothing else to do I sent some further remarks on the Welsh Judicature to Lord Cawdor. Lewis spent the afternoon & dined with us. Little Mary began to take dancing Lessons from Miss Thomas, & on the Piano from Miss Wise & the latter Fanny has been also engaged to teach Fanny the Guitar.
- Sunday 26 We all in the morning attended Bathwick Church & afterwards our dear Lewis came to us for a couple of hours when we took a Walk to Lansdown Crescent & etc. In the Evening I attended the service with our two Girls at the Cathedral & afterwards we called on Mrs Llewelyn who is far from well
- Monday 27 Wrote to Evan Thomas about Welsh Judicature, to Mr Ludlow about Mynydd Stafford & etc & lounged about Bath by way of exercise. Fanny began to take Lessons from Mr Miller in signing - Mr Delamotte in Drawing & Mr Downes (a Negro) on the Guitar
- Tuesday 28 Called & spent half an hour in the morning with my Fathers old Friend Mr Wilberforce & from an affection of the Spine he has become very inform but is as cheerful & animated as ever. The Mumps are at Mr Kilverts & we are afraid that our dear Lewis has a slight touch of them. Mrs Llewelyn dined & Mr Talbot on his way through Bath spent the Evening with us
- Wednesday 29 Walked with Mary to see Lewis who is compleatly in for a fit of Mumps. Mr Talbot dined a& again spent the Evening very pleasantly with us. Little Mary began to take her Music Lessons from Mrs Loder instead of Miss Wise who was found to know too little about the matter
- Thursday 30 Walked again to see Lewis whose Neck is terribly swelled, & he cannot eat. Mrs Llewelyn dined with us
- Friday 31 Went again with Mary to see Lewis who is a little better, but the Disease is spreading among his Comrades & appears likely to go quite through Mr Kilverts House. In the morning about ½ past 7 I went into the Public Hot Bath

<b>NOVEMBER</b>
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- Saturday 1 Found Lewis considerably better & spent the day in reading, writing & lounging about

- Sunday 2 In the morning Mary I & our two Girls went to the Octagon Chapel where the Service was altogether admirably performed, & we heard a singularly striking & good Sermon from Dr Gardner. In the afternoon I went to see Lewis & found his recovery to be less rapid than I had hoped for. Mrs Llewelyn dined with us at 4, & I attended the Evening Service with her & Fanny at the Chapel in Queen Square
- Monday 3 Mary & I walked to see Lewis & found him getting better apace. I dined at 15 Park St with Hastings Elwin after whom one of the Bays discovered by Capt Parry in the Polar Regions has been named & met Lord James O'Brien, Mr Ellis, Mr Hutton [?] of Farley Castle, Dr Crawford & James Baillie. Got home by 11
- Tuesday 4 Took Mary, our two Girls & Mrs Llewelyn over the Institution & to see Barkers Picture Gallery. I called afterwards on Lewis & found little but the bandage [?] remaining to denote any indispositions. Dined with Mr Baillie & met Mr Elwin, Mr Ellis, Dr Crawford & a Mr Bateman
- Wednesday 5 Drove with Mr Baillie in his Carriage to spend the Day at Bristol. Called on the Dean. Spend [sic] 2 hours at the Institution. Went to Miller & Sweets [?] Nursery Ground & we returned home by ½ past 5. On my return I heard of the melancholy & fatal accident which on Sunday last befel Mr Jones of St Helens, & as she was much affected by it, I drank Tea with Mrs Llewelyn. During my absence Lewis had been brought from Mr Kilverts in a Sedan Chair to spend a few days with us
- Thursday 6 A very wet day. Mrs Llewelyn & the Revd W Moule (my Boys former Tutor) dined with us
- Friday 7 Little Mary has a baddish Cold & Lewis kept her Company at home. Mrs Llewelyn Mary Fanny & I dined at Iltid Thomas's in Camden Place, & met a large Party
- Saturday 8 Lewis is so recovered from his late ailment that he goes out & nothing but a bandage round his Heads [?] remains of it
- Sunday 9 With Mary Fanny & Lewis I attended morning Church at Trinity in James St. & Mrs Llewelyn dined with us. To my no small surprise Sor Jo Morris called afterwards on us, & he has taken Bath on his way home with part of his Family from Cheltenham
- Monday 10 Spent most of the morning with Sir Jo Morris in Business, & his Daughter Beatrice spent the afternoon & Evening with little Mary who is still nearly confined to the House by a Cold. Lewis being quite recovered returned to Mr Kilverts. James Baillie dined with us

- Tuesday 11                    Beatrice [sic] Morris again spent most of the Day with little Mary, & I lounged most of my time away
- Wednesday 12                    Drove with Mr Baillie to Bristol & spent 2 or 3 hours at the Institution. We returned to Dinner. Sir Jo & Lady Morris after spending 3 days at Bath, set off homewards, & his meeting me here has done away with all immediate necessity for my return home, & it is clear that the Tredegar Deeds cannot be expected till the end of this Month
- Thursday 13                    Plagued by a baddish Cold. Dined most pleasantly at Mr Elwins where I met |Mr Ellis, Dr Parry, Col Fitzgerald, Col MaAddison & etc & etc. Heard of the alarming illness of my Friend Dr Wollaston
- Friday 14                    Variously engaged all the morning & at 4 in the afternoon started with Mr Baillie in his Carriage & slept at Newbury on our way to Town
- Saturday 15                    Left Newbury at a little before 8 & in 6 hours I reached Town. Dined with Mr Jervis [?] at Mr Baillies. No 1 Seymour Place, Curzon St & slept there
- Sunday 16                    Went with Mr Baillie to St John's Chapel & afterwards in a hack chaise ot spend the Evening & sleep at Mr Jansons at Tottenham. I had a bad Cold when I left Bath & have encreased it on the Journey
- Monday 17                    Went on various Business by the Stage to London & returned to Tottenham to dine & sleep at my Sister Judiths
- Tuesday 18                    After Breakfast Mr Jansons Carriage took me to Dr Sims's & I then went on Bermondsey & other affairs to Grays Inn Square & etc. Returned to dine & sleep at Dr Sims's with whom I afterwards attended a Sitting of the Linnean Sociaty & went back with him to sleep at Cavendish Square
- Wednesday 19                    After breakfast I went to Leslie's in Lisson Grove & agreed with him to go in June next & paint a Family picture at Penllergare. Called afterwards at Dr Wollastons & Mrs Gorings. To talk about Mynydd Stafford I had appointed to dine with Mr Moule at the Athenaeum & spent the Evening pleasantly with Prince Cimitilie [?], Dr Gilbert, Mr South & etc. Returned late to my former quarters at Mr Baillies in Seymour Place
- Thursday 20                    After breakfasting in Seymour Place I went again to breakfast with Dr Gilbert at the Royal Society & afterwards with Mr Baillie to see Crockfords & etc. Various Business then occupied me till 7 when I dined with a large party at Mr Baillies

- Friday 21                      Breakfasted at my Quarters, & afterwards attended as well as I could to various Business, & to see Mrs Goring who had arrived last Evening from Brighton & in whom I found a melancholy change both in Body & Mind. Dined at Mr Baillies with whom I had engaged to go to a Play but the severity of my Cold & cough prevented me
- Saturday 22                     Breakfasted at my Quarters & gave most of the Day to interviews with Mr Frampton, Mr Neylor about Bermondsey Bow Lane & other Trust affairs. Dined late at Dr Sims's where I found my Sister very ill & returned to sleep in Seymour Place
- Sunday 23                      Breakfasted with Mr Baillie & with him attended Service at John Street Chapel. I afterwards called on Dr Wollaston, Mrs Goring & my Sister & was sorry to find the latter too ill to see me. Mr Baillie & I had intended to return together by the way of Oxford to Bath but I found his detention in Town to be very uncertain & therefore decided in going without him. Started at ½ past 3. Reached Oxford at 11 & took up my quarters at the Angel
- Monday 24                      Breakfasted with John at Oriel & we dined together & spent the Evening at Dr Bucklands
- Tuesday 25                     John breakfasted early with me at the Angel & [at] ¼ past 8 I set out per Coach by way of Swindon [?] & reached Milsom Street to Dinner at 5. Mrs Llewelyn dined with us, & I afterwards went with her, Mary & Fanny to a Grand Concert
- Wednesday 26                      Employed in asnwering Letters & etc. Mrs Llewelyn & Lewis dined with us
- Thursday 27                      Mrs Llewelyn started about ½ past 10 for London
- Friday 28                      Employed most of the day in writing Letters & etc. In the Evening went to see the Beasts fed in a large Exhibition of 16 Caravans & as the two Mary's & Lewis during my absence had seen it with Mrs Llewelyn I went alone & was much gratified
- Saturday 29                      Lewis came to dine with us & went in the Evening with my two Mary's Fanny & me to the Play where we saw Miss F Ayton in Rosetta & etc
- Sunday 30                      As I have been requested both by Lord Bute & by Sir C Cole to draw up an asnwer to the Queries which have been sent by the Commissiners respecting tyhe Welsh Judicature I was obliged to devote this morning to the purpose & Mary & our two Girls went to



Church without me. In the Evening I attended the Queen Square Chapel with Fanny & afterwards sat an hour with Mr Baillie

<b>DECEMBER</b>
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- Monday 1 Engaged in writing various Letters on Business & went with Mary & etc to a charitable Bazaar at the Rooms
- Tuesday 2 Engaged chiefly in writing at home
- Wednesday 3 Started by the Mail soon after ½ past 7, & reached Swansea at ½ after 9, when as I found Persons waiting for me I immediately proceeded to Business
- Thursday 4 Rose early to meet F[?] Thomas & etc on Business till 11 when I drove to a Petty Sessions at Llangafelach where I met Sir J Morris his Brother & Mr Leyson. About 4 I reached Panllergare where I remained closely engaged at Business with Griffiths & at Accounts till 11
- Friday 5 Rose at 5, & remained closely occupied by Accounts & Business with Griffiths till ½ past 10 when I drove to the Pottery where I chiefly remained till near 5. I then went to arrange matters with Sir Jo Morris for the payment for Tredegar & dined & slept at Sketty Park
- Saturday 6 Left Sketty Park about daybreak & by appointment breakfasted at the Mackworth Arms with Chs Calland who has many old Papers respecting the Dukes Manors & which are likely to assist in supporting our Right to Mynydd Stafford. Found it impossible to get some truly [?] formal proceedings completed, & leaving about 500£ as a Surety for this completion I paid Sir Jo Morris 5425 on further Acct. of the Tredegar purchase. From 12 to 5 I was engaged in receiving Penllergare Rents & afterwards with Griffiths of Ynysygerwn & etc till late. I yesterday sent H Griffiths to value another of the Berththwyd's [?] & Tirwilcox which are for Sale, & have decided on not giving more than 550£ for them
- Sudnday 7 Started about ½ past 4 from Swansea by the Mail & reached Milson St before 6. Lewis & Iltid Thomas had been dining with the Ladies & I found them all well & happy together
- Monday 8 Engaged most of the Day about Letters from Lord Bute, Lord Cawdor & Col Wood respecting the Welsh Judicature

- Tuesday 9 Sent off my answers to the queries from the Commissioners appointed to revise our Laws under cover to Lord Bute. I dined at Iltid Thomas's & in my way back saw a Fire at the York House Stables
- Wednesday 10 Called on Mr Elwin, Mr Duncan & etc. Lewis dined with us & Mary Fanny & I in the Evening went to a grand Subscription Concert at the Rooms where they were much delighted by the singing of Madame Stackhausen, Nicholson on the Flute & etc
- Thursday 11 Engaged in the Evening in writing Letters on Business
- Friday 12 Called in the morning on Mr Pratt, Mrs Harriett Bowdler & etc & answered Letters on the Welsh Judicature to Col Wood & Lord Cawdor. Phillip Duncan breakfasted with us
- Saturday 13 Went with Mr Baillie in his Carriage to Bristol & spent 2 or 3 hours at the Institution. For nearly 30 Years I had in vain sought for the marks of fructification on any Fossil Fern & for the first time have seen one today. It belongs to Mr Fry the Chocolate maker & is in bituminous shale from Coalpit Heath near Bristol. see p 108
- Sunday 14 My dear Mary is far from well & did not go to Church. Went in the morning with my two Girls to St Michaels, & with Fanny in the Evebing to Christ Church.  
I gave to Mary some Verses I wrote about a Month ago in memory of my lost Darling & as some of the Ideas & Words are borrowed they are intended only for the Eyes of our immediate Family

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#### APPENDIX

Extract of a Letter to Dr Buckland  
dated Bath Dec: 18.1828

"Why they should be so rare is to me a matter of amazement but for near 30 years I have been searching for a fossil Fern in fructification & I never saw one till last Saturday. This Treasure belongs to Mr Fry the Chocolate maker of Bristol but it is kept at Redlands and unluckily I could only get a hasty sight of it while a Friend of mine was waiting in his Carriage to bring me back to Bath. It is ther species very common in Shale which most resembles a Polypodium & except towards the Summit & the ends [?] of the Pinna the Leafils are beautifully full of fructification - a good deal in the state [?] of P.felix mas. Mr Fry has another Specimen but it is much less distinct & if I had seen it alone I should have doubted whether the Leafils had been more than accidentally puckered. They were both

brough by a Workman from the same Pit on Coalpit Heath near Bristol, and in circumstances which lead me to think that they cannot be uncommon there & I have applied both to a Propriator [?] & to the Agent of the Mine for a Supply & to ascertain whether they are confined to one or more of the Seams & etc"

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