

The Dillwyn Collection

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Journal for 1839

1839

January 1. Tuesday

Sketty Hall

Weather, mild, cloudy –

Misc^s remained at home all day as I had a bad headache after the Ball –

January 2. Wednesday –

Burrows Lodge

Weather. cloudy & threatening all day – showers came on in the evening –

Misc. I walked into Swansea this morning & added up & found to be right my Ledger Balances – I then went back to Sketty. in the evening we dined at Singleton & came in here from there –

January 3. Thursday

Weather – showery – wind W.

Misc_– I had a heavy cold and did not go out much –

January 4. Friday

Weather. early this morning there were heavy hail storms, which continued at intervals all day

January 5. Saturday –

Burrows Lodge

Weather - heavy hail storms and a little snow came on at intervals all day

January 6. Sunday

Weather. Rain from the East the whole day –

January 7. Monday

Weather. All night there was a heavy gale from the west.

January 8. Tuesday

Weather. heavy hail storms from the N.W.

Misc. Went out hinting at Singleton in the morning & went to a Ball there in the evening –

January 9 Wednesday

Weather. fine – frosty –

January 10. Thursday

Weather. Mild. Wind SE. to S.W.

January 11. Friday

Weather. Mild thick misty rain all day.

Misc^s dined at Sketty –

January 12. Saturday

Burrows Lodge.

Weather. Fine. very mild –

Misc^s Walked over to Penllergare with Moggridge – we took our guns and in our way we bagged as follows (Moggridge) 1 Woodcock. (myself) 2 Snipes 1 Woodcock & a rabbit) –

January 13. Sunday –

Weather. Drizzling rain nearly all day. mild

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Thrushes sing between 7 & 8½ o'clock in the mornings

January. 14. Monday

Weather. much the same as yesterday

Misc^s went down to the Works in the morning & worked in the Garden in the afternoon –

January 15. Tuesday

Weather - Fine. Wind N.W. a slight frost last night

January 16. Wednesday

Weather heavy hail storms all day –

Lab^v boiled some ore of red Hamatite of iron in Nitric Acid, tested it with prussiate of 'K' & a Greenish black precipitate was formed – a solution of it in :S gave the proper blue precipitate of prussian blue –

January 17. Thursday –

Burrows Lodge

Weather. sharp frost last night fine all day

January 18. Friday –

Weather. sharp frost last night

Therm^r this morning between 7 & 8 o'clock 28 degrees –

Misc^c. Went down to the Llougher marshes with Moggridge. we beat over them & then up to Penyfody & afterwards crossed up to Fairwood moor & home by Cline common – We did not see a single duck of any sort all day & very few snipes – Moggridge shot one Jack Snipe & a Water rail & I shot one full Snipe –

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Saw an ermine stoat with his winter coat on –

January 19. Saturday

Weather - heavy rain in the morning which cleared off about 11½ o'clock & the wind got up to N.

January 20. Sunday

Weather. rain nearly all day – wind S.W. mild –

January 21. Monday –
Burrows Lodge

Weather - heavy rain at intervals all day. Wind S.W. mild –

Misc^s took a walk in the afternoon with Moggridge to Cline common with our Guns – M bagged 1 Snipe & I bagged 3 – we saw several Golden plover –

January 22. Tuesday –

Weather - fine – a slight frost last night. cold all day. Wind N.E.

January 23. Wednesday –

Weather. fine. sharp frost last night

Misc^s went over to Penllergare with Moggridge & we walked back by the Llangefelach way to look for Snipes. we found very few – Moggridge bagged 2 & I bagged one –

January 25. Friday

Weather - showery. wind N.W.

Misc^s walked over to Sketty to get some plants from my garden there

January 26. Saturday. Burrows Lodge.

Weather. Wind N.E. dry and cold looked very like snow

January 27. Sunday

Weather. Frost last night – Therm^r has not been above 35 all day in my window – Wind N.E.

January 28. Monday

Weather - frost last night. cold

Misc - I was laid up with a face ache – fomenting the face with hot water relieved me –

January 29. Tuesday

Weather - cold rain in the afternoon Wind N.W.

January 30. Wednesday –

Weather - The ground was covered with snow this morning and at 7½ o'clock the Therm^r stood at 29 – violent storms of wind & Snow from N.N.W. continued all day

January 31. Thursday

Weather - Cold – a little snow fell Wind N.E.

February 1. Friday

Weather - sharp frost last night Therm^r this morning at 7½ o'clock 26- degrees – Sunny & fine in the day –

February 2. Saturday –

Weather - the frost still continues – although it was not so sharp last night as the night before about 10 o'clock this morning a thaw commenced & this evening it is quite mild

February 3. Sunday

Weather. Fine. mild –

February 4. Monday –

Weather. Rain the greater of the day

February 5. Tuesday –

Weather fine in the morning heavy rain from S.E. in the afternoon & evening

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Misc^s - I am still unable to go out much on account of my face ache which has now continued since Sunday week. this evening I put 2 Leaches on the jaw which only seem to have made it worse –

February 6. Wednesday –

Weather, cloudy but little or no rain very mild –

Misc^s I drove Bessie over to Penllergare in my gig –

February 7. Thursday

Weather - Rainy in the morning –

Misc^s I did not go out being laid up still with the face ache – fomentation with hot water I find to be the best thing for it –

February 8. Friday –

Weather - Gloomy, with showers – Wind S.W. high –

February 9. Saturday

Weather – Therm^r at 7½ o'clock this morning stood at 47 – continued mild all day rain in the afternoon –

February 10. Sunday

Weather - Therm^r at 7½ OC 39 – Fine – fog very thick –

February 11. Monday

Weather - showery. Wind S.W.

Misc^s I have been confined to the house by my faceache which has been very violent & which I find to be a sort of Tic doloureux – Dr Howell has prescribed Carbonate of iron for it – he also recommended me to try hot Laurel leaves on my face to allay the acute pain – As I could not get any laurel leaves at once I tried fomenting my face with bay leaves which appeared to have the desired effect – A Pianoforte which I hired of Mr Barree for a month came down today

February 12. Tuesday

Weather - Driving rain all day Wind SW.

February 13 – Wednesday

Weather. Fine –

February 14. Thursday

Weather. Fine –

February 15 – Friday

Weather. Fine – slight showers –

February 16. Saturday –

Weather. Fine – cold showers. wind S.W. & W.

February 17. Sunday

Weather - cold. Snow fell and frozen rain – Wind N.W.

Misc - Although my face is now near free from pain I have not yet been out –

February 18. Monday

Weather - Cold. Snow fell last night. the day has been sunny & bright

February 19. Tuesday –

Weather - Wind E. high & cold, it thawed gradually during the greater part of the day.

February 20. Wednesday

Weather. Cold. wind N.

February 21. Thursday

Penllergare

Weather. Fine. a cold thaw –

Misc^c Bessie & I came over here (to Penllergare) to day where we intend to remain a week or so –

February 22. Friday

Weather. heavy rain all day

February 23. Saturday

Weather. Fine. mild.

Misc- I walked into Swansea

February 24. Sunday

Penllergare

Weather. fine

February 25. Monday

Weather. fine –

Misc^s - not able to go out as my face ache has returned –

February 26. Tuesday

Weather - fine -

February 27. Wednesday -

Weather - fine -

February 28. Thursday

Weather. Fine

March 1. Friday

Weather - fine -

March 2. Saturday

Burrows Lodge

Weather. fine.

Misc^s. We returned here today in the evening as my face was very bad Dr Howell recommended me to put on 18 Leaches about my ear & the side of my face which I did

March 3. Sunday

Burrows Lodge

Weather. Fine

March 4. Monday

Weather. Fine. -

March 5. Tuesday

Weather - fine - frost last night

March 6 - Wednesday

Weather. Fine. snow fell this morning - cold -

March 7 - Thursday

Weather. Cold. wind N.E.

March 8. Friday

Weather the frost still continues

March 9 Saturday

Weather - very cold - wind N.E.

March 10 Sunday

Weather. Wind high N.E. still very cold - - - about Midday the wind got down to S. & in the evening there was some rain -

March 11. Monday

Weather - no rain.cold.

March 12. Tuesday

Sketty Hall

Weather - very fine in the morning – it clouded over in the afternoon & in the evening a little rain fell

Misc^s We came over here to day – as yet I do not venture out more than I can help, as though my face is free from pain I am afraid of a return of the attack. I continue to take a drachm of Carbonate of iron every 3 hours & when I feel any tendency to pain I take a pill of extract of Stramonium which always relieves me.

March 13. Wednesday

Weather. rainy. Wind S.E.

March 14. Thursday

Weather. Fine. mild.

March 15. Friday

Sketty Hall

Weather. rain in the morning – fine in the afternoon

March 16 Saturday –

Weather. showery –

March 17. Sunday

Weather. fine. wind NE. cold –

March 18. Monday

Weather - fine – wind N.E.

Misc^s - I took a walk in the garden to day which is the first time I have been out for some time

March 19. Tuesday

Weather. fine. wind N.

March 20 Wednesday

Weather. Wind W. heavy rain all the afternoon –

March 21. Thursday

Weather Fine till about 4 oclock when it began to rain –

Misc^s DelaBeche & a party went down to Llanmadock to see a cave near there – they found in it Hyena & Rhinoceros bones & also the jaw of a man

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Wood Anemones in blow

March 22. Friday

Sketty Hall

Weather. Fine. wind high. N.W.

Misc^s. I walked out for some time to day & feel none the worse for it –

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Dogs tooth Violets & Peaches & Nectrines [sic] are now in blow –

March 23. Saturday

Weather. Mild. high wind. cloudy all morning rain in the afternoon –

March 24 – Sunday

Weather. fine – Wind W. high

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Primroses in flower

March 25. Fine – cloudy –

March 26. Tuesday -

Weather. 8½ A.M. bright fine morning – wind S.E.

Misc^s I walked into Swansea with Mary to day – observed the Sea Gulls coming in land which looks like rain

March 27. Wednesday –

Weather. rain all morning fine in the afternoon

March 28. Thursday

Weather. Showery. wind W.

Misc^s I went into Swansea & down to the Works. I walked home by the Rhyddings –

March 29. Good Friday

Weather. rain from SE nearly all day –

March 30. Saturday

Weather. Wind E. cold. snow in the morning, rain & high wind all day –

March 31. Sunday

Weather. rain all day –

April 1. Monday

Weather rain all day –

Misc^s Papa went into Swansea to a harbour meeting to move a resolution to be seconded by Sir J Morris who however after the meeting had begun deserted him with his party so that the motion (which would have given the Town the only chance of avoiding Bensons claim for property on the other side of the river) was lost.

April 2. Tuesday. Sketty Hall

Weather. Wind East no rain

Misc^s. I went into Swansea observed the curlews over the fields below the Rhyddings

April 3 Wednesday

Burrows Lodge

Weather. Wind N.E. very cold

Misc^s. We returned home today

April 4. Thursday

Weather. Wind E. very cold –

April 5. Friday

Weather. Fine very cold. Wind E.

April 6. Saturday

Weather. Fine – cold – Wind E.

April 7. Sunday

Weather - cold. Wind high. E.

Misc - I had a slight return of my face ache & did not go out much –

April 8. Monday

Weather - cold. Wind East

Misc - went down to the Works & engaged Martin Bevan as manager
(when the other works close) for £200 per annum.

Burrows Lodge

April 9. Tuesday

Weather. Wind E. cold

April 10 Wednesday

Weather. Fine. Wind high from E.

Misc. I walked over to Sketty as I wanted to see papa about some
Spanish orders & c for Ware

April 11 Thursday

Weather. very fine & sunny wind N.E. not high –

Misc^s I am now bust building a new laboratory in the Kitchen garden
here –

April 12. Friday

Weather. Fine

April 13. Saturday

Weather. Fine & bright Wind N.W. very little of it. mild

Misc^s walked with Moggridge over to Sketty – saw a blackbirds nest with
eggs in it

April 14. Sunday

Weather - Fine. cloudy Wind W

Misc^s Walked over to Sketty after church with Mary & back again with
Bessie who went over in the carriage

April 15 Monday
Burrows Lodge
Weather - Fine

April 16. Tuesday
Weather. Wind SW in the evening – rain late –

April 17. Wednesday
Weather - a good deal of rain fell last night & also for two or three hours in the middle of the day
Misc^s I went over to Penllergare & fished with Moggridge who I met there down the stream to Pont Llewitha – the fish did not rise freely & I only took 7 – Moggridge took about the same number

April 18. Thursday
Weather. heavy rain nearly all day

April 19. Friday
Weather - very fine – mild Wind W –

April 20. Saturday
Burrows Lodge
Weather fine. wind N.W..
Misc^s I drove up to Velindre this morning & fished down nearly to Llew bridge – the river had been disturbed & I only took 8 fish –

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April 20 saw some Martins to day which are the first I have seen this year – I have not yet seen any swallows –

April 21. Sunday
Weather - fine. cloudy – late in the evening it began to rain –
Misc^s went to church in the morning and afterwards walked to Sketty with Mary & then home with Bessie who had gone over there in the carriage –

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21 – Saw some Stitchwort in blow.

April 22. Monday
Weather. fine – very mild. Wind S.W.

April 23. Tuesday
Bristol –
Weather fine. rain last night. Wind SW.
Misc^s came up from here by mail & arrived between 5 & six oclock – I have got a very heavy cold –

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23. Swallows plenty
Wood Sorrell in blow
Blackthorn in flower

April 24. Wednesday

Bath –

Weather. fine –

Misc^s slept at Bristol & in the morning went to Mr Raddows 10 Cumberland Terrace where I saw his splendid Beetles which he has procured from the turpentine – he also shewed me a very fine pair of the Goliath Beetle male & female – this is a native of the tropical parts of Africa & is very rare – from Mr Raddows I went to the observatory Clifton to Mr Wests & then came over here by coach – I have now just been to see Mr Kilvert & am going to start for London at a ¼ past 7 by the Bath Mail –

April 25 Thursday

London

Weather - fine

Misc^s I came up here last night by Mail as I had intended and as soon as I could I went to Cartwright who extracted my tooth very well without breaking any of the socket which he did by splitting the crown of the tooth in two & then pulling out the fangs separately – afterwards as my jaw was very much inflamed I went to Dr R Bright who recommended me not to leave town till Saturday –

April 26. Friday

London

Weather. fine –

Misc^s I have been much better to day but did not feel well enough to do much – I went down to the House of Commons to see Mr Vivian who is on the Wigan election Committee & then on to the Geological Society rooms –

April 27 – Saturday

Bristol –

Weather - fine –

Misc^c. left London this morning a little after 9 o'clock by the Old C^{os}. Coach we came as far as Maidenhead by Railroad – we arrived here at 9½ o'clock – Mrs Jenner came down with me –

April 28. Sunday

Burrows Lodge

Weather - fine – very warm

Misc. Came down from Bristol by Mail

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April 28. Saw a wryneck-
“ Redstarts –

April 29. Monday

Weather fine. very warm

Misc^s – as my face is still a good deal inflamed I put some leaches on to day

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April 30. Tuesday

Weather. very fine –

May 1. Wednesday

Weather - sea fog very thick in the morning – it soon however cleared off & the day was very hot

Misc. walked over here with Bessie in the afternoon & we intend to return home tomorrow –

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May 1. Criendela Campestris out – heard a Cuckoo

May 2. Thursday

Sketty Hall –

Weather - fine –

Misc^s. we now intend to remain here till Monday. DelaBeche will start tomorrow morning for Lyme Regis in consequence of the death of Mr Aveline – which was very sudden & which he heard this morning –

May 3. Friday

Weather fine –

Misc^s Papa drove me over to Penllergare this morning & we returned by Swansea

May 4 Saturday –

Weather - fine rain all day very mild –

May 5. Sunday

Weather. fine – he rain continued all last night –

May 6. Monday

Burrows Lodge

Weather – fine

Misc^s Bessie & I walked in here to day – Mama & Mary set off for London about mid day & Papa will follow them by Mail tomorrow – he was detained here by a Turnpike & Harbour meeting & dined with us afterwards –

May 7. Tuesday

Weather. fine

May 8. Wednesday

Weather – fine all day in the evening there was heavy rain & thunder –

Misc^s Mr Wayne came here to breakfast this morning & afterwards I walked over to Penllergare with him where he remained & I returned here –

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May 8 – Osmunda Regalis leaves up
Wasps out –

May 8. Thursday

Weather fine all day heavy rain in the evening. Wind NE.

Misc^s - it being Fannys birthday Bessie & I went over to Penllergare where she is staying to see her - & Gutch came with us – we stayed dinner there & did not get back till near 11. o'clock.

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-9. Bog Bean in blow

May 10. Friday.

Weather. last night & this morning there was a violent storm of wind from N.E. in the afternoon it went down & there were showers of rain.

Misc^s this morning I walked over to the Rhyddings to see DelaBeche who came home last night – about 2 o'clock Mr Wayne returned from Penllergare & dined with us, DelaBeche also joined us at dinner –

May 11. Saturday

Weather – fine –

May 12. Sunday

Weather – fine

Misc^s went to church in the morning and afterwards walked up to the Rhyddings where DelaBeche gave me some very good minerals &c – he then walked back with me & dined here

May 13. Monday

Burrows Lodge

Weather - Dew point (Daniells Hygrometer) at 8½ OC A.M. 15½° - at ¼7 PM. Dewpoint 11° - has been fine all day except a shower which came on a little before 6 o'clock P.M. which lasted about 20 minutes

Misc^s went down to the works in the morning where I packed up some of the Bottles &c in my laboratory there to be ready to bring them up to my new one here as soon as it is ready –

May 14. Tuesday

Weather - Dew point 8½oc A.M. 23° - 8 o.c. PM. 19 – has been fine but very cold all day – some snow fell about Midday & I hear that the Brecon &c hills are quite white –

May 15 Wednesday

Burrows Lodge

Weather a good deal of Snow fell this morning early, & there were also one or two storms of it in the course of the day – the Devonshire are

quite white – dew point at 1½ o.c.P.M. 17½ - at 10½ o.c.P.M.
Therm^r 36½.

Misc^s - walked over to Sketty in the afternoon –

May 16. Thursday

Weather. dew point 8o.c.A.M. 12° - 5¼P.M. 14° - cold all day some snow fell

Misc^s. attended at the church at 12 o'clock to sign a declaration as church
warden Mr Rolls is the other one

May 17. Friday

Weather - ¼8 oclock A.M. dew point 8° - - 6o.c.P.M. 10°

Misc^s was busy in the town most part of the day

May 18. Saturday

Burrows Lodge

Weather. 8o.c.A.M. dew point 11° ¼8o.c.P.M. 7½° - it began to rain heavily
about 2oc P.M. and continued with little intermission all evening.
temperature is all ready much milder –

Misc^s - This afternoon John sent me over a fine Otter which was caught
this morning at Ynisgerwn –

May 19. Sunday –

Weather - fine in the morning mild & growing – dew point at 8½ o.c. A.M.
4½° - 4.o.c.P.M. 5½° - rained a little in the afternoon –

May 20. Monday

Weather. dew point ¼8 o.c.A.M. 3½° - 7½ o.c.P.M. 6° - mild. rained a little in
the morning fine all evening –

Misc - began to clear a place in the Garden for the Otter
In the evening I took a walk along the sands with Bessie –

May 21. Tuesday

Weather. Dew point 8o.c.A.M. 4½° very hot all day

May 22. Wednesday

Weather. Dew point 8½ A.M. 11° - Wind N.W. fresh –

Misc^s rode over to Penllergare & then on to Sketty – the oaks ash &c are
very much cut up by the late cold weather

May 23. Thursday

Weather - dew point 8 o.c.A.M. 12° - 3P.M. 10°. Fine – Wind NW.

Misc^s walked up to Morryston this morning & saw the new calciners at
Benson Logan & C^{os}

May 24. Friday

Weather. dew point at 8½ oc.A.M. 15° fine –

May 25. Saturday

Weather - dewpoint 8½ o.c.A.M. 15° fine. Wind Notherly –

Misc^s. Packed & moved up some of my chemical apparatus from the Works

May 26. Sunday

Burrows Lodge

Weather - very fine dew point $1\frac{1}{4}9$ o.c. 9°

Misc^s Went to church in the morning with Bessie – Mr R Phillips arrived here per Mail in the evening –

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May 26. Saw a Small red Dragon Fly out –

May 27. Monday

Weather $4\frac{1}{2}$ A.M. Therm^r 45° - $8\frac{1}{4}$ A.M. dew point 10° - fine morning. in the night the copper Smoke was over the town –

[opposite page]

27. Horse chesnut in blow

May 28. Tuesday

Weather – very fine. $9\frac{1}{4}$ o.c. A.M. dew point 13° -

Misc^s. busy at the Works all morning. in the evening I gardened with Bessie –

May 29. Wednesday

Weather - $6\frac{1}{4}$ o.c. A.M. dew point $11\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ very fine –

May 30. Thursday

Weather. dew point $8\frac{1}{2}$ o.c. A.M. 12° Therm^r at 8.A.M. in my window the sun not touching it 70°
in the evening at 7 o.c. ther^r in the shade 72°

May 31. Friday

Weather. $7\frac{1}{2}$ o.c. A.M. dewpoint 9° - Therm^r 61° -

June 1. Saturday

Weather - windy – the sky frequently clouded over . no rain –

Misc^s- Mr Phillips left us this morning by Mail – the annual meeting of the Institution took place to day which I was unable to attend as I had a bad head ache-

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1/- there are great numbers of puss moths this year

June 2. Sunday –

Weather - $8\frac{1}{2}$ A.M. dew point 21° - still cloudy. no rain in the night. about Midday it began to rain hard & continued to rain more or less till bed time –

June 3. Monday

Weather - rained all night & still continues to rain – dew point at 8¼A.M. 12º

Misc^s –Attended at the Town Hall & was elected proprietary trustee

June 4. Tuesday

Burrows Lodge

Weather – dew point at 8¼ o.c.A.M. 5º showery all day – very hot –

Misc^s Went down to Cadley with Moggridge and fished down to Traveley-
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June 4. Willow wrens nest & eggs
Iris's (Yellow) in blow

June 5. Wednesday –

Weather. dew point ¼9 A.M. 7½º Fine all day – very hot – there was a
thunder Storm in the direction of Britton ferry

Misc^s Went over to Sketty with Dorrien in the afternoon –

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5. Sand roses in blow plentifully in one or two patches –

June 6. Thursday

Weather. dew point 8o.c.A.M. 9º - showery – cloudy all day –

June 7. Friday

Weather. dew point 8½o.c.A.M. 5º - heavy rain in the night continues driving
with a high wind from S this morning –

June 8. Saturday

Weather. fine with showers

Misc^s - Went out fishing with John at Penllergare

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- 8 Ragged Robins in blow

June 9. Sunday

Burrows Lodge

Weather. dew point at ¼9A.M. 5º very fine and fresh all day Wind S.W.

June 10. Monday

Weather. 8¼A.M. dew point 7º a good deal of rain fell in the night – towards
evening it also rained a good deal

June 11. Tuesday

Weather. 8A.M. dew point 7º - rain in the night

June 12. Wednesday

Weather. thick few clouds in the morning which lifted about 9½A.M. & the
rest of the day was very hot

Misc^s. I drove up to Velindre this morning & fished down the river – I
took 58 fish –

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12 – Great numbers of rose beetles are about this year

June 13. Thursday

Weather. fine – threatening –

June 14 Friday

Weather - ¼9A.M. dewpoint 20° fine all day –

June 15, Saturday

Burrows Lodge

Weather. fine. very hot and Sultry

Misc^s. Moggridge breakfasted with us this morning & then went up to Velindre with me – whence we fished down to below the Buck – I took 45 fish some of them of a very good size – Moggridge was not used to Rose beetle fishing and did *[not]* get on so well –

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June 15 – Osmunda Regalis in seed, or fruit – I have as yet seen no cock chaffers this year –

June 16. Sunday

Weather. Very hot and sultry

June 17. Monday

Weather. 7½A.M. dew point 8° very hot all day, towards night there were one or two thunder storms (distant)

Misc^s - this afternoon I walked with Gutch to Crumlin bog.

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June 17 - reed sparrows nest with youngsters –

Cotton Grass fully out

Blue dragon flies out (small)

Erica tetralix out

Foxgloves in blow

June 18. Tuesday

Weather - fine –

June 19. Wednesday

Weather fine – rain last night

Misc^s I rode to Sketty, & then on to Penllergare

June 20. Thursday

Burrows Lodge

Weather - fine all day very hot - about 5 o'clock PM it began to rain heavily and did not cease till about 10 when it cleared up – there was a heavy thunder storm about 9oc.

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June 20. Dog roses in blow plentifully

June 21. Friday

Weather - fine. cloudy
Misc^s - I walked over to Sketty this morning where I staid about an hour & returned by the sand banks

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21. Convolvulus soldanella in blow
Sedum – bright yellow in blow plentifully on the sand banks –

June 22. Saturday

Weather - very stormy last night – fine in the day after 8 however this evening it began to rain very hard –

June 23. Sunday –

Burrows Lodge

Weather - rainy – wind W

June 24 Monday –

Weather - dark – showery

Misc^s My dearest Bessie was taken ill this morning & continued so all day – Mama & Mary have come in from Sketty to stay here

June 25. Tuesday

Weather - very fine –

Misc^s at one oclock this morning Bessie was safely delivered of a little girl – she and the child are so well that in the afternoon I walked over to Sketty with John & Mary who went over in the carriage returned with us –

June 26. Wednesday

Weather rain the greater part of the day –

Misc^s Bessie is going on as well as possible – I did not go out to day except to the works on account of the weather –

June 27. Thursday

Burrows Lodge

Weather - Fine – rain towards night

June 28. Friday

Weather - Fine –

June 29. Saturday

Weather Showery part of the day

Misc - took a walk with Mary in the evening up to the top of the town Hill

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June 29 - Small blue scabious in flower –

June 30. Sunday

Weather - fine –

Misc^s Went to church in the morning & in the afternoon went over with DelaBeche where we dined –

July 1. Monday

Weather - very fine –

Misc^s I attended the Road & harbour meetings which kept me the greater part of the day

July 2. Tuesday

Weather very fine – wind N –

July 3. Wednesday

Burrows Lodge.

Weather - very fine – wind N –

July 4. Thursday

Weather. very fine

Misc^s I rode up the valley to Pontardawe with a committee of the road trust to see about some improvements on the road – in the evening I walked over with Moggridge to Sketty where we dined & met Mr Bicheno there –¹

July 5. Friday –

Weather - very fine –

July 6. Saturday

Weather - fine – cloudy wind W –

July 7. Sunday

Weather - Wind S.W. cloudy no rain to speak of

July 8. Monday

Weather - showery in the morning fine in the afternoon & evening

Misc^s attended a Harbour Com^e in the morning & walked with Mary to Sketty in the evening

[opposite page]

July 8, saw great numbers of the little sand hopping shrimps – in the evening

there were numbers of the small crabs catching them –

¹ James Ebenezar Bicheno, 1785-1851. Author. Only surviving son of James Bicheno, well-to-do dissenting minister and schoolmaster of Newbury, Berks. Called to the Bar of the Middle Temple 1822. Engaged in mining speculations in Tynmaen, near Pyle, Glamorganshire. 1842 appointed Colonial Secretary of Van Diemen's Land. Founder and Vice President of the Royal Society of Van Diemen's Land. Died Hobart 25 February 1851. There is a town named after him in what is now Tasmania.

July 9. Tuesday

Burrows Lodge

Weather. Stormy with heavy showers till the afternoon when it cleared off & was a fine evening –

July 10 Wednesday

Weather - heavy rain in the morning and evening it cleared off in the middle of the day –

Misc^s Mary & I rode over to Penllergare about 12 o'clock & returned here by 5 –

July 11 Thursday

Weather - stormy all day

July 12. Friday

Weather - cloudy and rainy in the morning – fine in the evening

July 13. Saturday

Weather - fine – calm

Misc^s Moggridge and Fanny started per steam for Bristol on their way to London – I afterwards went out fishing to Llew & took 52 fish –

[opposite page]

13. Lancashire Ashpodels in flower (generally)

July 14 Sunday

Burrows Lodge

Weather - heavy rain in the morning –

July 15 Monday

Weather - Fine – not looking settled –

July 16. Tuesday

Weather fine all day

Misc^s after dinner I walked with Mary to Sketty –

July 17. Wednesday

Weather - heavy rain all morning, fine in the afternoon

July 18 – Thursday

Weather a storm of wind with a great deal of rain – in the evening the rain held off

July 19. Friday

Weather - it rained in torrents all last night accompanied by a perfect hurricane of Wind - on some of the upstairs Window sills here the sand is lying quite deep. Wind. S.W.

Misc^s. Went with Papa in the carriage to Llangefelach to attend the Petty sessions there – he went to Penllergare with John after they were

over & I walked back here through torrents of rain – all the morning I was watching a French vessel (a lugger) in great distress opposite here – when I was at Llangefelach about 1 o'clock she went down about ½ a mile from the eastern Pier and all hands perished --about 11 o'clock a pilot boat manned with 8 pilots & hoblors ventured out to her assistance, & went up to her several times, but her crew refused to leave her.

July 20. Saturday

Weather. the wind us still high from S.W. but is abating, there has not been much rain today –

Misc^s - the French vessel that went down yesterday is completely knocked to pieces so that not a vestige of her remains –

July 21. Sunday

Burrows Lodge

Weather - 9o.c.A.M. the wind has gone down & the weather looks altogether finer this morning – 9o.c.P.M. it has been on the whole a fine day with the exception of a few showers –

July 22. Monday

Weather - 7½ O'clock A.M. the glass is rising gradually & the weather looks finer though still showery – 9 P.M. it has been fine to day till about 7½ o.c. this evening when a drizzling rain set in –

July 23. Tuesday

Weather - not much rain – cloudy Wind S.W.

July 24. Wednesday

Weather - Fine in the middle of the day but cloudy & showers morning evening.

Misc^s I went over to Penllergare this morning & Beach and John accompanied me to Llew fishing the river was very much swollen & we took very few fish –

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24 – Lancashire Asphodel nearly gone of flower -
Achillea Grandiflora in blow –

July 25. Thursday

Burrows Lodge

Weather – Fine –

Misc^s - at about 12 o.c.-M. *[sic]* I went over with Bessie in the close carriage to Sketty where we staid about an hour –

July 26. Friday

Weather - showery but tolerably fine on the whole from about 8 to 10 A.M. there was heavy rain

Misc^s this evening I attended a meeting of the committee of management of the institution

July 27. Saturday –

Weather - tolerably fine –

Misc^s Moggridge & Fanny returned by the Steamer this evening

July 28 – Sunday

Weather - showery – fine some parts of the day –

July 29. Monday

Weather - threatening in the morning – heavy rain from S.E. in the evening

Wind high

July 30. Tuesday

Burrows Lodge

Weather - rain the greater part of the day –

July 31. Wednesday

Weather - heavy rain all morning from S.W. in the afternoon the wind got up to N.W. & the rain cleared off –

August 1. Thursday –

Weather – fine all day. late in the evening it began to rain –

August 2. Friday

Weather - fine all day –

Misc^s - I went down to Llew bridge this morning & fished up to Velindre –
I rose a fine Sewen but could not hook him – I took 21 trout

August 3. Saturday

Weather very fine –

August 4. Sunday –

Weather - very fine –

August 5. Monday

Weather - fine –

Misc^s attended a Road & Harbour meeting –

August 6. Tuesday.

Burrows Lodge

Weather - Overcast. it began to rain about 6½ P.M.

Misc^s. I attended the infirmary committee [*sic*] meeting in the morning &
in the evening our baby was christened.

August 7. Wednesday

Weather. rain in the morning. fine the rest of the day –

August 8 Thursday

Weather. Fine –

August 9. Friday

Weather. Fine in the morning heavy rain in the evening –

August 10. Saturday

Weather - Fine –

Misc^s Went with Beach up to Ystradgunlais & fished up the Twrch – we did not take many as they did not rise well – Beach took nine one of which weighed $\frac{3}{4}$ of a pound, & I took 8 –

August 11. Sunday

Burrows Lodge

Weather. Fine

August 12. Monday

Weather - Fine –

August 13. Tuesday

Weather. Fine in the morning heavy rain in the evening

Misc^s - Went over to Penllergare in the morning & thence with the party up to the Grouse Hills we bagged 13 altogether of which I killed one

August 14. Wednesday

Weather - rainy –

August 15. Thursday

Weather – rainy – Wind S.E.

August 16. Friday

Weather. cloudy and rain about the middle of the day

August 17. Saturday

Weather - rather showery but fine on the whole –

August 18. Sunday

Weather - fine –

August 19. Monday

Burrows Lodge

Weather - Fine.

Misc^s - went up with DelaBeche to Grenfells copper yard and found a Specimen of Chili ore with a grain of native Gold in it – in looking over some specimens of the same ore yesterday we found the same thing –

August 20. Tuesday

Weather – fine –

Misc^s. attended a harbour meeting

August 21 Wednesday

Penllergare

Weather. Fine

Misc^s. We came here today to Stay for a week or two

August 22. Thursday

Weather fine

Misc^s I went out fishing & took a Sewen of 13 oz. weight –

August 23. Friday

Weather fine in the morning rain in the afternoon –

August 24, Saturday

Penllergare

Weather, heavy rain all day

Misc^s Moggridge & myself went fishing to Llew – but took nothing –

August 25 Sunday

Weather fine

August 26. Monday

Burrows Lodge

Weather showery

Misc^s. I came here this afternoon as I want to attend an infirmary meeting tomorrow morning

August 27 Tuesday

Penllergare

Weather showery

August 28. Wednesday

Weather very fine all day rain in the evening

Misc^s Went up to the Grouse hills with John & Moggridge – they only killed a grouse a piece & I only killed a snipe –

August 29. Thursday

Penllergare

Weather. heavy rain nearly all day

August 30. Friday

Burrows Lodge

Weather . rain in the morning fine in the afternoon.

Misc^s. Came in here this morning & went over to Neath with D Edwards to see Whittington about the valuation of the New Pottery – in the evening I attended a meeting of the committee of the Institution to Give [*sic*] Gutch a testimonial

[*opposite page*]

A Halo round the moon at 11½ P.M.

August 31. Saturday

Penllergare

Weather heavy rain all morning & wind high S.W. it cleared off a little in the afternoon –

September 1. Sunday

Weather, showery – wind very high. W.

September 2. Monday

Burrows Lodge

Weather. tremendous rain in the morning till about 11 o.c. A.M. heavy showers the rest of the day

Misc^s. We returned home this morning & I attended a Harbour meeting.

September 3. Tuesday

Weather - rainy & stormy all day

September 4. Wednesday

Weather. very fine all day – heavy rain set in in the evening-

September 5. Thursday

Weather - heavy rain nearly all day –

September 6. Friday

Weather. showery in the morning fine the rest of the day

Misc^s - Attended the Petty sessions at Llanelgelach & went round by Penllergare afterwards – there is not much corn down yet & hardly any carried

September 7. Saturday

Burrows Lodge

Weather. heavy rain till about 12 oclock when it cleared off & was tolerably fine in the afternoon – it began to rain again very heavily about 9 P.M. accompanied by a Gale of Wind from S.W.

Misc^s. Moggridge & I went down to the Llanelly marshes to try & get some partridges – we bagged 5 a piece & Moggridge also killed a Land rail & I shot a rabbit which the dogs afterwards caught

September 8. Sunday

Weather. Stormy – Wind high

September 9 – Monday

Weather - Threatening all day, little rain however fell till night

Misc^s - This morning I went with Moggridge to attend Mr Tennants funeral – I afterwards went down to the Works and in the evening tool a Walk with Bessie on the sands –

September 10. Tuesday

Burrows Lodge
Weather Fine. Wind N.W.

September 11. Wednesday

Weather, heavy rain the greater part of the day

Misc^s - Went with Moggridge to Penllergare & in the afternoon we took our Guns out & bagged 3 brace of Partridges a Land rail & a Hare, of which M. killed a brace of Part^s. & the Land rail – I killed the rest I also caught a Partridge alive & brought him home to try & tame him –

September 12. Thursday

Weather. Showery

September 13. Friday

Weather, heavy showers – Overcast in the evening. Wind S.E.

September 14. Saturday

Weather – showery. Wind S.E.

Misc^s Went out shooting with Moggridge. we bagged only 5 partridges of which I killed 3.

Burrows Lodge

September 15. Sunday

Weather – Heavy showers – wind S.E.

September 16. Monday

Weather - Heavy storms of rain

Misc^s Worked all morning in the Laboratory with Logan

September 17. Tuesday

Weather. Frequent & heavy Storms all day

September 18. Wednesday

Weather. showery – much more so in Swansea than about Penllergare

Misc^s. Went out shooting about Kefn Cadley Bank & down to Penyfody – bagged 5½ brace of Partridges –

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18. An immense quantity of corn is still uncut and some of the Barley that is cut has begun to grow

September 19. Thursday

Weather. showery

Misc^s. DelaBeche dined with us and in the evening went with me to a public meeting (of which I was the chairman) for the purpose of instituting a Mechanics Institution for Swansea –

September 20. Friday

Burrows Lodge

Weather showery – the glass is rising and has been so for the few last days, although by very slow degrees –

September 21. Saturday

Weather. very fine in the morning and looked more like settled weather than it has for the last ten weeks – in the afternoon however the sky was quite overcast and there were one or two heavy storms – towards night the sky again cleared –

Misc^s attended a meeting of the committee of the Harbour Trust to give them the valuation of the part of the property between the two potteries through which they must cut if they make a bridge across the river –

September 22 – Sunday

Weather. fine all day with the exception of a heavy storm about midday which lasted 2 hours –

September 23. Monday

Burrows Lodge

Weather - Fine all day. it has been I believe the first day since the first week in July that there has not been rain during some part of the day –

Misc^s. Went out shooting to the Bolgoyd [*sic*] & from there to Barthyr griddan – I did not get a shot at a partridge all day – the only thing I fired at was a Sparrow Hawk which I killed –

September 24. Tuesday

Weather. driving small rain for the greater part of the day

September 25 Wednesday

Weather rather showery but fine on the whole

Misc^s. I attended a Harbour committee meeting this morning & afterwards took a walk with Bessie on the sands – I bought a poney today for £12.12 –

September 26. Thursday

Burrows Lodge

Weather. showery –

Misc. Went over to Penyfody & c with C Smith to look for partridges he bagged one & I bagged 7 and a snipe.

[*opposite page*]

26. Saw a Jack Snipe –

September 27. Friday

Weather – showery

Misc^s. attended a Harbour committee meeting at 12 O.C. & afterwards went up to Llangefelach to a petty Session –

September 28. Saturday

Weather – there were a few showers today but on the whole it has been tolerably fine –

September 29. Sunday

Weather – Fine in the morning but about 8 P.M. it began to rain

September 30 Monday

Weather rain in the morning fine the rest of the day

Misc^s. The completion of the Purchase of the New Pottery which was to have taken place to day I have agreed to put off till Thursday next

October 1. Tuesday

Burrows Lodge

Weather- Fine all day. no rain.

Misc^s. attended an Infirmary meeting yesterday & then a petty sessions at the Town Hall – in the evening I walked & Bessie rode over the Town Hill & round by Sketty –

October 2. Wednesday

Weather heavy rain all morning fine in the afternoon

Misc^s Went out in the afternoon at Ynisgerwn with C Smith we had only Bob with us, he bagged a Rabbit & I bagged a brace of Pheasants –

October 3. Thursday

Weather rainy in the morning tolerably fine in the afternoon

October 4 Friday

Weather heavy rain early this morning fine the rest of the day. Wind N.E.

Misc^s attended Llangefelach Petty Sessions

October 5 Saturday

Burrows Lodge

Weather. Wind N.E. & very fine in the morning. Fine all day –

October 6. Sunday –

Weather. Very fine. Wind N.E.

October 7. Monday

Weather – Very fine –

October 8. Tuesday

Weather, fine. threatening in the evening –

October 9. Wednesday

Weather. rain in the night and a little this morning – fine the rest of the day

Misc^s Went out shooting with Gutch. We found some Partridges about the Hounds Kennell of which I bagged 4 & Gutch 1 and then went on the Bryndavid common where I bagged 4 Jack Snipes and one full Snipe – I also bagged a Rabbit - on the common we found upwards of a dozen Jack Snipes in one place –

October 10. Thursday

Burrows Lodge

Weather – Overcast & threatening Wind S.W. high, some rain

October 11. Friday

Weather. frequent & very heavy storms all day –

October 12. Saturday.

Weather – showery –

October 13. Sunday

Weather – stormy –

October 14. Monday

Weather heavy rain the greater part of the day –

October 15. Tuesday

Weather – rain in the morning tolerably fine the rest of the day –

Misc^s. attended the Quarter Sessions.

October 16. Wednesday

Weather Showery

October 17 Thursday

Bristol

Weather tolerably fine all day –

Misc^s I came up here per Mail this morning to meet Miss Benett & we are to return tomorrow to Burrows Lodge

October 18. Friday

Burrows Lodge

Weather. heavy rain all day

Misc^s. We started at about 8½ this morning and arrived safely here at 6¼ P.M.

October 19. Saturday

Weather, very fine –

October 20. Sunday

Weather. Overcast – rain towards night –

October 21. Monday

Weather – threatening - & a little rain in the morning

Misc^s - Worked with DelaBeche in the LABORATORY in the afternoon about 4 P.M. the Sketty Hall party arrived here on their way Home & dined with us –

October 22. Tuesday

Weather – Threatening all day small rain towards evening

Misc^s – went to the Infirmary in the morning –

October 23. Wednesday

Burrows Lodge

Weather - driving rain the greater part of the day –

Misc^s I went out with my Gun this afternoon about the Hound Kennell & saw
4 Woodcocks all of which I killed –

October 24. Thursday

Weather – rainy –

October 25 Friday

Weather – fine – wind N.E.

Misc^s went out Hunting about Brynbach

October 26. Saturday

Weather – Fine – Wind NE.

October 27. Sunday

Weather Fine – wind NE –

Misc^s went over to Penllergare to Breakfast & went to church there In the
afternoon I walked over to Sketty Hall where I dined & returned home
in the evening

October 28 Monday

Burrows Lodge

Weather Fine – wind NE

Bar^r . 30.35

October 29. Tuesday

Weather. Fine. Wind NE.

October 30. Wednesday

Weather Threatening. Wind NE. no rain –

October 31. Thursday

Weather. no rain threatening, Wind N.E. –

November 1. Friday

Weather, rainy. Wind NE.

Misc^s. the election of Town councillors took place to day – I was elected as
one of the upper Ward

November 2. Saturday

Weather - threatening. not much rain –

Misc^s Walked over to Sketty after breakfast with my gun & JDL came on
with me to try the Penllergare covers – we only saw one woodcock &
did get a shot –

November 3. Sunday

Burrows Lodge

Weather – rainy in the morning heavy & continued rain all evening, Wind E –

November 4. Monday

Weather Fine –

November 5. Tuesday

Weather. showery

Misc^s - attended at the Infirmary in the morning - & in the afternoon went to a meeting of magistrates to take into consideration the riots at Newport which happened yesterday –

November 6. Wednesday

Sketty Hall

Weather. Stormy

Misc^s We came here to day for a visit –

November 7. Thursday

Weather - rainy – mild

Misc^s walked into Swansea with Mary

November 8. Friday

Sketty Hall –

Weather. heavy rain the greater part of the day

November 9. Saturday

Weather. showery –

Misc^s went to the Town Hall to attend at the election of Mayor Papa was elected unanimously –

November 10. Sunday

Weather - fine in the morning rain in the evening –

November 11. Monday

Weather. Fine with the exception of one or two showers –

Misc^s. Walked over to Penllergare to Breakfast, and wet out shooting afterwards with J.D.L. We bagged 6 Woodcocks & a rabbit – I walked back to Sketty to Dinner

November 12. Tuesday

Weather. Fine –

Misc^s. Walked into Swansea

November 13. Wednesday

Sketty Hall

Weather. Fine

November 14. Thursday

Weather – heavy rain nearly all day.

November 15. Friday

Penllergare

Weather - Fine in the morning heavy rain the rest of the day

Misc^s Went to the Petty Sessions in the morning & came on here with John afterwards – Bessie & Miss Benett came in the carriage

November 16. Saturday

Weather. showery

Misc^s Went into Swansea with John in the morning & walked out with my Gun in the afternoon. I killed a Woodcock & Hare –

November 17. Sunday

Penllergare

Weather. Fine in the morning heavy rain all evening

November 18. Monday

Weather. Fine –

Misc^s - Went with John to Ynisygerwn. he killed two Woodcocks & I killed one

November 19. Tuesday

Weather – heavy rain the greater part of the day

November 20. Wednesday

Burrows Lodge

Weather. Fine –

Misc^s. we returned home to day – I walked and took my Gun in my hand I shot 3. Snipes –

November 21. Thursday

Weather. Fine

Misc^s- went on on Crymlyn Bog in the afternoon with Moggridge to look for Ducks – did not see one –

Burrows Lodge

November 22. Friday

Weather. Fine. Wind N.E.

Misc^s. walked over to Sketty Hall in the afternoon –

November 23. Saturday

Weather. Fine. wind NE –

November 24 Sunday

Weather. rainy –

November 25. Monday

Bristol

Weather - driving rain for the greater part of the day – Wind high. S.W.

Misc^s. came up here by mail to day with Miss Benett who is on her way home - we arrived here about 4½ P.M.

November 26. Tuesday

Weather. cold & fine –

Misc^s I remained here all day, and visited the Institution & Zoological Gardens – I also saw Mr Bright about sending ware to Jamaica for the purpose of opening a trade there –

November 27. Wednesday

Burrows Lodge

Weather. Fine. sharp frost last night –

Misc^s I returned from Bristol by mail to day and arrived here at 7½ P.M.

November 28. Thursday

Weather – Gloomy & threatening sharp frost last night –

November 29. Friday

Weather – Stormy & rainy –

Misc^s Went over to Sketty in the morning, & in the afternoon took a walk on the sands with Bessie –

November 30. Saturday

Weather. heavy rain in the greater part of the day – the glass is rising.

December 1. Sunday –

Weather. fine –

December 2. Monday

Weather. fine. frost last night

Misc^s. attended a harbour meeting which lasted some hours

[opposite page]

Bessies Birthday

December 3. Tuesday

Burrows Lodge

Weather. fine. cold

Misc. Infirmary in the morning Magistrates meeting in the afternoon –
Two Ground doves & 4 Java Sparrows which I got for John when I was in Bristol came today – the Doves were given me by Mr Stuchbury –

December 4. Wednesday –

Weather. frost last night. fine

Misc^s. Meeting of the Paving trust

Annual Do “ Savings Bank

In the afternoon walked with Bessie to Singleton

December 5. Thursday –

Weather Frost last night. there was a shower of rain in the day & the sky was clouded over. But towards evening it cleared off fine

Misc^s went over to Penllergare & tried the common for Snipe with John – he killed 2
& 1 Jacks & I killed 1 & 2 Jacks on my way home I shot a heron

[opposite page]

I caught a field Vole.

December 6. Friday

Burrows Lodge

Weather. Fine. cold & frosty –

December 7. Saturday

Weather. cold, no frost. Wind very high. E.

Misc^s. in the afternoon I took a walk with my Gun over Crymlyn Bog – I saw nothing but two or three Snipes. I bagged one and one Jack D^o- While I was out John brought me a fine Badger which had been caught near Penllergare

December 8. Sunday –

Weather. E. Wind very high & cold

Misc^s. After church Bessie & I walked over to Sketty –

December 9. Monday

Weather. Cold. no frost. looks like Snow

Misc^s attended a Harbor Committee meeting in the morning – did some jobs in the Garden & laboratory in the afternoon

December 10. Tuesday –

Weather. a heavy Snow storm came on about 1½ O.C. P.M. which lasted for about an hour & a half

Misc^s. In the afternoon Moggridge & I took a Walk with our Guns about the Hounds Kennell he shot a Woodcock & I killed a Partridge & two Snipes

December 11. Wednesday

Weather. Stormy – sends [?] of rain Wind E.

Misc^c. Went shooting with Moggridge to Lougher Marshes – We bagged 1 Teal 2 Snipes & 2 Jacks Do & a Water Rail [?] of which my share was the Teal and one Jack Snipe – I also shot a Little Grebe –

December 12. Thursday

Weather. heavy rain the greater part of the day

December 13. Friday

Weather rainy

Burrows Lodge

December 14. Saturday

Weather. showery – fine in the afternoon

Misc^s – rode over with Bessie to Penllergare in the afternoon & saw some tropical Birds that John has got from Liverpool & has turned into his Stove –

December 15. Sunday

Weather. rain in the afternoon –

December 16. Monday

Weather. rainy –

December 17- Tuesday

Weather. rainy

Misc^s Infirmary in the morning Petty Sessions in the afternoon

December 18. Wednesday

Weather, rainy & Stormy. Wind E.

Misc^s – Went up to Ynisygerwn with H. Vivian and Moggridge to shoot – we killed 3 Woodcocks a Hare a Pheasant & a Snipe – We saw 7 woodcocks only –

Burrows Lodge

December 19. Thursday

Weather. rainy & overcast –

Misc^s. I was busy at the Works all morning – in the afternoon it rained too heavily to go out

December 20. Friday

Weather. Stormy

December 21. Saturday –

Weather. heavy rain all the afternoon.

Misc^s about 12 o'clock I went over to Penllergare & went out shooting with John. I killed two cocks & a snipe. he had only one shot and did not kill anything –

December 22 – Sunday

Weather. heavy rain nearly all day

Misc^s - DeleBeche came here by the mail this evening –

December 23. Monday

Weather heavy rain, nearly all day Wind high

Misc^s worked with DeleBeche in the laboratory in the afternoon

Penllergare

December 24. Tuesday

Weather. heavy storms, wind high –

Misc^s Walked over to Penllergare with DeleBeche we came across country & I took my gun. I bagged 6 Snipes & a Woodcock

December 25. Wednesday

Weather fine

Misc^s. Went to church in the morning & took a walk in the afternoon – the Sketty Party and Fanny & Moggridge are staying here

December 26. Thursday

Weather. heavy rain all day –

Misc^s. Drove into Swansea with John –

December 27. Friday –

Weather – fine

Misc^s. Walked into Swansea with DelaBeche in the morning & returned here to dinner –

Sketty Hall

December 28. Saturday

Weather. fine –

Misc^s. Shot my way into Swansea & then came on here. DelaBeche accompanied. Bessie came in the carriage with the Baby – I shot 4 Snipes 2 Jack D^{os}. And a short eared owl – which I gave to Gutch

Burrows Lodge

December 29. Sunday

Weather, hard frost last night cold & fine all day

Misc^s Walked in here after dinner with DelaBeche as he is going to start for Bridgend by the Mail tomorrow –

Sketty Hall

December 30. Monday

Weather – Stormy & rain in the evening

Misc^s Walked into Swansea where I remained allday –

Burrows Lodge

Dec^r. 31. Tuesday – Weather unsettled

Misc^s. Went to a Ball in the evening & slept here afterwards

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1840 Sketty Hall

January 1. Wednesday

Weather, uncertain not much rain

January 2. Thursday

Weather, tolerably fine, showery

January 3. Friday

Weather. fine in the morning rain all the evening –

Misc^s. Drove up to Ynisgerwn this morning for a days shooting – I walked a long way to beat the Dylais & Cwm Neath covers but only saw 3 Woodcocks and a Snipe – of which I bagged 2 Cocks & the Snipe – I also shot Woodpecker (Picus Minor) which I never saw alive before –

January 4 Saturday

Weather – threatening –

Jan^y Sunday

Weather – fine

Misc^s I had a bad sore throat & did not go out –

Sketty Hall

January 6. Monday

Weather – frosty. fine –

Misc^s. attended road & harbour meetings

January 7. Tuesday

Weather. sharp frost last night

January 8. Wednesday

Weather. cold & frosty –

January 9. Thursday

Weather. Barometer rising. a gradual thaw –

Misc^s went to a Ball at Singleton in the evening –

January 10. Friday

Weather. thaw

January 11. Saturday

Weather – thaw

Misc^s. went over to Penllergare with my gun – killed 2 Woodcocks John did not go out with me.

January 12. Sunday

Weather – little rain but threatening

Misc^s. Walked over to Penllergare & spent the day and dined with John.

Sketty Hall

January 13. Monday

Weather Cold & Stormy

Misc^s. was in Swansea all day – little Weston² has a bad attack of croop but is better this evening –

January 14. Tuesday

Weather – Mild – heavy showers

Misc^s Infirmary in the morning Petty Sessions at 12 o'clock –

January 15. Wednesday

Weather – Fine in the morning showery in the afternoon –

Misc^s The Materials of the Glamorgan Pottery were paid for to day so that every thing relating to that transaction is now settled –

January 16. Thursday

Weather fine –

January 17. Friday –

Weather fine –

² Son of Fanny and Matthew Moggridge.

Misc^s. Went out shooting with JDL at Penllergare. he killed a Snipe, a woodcock – I bagged nothing.

Burrows Lodge –
January 18. Saturday
Weather – heavy rain all day
Misc^s - we returned home today

January 19. Sunday
Weather. rain in the morning fine in the afternoon

January 20. Monday
Weather rainy.
Misc^s – dined at T.E. Thomas's –

January 21. Tuesday
Weather – wind very high. W

January 22. Wednesday
Weather. wind still very high –

January 23. Thursday
Weather – stormy – heavy rain the greater part of the day

January 24. Friday
Weather. Wind very high. rain all day

January 25. Saturday
Weather – heavy storms.
Misc^s Went with M.M to Crymlyn to look for Ducks. We did not see one – in the afternoon we found H.Vivian at Conyalt & killed 16 Rabbits of which I shot 6
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Burrows Lodge
January 26. Sunday
Weather heavy storms of Rain & Hail all day –

January 27. Monday
Weather stormy –

January 28. Tuesday
Weather. Stormy

[opposite page]
January 29 Wednesday
Weather. Stormy –

[correct page]
January 30. Thursday
Weather – very stormy. fine early in the morning

January 31. Friday
Weather. stormy

February 1. Saturday
Weather. rain & storms
Misc^s. went up to Cline common with Moggridge shooting - I killed 4 Snipes and a Jack Snipes & M. killed 2 Snipes – I saw some frogs spawn

February 2. Sunday
Weather Stormy.

February 3. Monday
Weather – showers
Misc^{cs}. Harbour Meeting nearly all day

Burrows Lodge
February 4. Tuesday
Weather. very stormy

February 5. Wednesday
Weather – tolerably fine. there have been some showers.
Misc^s Attended a paving meeting in the afternoon walked part of the way to Sketty with John & Mary

February 6. Thursday
Weather. Stormy –

February 7. Thursday
Weather. heavy rain for a great Part of the day
Misc^s I got a Parrot and a lot of shells &c for Bessie

February 8. Saturday
Weather. Showery. wind high –
Misc^s I walked down to the Rocks about Bacon Hole to look for fossils – I did not get many –

February 9. Sunday
Weather Stormy

Burrows Lodge
February 10. Monday
Weather – Fine.
Misc^s. I attended a Public dinner at the Mackworth Arms on the occasion on the Queens Marriage –

February 11. Tuesday
Weather – Fine

February 12. Wednesday

Weather showers –

Misc^s. rode over to Sketty with Bessie to see Papa who has got a bad face ache –

February 13. Thursday

Weather – Fine with the exception of a few showers

Feby – 14. Friday

Weather Fine

Misc^s. Town Council this morning

February 15. Saturday –

Weather, rain nearly all day

Misc^s I had intended to start for London with John this morning but little William³ is not well so we put of [*sic*] our journey till next week

Burrows Lodge

February 16. Sunday

Weather. Mist & gleams of sunshine – like an April day –

[*opposite page*]

16. Great numbers of little Medusa are washed on the shore here

February 17. Monday

Weather. very mild. lowering & dark. calm

Misc^s. Walked over to Sketty in the afternoon – John came back with us to dine and sleep here as we intend to Start for London per Mail tomorrow morning

Bristol

February 18. Tuesday

Weather. Wind East. cold –

Misc^s. John & I came up here by mail today.

Bristol

February 19. Wednesday

Weather. cold. Some Flakes of Snow fell –

Misc^s Went to Durdham Down Nursery the Zoological Gardens &c. we are going to start for Reading by a night coach –

London.

February 20. Thursday –

Weather, very cold –

Misc^s - we got to Reading about 3 A.M. & spelt. we came on here by the 12 oclock train – As soon as we got here to our quarters (Hatchetts Hotel) we went down the Museum of Æconomic Geology in Craigs Court where we saw DelaBeche who dined with us afterwards –

February 21. Friday

Weather. very cold.

³ William Mansel Dillwyn Llewelyn 1838-66.

Misc. busy all day in the city seeing Merchants – in the evening I went with John to Exeter Hall where there was a concert of sacred Music – there were about 500 singers – we were both very much pleased –

February 22. Saturday

Weather very cold –

Misc^s - Went to the city again in the morning – executed some commissions in the afternoon

London

February 23. Sunday –

Weather. very cold. Wind N.E.

Misc^s – Went with John to St James church in the morning – Walked to St James Park in the afternoon with John & DelaBeche we saw the Queen & Prince Albert

February 24. Monday

Weather. cold – fine – Ice very thick

Misc^s went with JDL to see the Adelaide and Polytechnic Galleries and the Zoological Garden –

February 25, Tuesdat

Weather – very cold

Misc^s John accompanied me to the Surrey Zoological gardens, which have fallen off very much since I saw them last – in the afternoon I did some shopping

February 26. Wednesday

Weather – Cold

Misc^s. busy all day seeing merchants & finishing my commissions We intend to start homewards tomorrow by way of Birmingham

Hereford

February 27. Thursday

Weather. cold. Fine –

Misc^s. We left London this morning at 8 o'clock, by Railway and arrived at Birmingham in 5 hours and a quarter – the distance by the Railroad is 112 Miles – We came on here by a coach. our road lay through Bromsgrove Worcester Malvern & Ledbury –

Burrows Lodge

February 28. Friday

Weather. cold. very fine

Misc^s We left Hereford a little after 6 o'clock this morning and posted home. we arrived about ¼6 P.M. we came through Abergavenny & Merthyr –

February 29 Saturday –

Weather – very cold – fine –

Misc^s Busy at the works in the morning. went over with Bessie to Sketty in the afternoon –

Burrows Lodge

March 1. Sunday
Weather – very fine. cold –

March 2. Monday
Weather. very fine.cold
Misc^s attended a Harbour meeting at 3 oclock and then went out to meet the Judge

March 3. Tuesday
Weather. fine. very cold –
Misc^s - Infirmary in the morning – Grand Jury the rest of the day

March 4. Wednesday
Weather. fine – cold.
Masc^s. the Grand Jury were discharged about 12½ oclock walked over to Sketty in the afternoon

March 5. Thursday
Weather – Fine. cold –
Misc^s. went to the Works in the morning – Mr Bicheno called here in the afternoon & remained some time with me

Burrows Lodge
March 6 – Friday
Weather – Cold at night. very fine –
Misc^s busy at the works & at home in the morning – walked with Bessie in the afternoon to call at Singleton

March 7.Saturday
Weather – Very fine. cold last night
Misc^s this afternoon I walked over the Wet sands to the Mumble Rocks to look for living Molusca Zoophytes &c. for a course of lectures to be given at the Bristol Philosophical Institution on the Invertebrataæ – I found several which I brought home & placed in pans of Sea Water –

March 8. Sunday –
Weather – very fine –
Misc^s - Went to church in the morning walked to Sketty in the afternoon, with Mary whose birthday it is today –

Burrows Lodge
March 9. Monday
Weather, very fine.
Misc^s Harbour meeting this morning – Walked over to Penllergare in the Afternoon with Moggridge. Bessie & I went to a Ball in the evening –

March 10. Tuesday
Weather. Very fine. Wind N & by W – looks more like a change
Misc^s Went to the Infirmary this morning & afterwards walked over to Sketty –

March 11. Wednesday –

Weather. cloudy Wind N.fine –
Misc^s. Attended a Paving Meeting in the morning –

March 12. Thursday
Weather. fine – Wind N.W.
Misc^s = attended a lecture on the Eye By Dr Bird in the evening –

March 13. Friday
Weather cloudy. no rain –
Misc^s Town Council meeting in the morning –

Burrows Lodge
March 14. Saturday
Weather, cloudy fine –

March 15. Sunday
Weather cloudy – rain for nearly two hours in the middle of the day –

March 16. Monday
Weather – Fine Wind. N.E.

March 17. Tuesday
Weather. Fine. frost, last night –
Misc^s attended the Infirmary in the morning – In the afternoon I went down with Moggridge to the wet sands in search of live Mollusca &c – we found one Venus Icelandica – we also found a Zoophyte (Polyp) among the stones – I never found one before except among Rocks.

March 18. Wednesday
Eather. Fine – Wind N.E.
Misc^s. at 12 o.c. I attended a meeting of the Sale of Lands committee. I afterwards walked with Moggridge to Penllergare

Burrows Lodge
March 19. Thursday
Weather. fine. Wind NE –
Mis^{cs}. Bessie & I attended a lecture on the ear (at the Town Hall in the evening) by Dr Bird.

March 20. Friday
Weather. fine.

Marc 21. Saturday
Weather fine, frost last night. there has generally been a frost at nights for some time past.
Misc^s. Walked over to Penllergare with Moggridge this afternoon.

March 22. Sunday
Weather cloudy. no rain –

Misc^s After church I walked with Miss Talbot & Mary over to Sketty – Miss T. returned with me, and in the afternoon I went out in the Garden with Bessie

March 23. Monday

Weather. fine – rain last night

Misc – attended a Harbour meeting this morning –

Burrows Lodge

March 24. Tuesday

Weather. fine –

March 25. Wednesday

Weather. fine – frost last night –

March 26. Thursday –

Weather fine – Therm^r at 5A.M. 27½.

Misc^s. Walked over to Penllergare this morning & spent the day there - in the evening I attended a Meeting of the Mechanics Institute to Present Dr Bird a Snuff Box –

March 27. Friday

Weather fine. sharp frost last night –

Misc^s. Walked down to Caswell Bay with Gutch & came back along the rocks to the Mumbles & then home along the sands – I collected some Actina &c for Stutchbury

March 28. Saturday

Weather fine. no frost last night –

Burrows Lodge

March 29. Sunday

Weather – wind veering from SW to S.E. there was a little rain about 2P.M.

Misc^s. Went to church in the morning & walked out to Sketty with Mary in the afternoon –

March 30. Monday

Weather. fine. mild

Misc^s. attended a meeting of the Town Council respecting lands required by the water Works C^o, in the morning & walked up with Bessie in the afternoon to call upon the R. Grenfells –

March 31. Tuesday

Weather. heavy rain last night – showery all the fore part of the day. Wind to SW – mild

Misc^s. attended the Infirmary meeting in the morning – Walked out with John to Penllergare in the afternoon

Burrows Lodge –

April 1. Wednesday –

Weather – Heavy showers towards the evening –
Misc^s Paving meeting in the morning – DelaBeche came per Mail in the evening –

April 2. Thursday –

Weather fine.

Misc^s Walked with DelaBeche over to Penllergare in the afternoon –

April 3. Friday –

Weather fine –

Misc^s Petty Sessions at Llangafelach –

April 4. Saturday

Weather. fine. showery in the morning –

April 5 Sunday –

Weather. fine –

[opposite page]

April 5. saw a Hoopoe in the field before the House

April 6. Monday

Weather – showery

Misc. Harbour Meeting in the morning – I saw the Hoopoe again today & got two shots at it but they were too long –

Burrows Lodge

April 7. Tuesday

Weather – fine –

Misc^s I shot the Hoopoe to day

April 8. Wednesday

Weather. Fine. very cold

April 9. Thursday

Weather. Fine –

April 10. Friday

Weather. Fine –

April 11. Saturday

Weather. overcast. no rain till the evening when it set in.

Misc^s Fished on the Llew with Moggridge without any success –

April 12. Sunday

Weather. fine rain all day

April 13. Monday

Weather. fine –

April 14 Tuesday

Weather. fine

April 15. Wednesday
Weather – fine

Burrows Lodge

April 16. Thursday

Weather. fine –

Misc^s Walked with Moggridge down to Minchin & Bacon Hole

[opposite page]

16 –

Saw a Cornish Chough –

April 17. Good Friday

Weather. fine

April 18. Saturday

Weather fine –

Misc^s in the afternoon I drew a Seine on the Sands below Black Pill – I only took a few small flounders & some shrimps –

[opposite page]

18. saw a shoal of Porpoises close in shore –

18. observed on the pond an immense number of the shells of the prawns as if they had cast them –

April 19. Sunday

Weather. fine very hot –

April 20. Monday

Weather. fine –

April 21. Tuesday

Weather fine –

Misc^s rode over to Penllergare with Bessie in the afternoon –

April 22. Wednesday

Weather cloudy, no rain –

[opposite page]

22. saw a Swallow

Burrows Lodge

April 23. Thursday

Weather Mild rain in the morning showers all day

April 24. Friday

Weather very fine & hot,

Misc^s. DelaBeche came here by Steamer from Bristol this evening.

April 25. Saturday

Weather. very fine –

April 26. Sunday
Weather. very hot

April 27. Monday
Weather – very fine –
Misc^s. attended a meeting of the Town Council about the land wanted by the Water Works C^o

April 28. Tuesday
Sketty Hall
Weather. very fine –
Misc^s. We came over here today for a visit –

Sketty Hall
April 29. Wednesday
Weather. very fine.
Misc^s. Went into Swansea early this morning & remained there all day at the Town Hall where the Jury was sitting to assess the value of the St Helens fields required by the Water Works C^o

[opposite page]

29 Cowslips are in full flower. Bluebells abundantly out. Beech Sycamore & Horse chesnuts in full leaf.

April 30. Thursday
Weather. very fine –

May 1. Friday
Weather. very fine –
Misc^s rode over with Mary & Bessie this morning to breakfast at Penllergare – I came on to Swansea about midday –

[opposite page]

May 1. Orchis – in blow plentifully. Young Thrushes able to fly well.

May 2. Saturday
Weather very fine. Glass falling.

May 3. Sunday
Weather. fine

May 4. Monday
Weather. fine –
Misc^s Attended a Harbour meeting

Sketty Hall
May 5. Tuesday
Weather. fine –
X Burrows Lodge

[opposite page]

5 in the stream above the house there are great numbers of the smooth tailed stickleback ^X

5. I caught a mole cricket this morning in the rock work garden where a great many have been taken –

May 5. Wednesday

Weather – windy. Threatening rain

Misc^s came in here to day as I had got a party to dine with me this evening

(Sketty Hall) May 7. Thursday

Weather. rain last night & in the forenoon today –

Misc^s attended a Turnpike meeting –

May 8. Friday

Weather. showers –

Misc^s attended the quarterly corporation meeting

May 9. Saturday

Weather – fine in the day. rain towards evening.

Misc^s Fannys Birthday – I was in Swansea the greater part of the day

[opposite page]

9. Sand Roses in blow plentifully.

May 10. Sunday

Weather – showery. a good deal of rain fell last night –

[opposite page]

10 Wasps out.

Sketty Hall

May 11. Monday

Weather. no rain. Cloudy

Misc^s - busy in Swansea the greater part of the day – I intend to go up to the Head of the Swansea Valley tomorrow to stop there a few days. Gutch is going with me & John & Moggridge are to meet us there –

[opposite page]

11. John gave me to day a pair of Pochards a pair of Teal a pair of Pintails and a pair of Widgeons –

May 12. Tuesday

Gwynn Arms.

Weather. showery

Misc^s Drove Gutch up the Swansea Valley in company with John & Moggridge – We first drove to the Lamb & Flag but there was no room for us there so we came on here which is about five miles further up the valley – it is a very good situation for seeing the mountains &c in the neighbourhood as it is quite surrounded by them –

Gwynn Arms

May 13. Wednesday

Weather – Fine with the exception of one or two Showers. fog on the Mountains in the morning.

Misc^s We all walked up to the Llyn y Fan Fawr & then on to the Llyn y Fan Fach.
The scenery is very fine. we made several sketches – There are plenty of Fish
in the smaller Lake but none in the larger one –

[opposite page]

13. shot a Ring Owzel on the Rocks between the two Llyns. We hearn *[sic]* two or
three more in the vicinity
found the Rose Root growing plentifully on the same rocks

May 14. Thursday

Weather. one or two very heavy showers fell to day

Misc^s In the morning we went to see some caves in the Limestone rock. one out of
which a stream issues is worth seeing but the others have not much to interest
one – in the afternoon Moggridge Gutch & John went to the top of Van
Gihirach, as I thought it would be too cloudy I went out fishing & took 22 fish
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Sketty Hall

May 15. Friday

Weather – heavy showers the greater part of the day. Wind S.W.

Misc^s Drove Gutch into Swansea to day where we arrived about 12½ o.c. I came on
here in the afternoon

May 16. Saturday

Weather. heavy rain in the morning fine the rest of the day (Wind S.W. very high)

Misc^s Walked into Swansea this morning & remained there the greater part of the
day

May 17. Sunday

Weather. fine –

May 18 – Monday

Weather. Fine –

May 19. Tuesday

Weather. Fine

Misc^s. Infirmary in the morning returned here about 2 P.M. & walked about the
Grounds with Bessie till dinner time

May 20. Wednesday

Weather Fine.

Sketty Hall

May 21. Thursday

Weather. Wind N. Fine –

Misc^s. Walked over to Penllergare with I. Thomas where we shot Rooks &c.

[opposite page]

21. Osmunda Regalis in seed –

May 22. Friday

Weather Fine

Misc^s. Went into Swansea –

Burrows Lodge

May 23. Saturday

Weather – one or two showers fell during the day

Misc^s We returned here this morning – in the evening Papa & Mr Eden took tea here and afterwards we went down to the steampacket to conduct the body of Poor Captⁿ Hickey (which was brought down from Bristol by steam to day) to Parkwern

[opposite page]

23. Lesser Sand Convolvulus in blow

May 24 Sunday

Weather. heavy rain nearly all day

May 25. Monday

Weather – rain in the morning fine in the evening

Burrows Lodge

May 26. Tuesday

Weather. rain in the night & morning – fine in the afternoon –

Misc^s Infirmary meeting in the morning –

May 27. Wednesday

Weather. Fine. hot –

Misc^s. Attended Captⁿ Hickeys Funeral in the morning –

May 28. Thursday

Weather. threatening in the morning fine in the afternoon

Misc^s. Drove Moggridge down to Park this morning & we spent the day botanizing & Fishing about Pennard Castle –

[opposite page]

28. Rose Beetles out –

May 29. Friday

Weather. Fine

Misc^s. DelaBeche came to us this evening –

[opposite page]

May 30. Saturday

Weather. Misty. No rain

Misc^s. Walked with DelaBeche & Moggridge to Caswell Bay where I had sent the Seine. the sea was too rough to catch any thing in it. We came back along the cliffs & found one or two little Fish in the pools that I had not found before

30 X. the Father Lasher I also put in the pond as well as some edible crabs.

30. Foxgloves in blow

caught a 5 bearded Rockling (Yarrell) & a Father Lasher in the pools among the rocks near Caswell Bay – there are great numbers of the Smooth Blennie now in the pools – I caught several & brought them home in a basket - & turned them into my pond they did not seem at all the worse for being so long out of water – above X

Burrows Lodge
May 31.. Sunday
Weather. Very Fine –

June 1. Monday
Weather. Very Fine.

June 2. Tuesday
Weather – showery towards evening wind high
Misc^s The Annual meeting of the Royal Institution took place to day, at which I attended

June 8. Wednesday
Weather – Wind NW. high. No rain –

June 4. Thursday
Weather. Fine
Misc^s . business in the morning. afterwards I drove up to Velindre. got there at 12 oclock. fished down the stream – left off fishing at 5 P.M. took 71 trout, none of any size –

June 5. Friday
Weather. Fine in the morning very sultry. Heavy rain in the evening –

Burrows Lodge
June 6. Saturday
Weather. cloudy very little rain
Misc^s rode down with Bessie & E Hickey to Park - & then walked down to Three cliffs Bay
[opposite page]
6. caught a young sheildrake which I brought home. he died in two days –

June 7. Sunday
Weather – Fine

June 8. Monday
Weather. cloudy very little rain

June 9. Tuesday
Weather. rain the greater part of the day
Misc^s . E.Hickey came to us today for a visit.

June 10. Wednesday
Weather. Fine. Wind rather high
Misc^s busy in the morning at the Works. at about 12 oclock Rode down with E.Hickey to Llew where we fished. we only took 15 –
[opposite page]
10. Dog Roses in blow in several places

June 11. Thursday

Weather. heavy rain the greater part of the day

Misc^s E.Hickey & Bessie went to a Picnic at Park. I was busy at home - in the evening I attended an examination of the classes of the Mechanical Institute

Burrows Lodge

June 12. Friday

Weather. rainy in the morning –

Misc^s Town Council meeting at 11 A.M. afterwards there was a Meeting to elect Dr Bird Physician to the Infirmary. Dr Hewson proposed & I seconded him. & there was no opposition –

June 13. Saturday

Weather. very fine –

Misc^{cs} rode over to Penllergare with E.Hickey where we spent the day.

June 14. Sunday

Weather. heavy showers in the morning

June 15. Monday

Weather. Fine in the day. rain towards night.

June 16. Tuesday

Weather. showery –

June 17. Wednesday

Weather Windy Fine.

Misc^s – Rode down with E Hickey to Worms Head. Bessie went down with Moggridge in a phaeton –

June 18. Thursday

Weather. showers –

Burrows Lodge

June 19. Friday –

Weather – Showery

Misc^s - attended a Town council meeting –

June 20. Saturday

Weather. Fine -

Misc^s busy in the morning –went up to Velindre in the middle of the day & fished up the stream – I only took 18 –

June 21. Sunday

Weather – threatening all day heavy rain in the evening -

June 22 Monday

Weather windy. showers –

June 23. Tuesday

Weather Showery –
Misc. Infirmary in the morning Anniversary meeting of the Bible society in the evening

June 24. Wednesday
Weather Showery

June 25 Thursday
Weather. Fine –
Misc^s Fished down Llew. took only 17 –
[opposite page]
25 – Lancashire Asphodel in blow.

Burrows Lodge
June 26. Friday
Weather. Fine –

June 27. Saturday
Weather Fine –
Misc^s DelaBeche came here this morning – in the afternoon we took a walk to Cony alt –
[opposite page]
27. found a Yucca between Swansea & Cony alt on the borders of the sand banks on the sea side

June 28. Sunday
Weather Fine –

June 29. Monday
Weather. Fine –
Misc^s – DelaBeche left us today & took Rosie with him – she came here on the 29th
May –

June 30. Tuesday –
Weather rain in the night. fine all day
Misc^s Went to the Infirmary in the morning and afterwards walked down to Caswell Bay with Moggridge

July 1. Wednesday
Weather. heavy rain nearly all day
Misc^s. attended a Paving meeting in the morning. walked out to Sketty in the afternoon to see Papa who has got an attack of Lumbago –

Burrows Lodge
July 2. Thursday
Weather heavy rain nearly all day
Misc^s. walked out to Sketty to see how Papa is. I found him better

July 3. Friday
Weather. Wind high one or two slight Showers

Misc^s attended the Annual Infirmary meeting in the morning & walked over to Sketty in the afternoon –

July 4. Saturday

Weather. wind high fine in the day – rain towards evening –

Misc^s. Walked to Sketty & then on to go to Penllergare to see John &c as they returned yesterday. I met him however by the half way house & he walked back with me to Sketty –

July 5. Sunday

Weather. Windy & stormy –

July 6. Monday

Weather. Stormy – heavy showers

July 7. Tuesday

Weather. Stormy

Misc^s. attended an Infirmary committee meeting in the morning & afterwards a Road meeting

Burrows Lodge

July 8. Wednesday

Weather. Stormy & heavy showers

July 9. Thursday

Weather. Fine –

Misc^s Walked with Moggridge over to Penllergare

July 10. Friday

Weather. Fine. one or two showers –

Misc^s attended a Town Council meeting –

July 11. Saturday

Weather. Fine –

Misc^s walked with Moggridge over to Penllergare

July 12. Sunday

Weather. Fine. a heavy shower in the evening

July 13. Monday

Weather – heavy showers occasionally but hot & fine between them –

July 14. Tuesday

Weather. Very fine. hot

Misc^s. attended at the Infirmarys in the morning. took a walk over Crumlyn Bog with Moggridge in the afternoon –

Burrows Lodge

July 15. Wednesday

Weather. very fine – windy –

Misc^s. I walked over to Penllergare where I stayed 2 or 3 hours. in the evening Bessie & I dined at Sketty Hall –

July 16. Thursday

Weather. No rain –

July 17. Friday

Weather. Not much rain. Windy

Misc^s. Town Council meeting in the morning at which it was decided not to continue the proceedings in defence of the cause Session Burgesses versus the Corporation of Swansea but to pay the senior burgesses that were alive at the passing of the Municipal act – I went over to Penllergare in the afternoon –

[opposite page]

July 17. A Torpedo was brought to me this afternoon which had been caught about 4 hours before in the Bay

July 18. Saturday

Weather. rainy

Misc^s walked over to Penllergare in the afternoon – where Bessie & I dined –

[opposite page]

18. A Duck that John thinks is a Golden eye is now upon the Lake at Penllergare

July 19. Sunday

Weather. rain all day fine in the evening

Burrows Lodge

July 20. Monday

Weather. Stormy in the morning

Misc^s. Busy all day packing &c as we intend to start for Tenby tomorrow –

July 21. Tuesday. Tenby –

Weather. Fine –

Misc^s We left Swansea this morning at a little after 9. by the Mountaineer, & arrived here at about 20 Min^s after 2.P.M – Mary accompanied us. Sir M & Lady Beach also came with us **PICTURE**– we have got pretty good quarters at No 3 Rock House –

July 22. Wednesday

Weather – rather showery

Misc^s. went out boating with Sir M Beach.

July 23. Thursday

Weather. Fine.

Misc^s. went out in the Morning with Sir M.Beach in a boat – in the afternoon I walked to Lidstip *[sic]* Bay –

[opposite page]

24. little purple Gentian in blow on Giltar point –

July 24. Friday –

Weather – wind W. high. rain all day –

Misc^s. Fished for Bass off St Katherines Rock for an hour & a half – took one of 7½ pounds weight –

Tenby

July 25. Saturday

Weather. Fine in the morning. rain in the afternoon

Misc^s. Went with Mary to Caldy Island

[opposite page]

25. got 2 specimens of the Great Pipe Fish (Yarrell) which we caught on the shore in a shrimping net – **PICTURE**

July 26. Sunday

Weather fine. Wind high N.

July 27. Monday

Weather. Fine in the day – rained a little in the evening

Misc. Boated with Mary & Sir M Beach.

July 28. Tuesday

Weather – Fine –

Misc^s. Boated with Mary & Bessie

July 29. Wednesday

Weather. hot & sultry – Sea fog at intervals

Misc^s Went over to Caldy with Sir M & Lady Beach & Mary

July 30. Thursday

Weather – Sultry

Misc^s. Bessie not well – Mary & I went for a short sail about Midday

July 31. Friday

Weather. very Fine

Misc^s. Bessie is better this morning but not able to leave her bed –

Tenby

August 1. Saturday

Weather. Very Fine –

Misc^s. Bessie is better but not able to get up

August 2. Sunday

Weather. Very Fine –

Misc^c.. Bessie is better. Mary & I took a Walk to Giltar Point after church –

August 3 Monday

Weather. very fine –

Misc^s. Went out fishing for Mackerel with Sir M Beach in the morning

August 4. Tuesday

Weather -. Very hot. no air. bright Sun

Misc^s in consequence of the heat of the weather Bessie is not quite so well today – I had a bad head ache

August 5. Wednesday

Weather, very hot –

August 6. Tuesday

Weather very hot –

Misc^s. at 11½ last night Mary & I started from Tenby in a car – and arrived at Bigelly which is nearly 6 miles off in about an hour & found the Mail had just gone – we posted on & got to Penllergare to Breakfast – we afterwards went to Sketty where Mary remained – I then went on to Swansea and returned to Penllergare to dinner. I afterwards got into the mail & arrived here about ½ past one o'clock –

Tenby

August 7. Friday

Weather. very hot – distant Thunder.

Misc^s. in the afternoon I went towards Water Winch **PICTURE** in a boat & landed in one of the Bays near there, & then came home along the cliffs –

August 8. Saturday

Weather – Very hot.

August 9. Sunday

Weather. Very Fine –

August 10. Monday

Weather. cloudy in the day. heavy rain in the evening

Misc^s. Bessie & I went out at 11 A.M. with Sir M & Lady Beach in Col Beachs Yatch [*sic*] we sailed out in the direction of Laugharne [?] we came on shore again about 3 o'clock. I afterwards went out fishing in a boat.

August 11. Tuesday

Weather. Fine –

Misc^s. After breakfast Bessie & I went with Sir M & Lady Beach to Manorbeer **picture** Castle which is about 7 Miles form here – it looks very well outside but is not a fine ruin inside –

Tenby

August 12 Wednesday

Weather. Wind high – no rain to speak of –

Misc^s. Walked down to Monkstone in the morning with Sir M Beach – Went with Bessie to a Ball at Mrs Shaws in the evening –

August 13. Thursday

Weather. Squally & showers.

Misc^s. went for a sail with Bessie this morning –

August 14. Friday

Weather. Fine. Wind rather high.

Misc^s. there were Horse races here this morning on the sands – in the afternoon
Bessie & I went to a Bazaar for a school at Pater. We went to a Ball in the
evening –

August 15. Saturday

Weather. Windy. Fine –

Misc^s. I walked to Monkstone this morning

August 16. Sunday

Weather. Wind very high. W. heavy rain in the evening –

Tenby

August 17. Monday

Weather – heavy storms of rain in the morning – fine the rest of the day. Wind very
high –

Misc^s Went with Mr Traherne in the morning to Gurnfreston about a mile & ½ from
hence, to see some fossil remains that the Clergyman Mr Smith has procured
from a cave in Caldys –

[opposite page]

the fissure where the fossil remains were found is on a point of Caldys called Eel point
–

August 18. Tuesday

Weather. Wind high –

Misc^s in the afternoon I took a walk to Giltar point with Col & W Beach. the latter
arrived last night from Penllergare

August 19. Wednesday

Weatheine

Misc^s. Went with Mr Smith over to Caldys & searched for Fossil Bones &c – We
found several

[opposite page]

19. the Bones we found were Deer

August 20. Thursday

Weather – small rain the greater part of the day.

Misc^s. Walked on the sands with Bessie in the afternoon collecting sea Weeds &c –

[opposite page]

20. found a Sand Lance on the sands – I also found what I think to be *Alcyonium
digitatum* (Johnston)

Sketty Hall

August 21 Friday

Weather. Fine.

Misc^s came from Tenby by Mail last night. Attended a Town Council meeting –

Tenby

August 22. Saturday

Weather fine. rather showery

Misc^s returned here by Mail this evening

August 23. Sunday

Weather. Fine

August 24. Monday

Weather. Fine –

August 25. Tuesday

Weather. fine in the morn^s. drizzling rain in the afternoon

Misc^s Went over to Caldy with John & Emma

[opposite page]

26. found a good fossil tooth on Eel point

August 26. Wednesday

Weather fine –

Misc^s. Went over to Caldy with a party to look for bones. We found several

August 27. Thursday

Weather. Sea fog

Misc^s Walked with John down to Manobier. We found several sea weeds

Tenby

August 28. Friday

Weather. Muggy & very warm

Misc^s. A.M. went to the caves about St Catherines, P.M. went with John & Emma to
Monkstone –

August 29 Saturday

Weather. Sea fogs. hot & close -

Misc^s - boated with John –

August 30. Sunday

Weather. Wind high N. no rain

August 31

Weather. Fine. Wind N.

September 1. Tuesday

Weather. Fine. hot –

Misc^s. Went in the morning to Mr Smiths (Gumfreston) with Mr & Mrs Traherne –
took a walk with John in the afternoon

September 2. Wednesday

Weather – tolerably fine –

September 3. Thursday

Weather. fine –

Misc^s went out Mackerel fishing for 3 hours this morning with Mr Williams M.C. I
took 17. he took only 3 –

Burrows Lodge

Sept^r 4. Friday

Weather – tolerably fine.

Misc^s. We left Tenby this morning by the Llanelly Steam tug which I hired on purpose – we got to Llanelly in about 3 hours & a half – the carriage met us there & Bessie & the baby returned with it. I walked home –

September 5. Saturday

Weather – Fine –

September 6. Sunday

Weather – fine –

September 7. Monday

Weather – fine – tolerably

September 8. Tuesday

Weather – fine –

September 9. Wednesday

Weather. drizzling rain.

Misc^s. I took my gun & walked with Bob about the Hounds Kennel to Penyfody – I bagged 3½ brace of Partridges

[opposite page]

9. found a Snakes Skin newly shed –

September 10. Thursday

Weather. fine –

Misc^s. DelaBeche came to us last night on his way to Glasgow – he will start for Liverpool by the Mountaineer tomorrow – Bessie is not well & I did not go out much –

Burrows Lodge

September 11. Friday

Weather – fine

Misc^s Walked with W Williams over to the Hounds Kennel in the afternoon with our guns, he bagged 1 Partridge & I bagged 2 & 1 Snipe –

September 12. Saturday

Weather. fine

Misc^s. Went out shooting with Moggridge to Crwha &c he killed 2 brace of Partridges & I killed 1 brace

September 13. Sunday

Weather fine-

September 14. Monday

Weather. rain all morning –

Misc^s in the afternoon Moggridge & I took our guns & went to the Hounds Kennell country – we bagged 2 brace of Part^s. a Landrail & a sparrow Hawk of which M. bagged 1½ brace of Partridges

September 15. Tuesday

Weather showery in the day. storms of rain & wind at night

September 16. Wednesday

Weather. very Stormy

[opposite page]

16. Barometer. 7¼ oclock A.M. 28.75

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September 17. Thursday

Weather – fine –

Misc^s. went out shooting with Moggridge & H Vivian in the Ynysgerwn estate –

[opposite page]

17. MM. Shot 3 brace of Part^s

H.V. “ 1½ “ “ “ & a Hare

LLD “ 2½ “ “ “ & “ D^o

September 18. Friday

Weather. fine

Misc^s. walked round with Moggridge in the afternoon to Sketty & Penllergare

September 19. Saturday

Weather fine –

Misc^s. Went out shooting with Moggridge & JDL at Penllergare

[opposite page]

19. MM - shot 2 ½ brace part^s

JDL - “ 2 “ “ & 1 Hare

LLD - “ 3 braces “ & 1 landrail

September 20. Sunday

Weather – Fine

September 21. Monday

Weather – stormy –

September 22. Tuesday

Weather – Very stormy

Misc^s Infirmary in the morning – Went to Penllergare in the afternoon

September 23. Wednesday

Weather – rain nearly all day

September 24. Thursday

Weather – Showery –

Misc^s went out shooting with H Vivian at Penllergare

[opposite page]

24. HV shot ½ a brace a ½ D°. lost –
LLD “ 1 “ D°.

Burrows Lodge

September 25, Friday

Weather. Very fine –

Misc^s. attended the petty Sessions at Llangefelach –

September 26. Saturday –

Weather. small driving rain all day –

September 27. Sunday

Weather. Fine

September 28. Monday

Weather. heavy rain nearly all day

Misc^s. Bessie not well. did not go out much

September 29. Tuesday

Weather. – showers - & squally

September 30. Wednesday

Weather tolerably fine –

October 1. Thursday

Weather. fine. cloudy

Misc^s. Bessie is better, but I did not go out much –

October 2. Friday

Weather. very fine –

Misc^s attended the Petty sessions at Llangefelach

October 3. Saturday

Weather very fine –

Misc^s Went out shooting in the afternoon with JDL. at Penllergare

[oppositepage]

3. Killed a Viper that had just swallowed a large mouse.

Burrows Lodge

October 4. Sunday

Weather. very fine.

October 5. Monday

Weather very fine –

October 6. Tuesday

Weather. Very fine

October 7. Wednesday

Weather. Very fine

Misc^s. Bessie is much better but is not yet able to get up – I attended a Paving meeting this morning.

October 8. Thursday
Weather Very fine –

October 9. Friday
Weather very fine –

October 10. Saturday
Misc^s. Went out shooting with M Moggridge at Craiment [?]

October 11. Sunday
Weather. very fine.

October 12 Monday –
Weather – Very fine – (Misc) went out shooting with M.M. at Penllergare

October 13. Tuesday. Weather. Very fine –

Oct^f. 14. Wednesday. W. Very fine.

Oct^f 15. Thursday. W. V. fine – Misc^s. went out shooting at Ynysgerwn with Captⁿ Clegg –

Burrows Lodge
Oct^f. W. fine –

Oct^f. 17. Saturday – W. fine –

Oct^f. 18 Sunday. Weather. cloudy in the morn^g. rain in the afternoon

Oct^f. 19 Monday. W. windy – fine –

Oct^f. 20 Tuesday. W. fine – Misc^f Quarter Sessions

Oct^f. 21. Wednesday. W fine

Oct^f. 22. Thursday. W. fine –

Oct^f. 23. Friday. W. showery.

Oct^f. 24. Saturday. W. Stormy Cold

Oct^f. 25. Sunday W. Fine. showery

Oct^f. 26. Monday. W. white frost in the morn^g Rain in the evening
Misc^s Went out shooting with Moggridge at Yniysgerwn

Oct^f. 27. Tuesday. W. showery

Penllergare

Oct^f.28. Wednesday. W. showery

Misc^s. We came over here today for a visit –

Oct^f. 29. Thursday. W. fine. Misc^s went out shooting with JDL.

Oct^f. 30. Friday. W. showery. Misc^s. went to Sketty & Swansea

Oct^f. 31. Saturday. W. stormy. in the middle of the day there was a very heavy Thunder storm for about 2 hours

Nov^f. 1 Sunday. W. heavy rain all evening

Nov^f. 2. Monday. W. rain in the middle of the day

Nov^f. 3. Tuesday. W. fine. Misc^s. went out shooting with JDL at Ynysygerwn

Burrows Lodge - Nov^f.4 Wednesday. W. showery-
Misc^s we returned home today –

Nov^f.5. Thursday. W. showery

Nov^f.6. Friday. W. very stormy –

Nov^f.7. Saturday. W. stormy.

Nov^f.8.Sunday. W. stormy

Nov^f.9 Monday W. showery.

Nov^f. 8. Sunday. W.stormy

Nov^f.9 Monday W. showery.

Nov^f.10 Tuesday. W. showery.

Nov^f.11 Wednesday. W. fine. Misc^s. went out shooting at Ynysygerwn

Nov^f.12. Thursday W. stormy

Nov^f.13. Friday W. very stormy heavy rain all day

Nov^f.14 Saturday. W. fine. Misc^s. went out shooting on Crumlyn bog in the afternoon.
dined at Sketty to meet Sir James South.

Nov^f.15 Sunday. W. fine in the day rain at night

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Nov^f.16. Monday. W. showery & Stormy. Misc^s Went out shooting on Crumlyn Bog in the afternoon

Nov^f.17. W. rainy all day

Nov^f.18. W. rain all day in Swansea. Snow all day at Craignant. Misc^s. went up to Craignant

Nov^f.19. Thursday. W. cold. Wind N. Misc^s Sir James Smith dined & slept

Nov^f.20. Friday. W. very cold. fine. Therm^f. in the night fell to 29⁰ Misc^s. went over to Penllergare in the morning & dined at Singleton in the evening to meet the Bishop of St Davids.

Nov^f.21. Saturday W. stormy

Nov^f.22. Sunday W Threatening - no rain

Nov^f.23. Monday. W. Fine. Glass rising steadily –

Nov^f.24. Tuesday. W. Fine.

Nov^f.25. Wednesday W. Very fine. Misc^s went to Penllergare

Nov^f.26. Thursday. W. very fine
Misc^s. went out shooting at Ynysygerwn with Glegg

Nov^f.27. Friday. W. very fine –

Nov^f.28. Saturday. W. very fine –

Nov^f.29. Sunday. W. overcast. frost in the night

Nov^f.30. Monday. W. rain and fog all day

Dec^f.1 Tuesday. W. fine. Misc^s Infirmary in the morning

Dec^f.2. Wednesday. W. very fine –
Misc^s Bessies birthday. I went over to Penllergare & shot my way home by the Llougher Marshes.

Dec^f.3. Thursday. W. Fine –
Misc^s went out with my gun in the afternoon towards Ystrad

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Dec^f. 4 Friday – W. overcast no rain –
Misc^s. Llangefelach Petty Sessions

Dec^f.5. Saturday – W. overcast. small rain in the evening

Misc^s. went out shooting with Captⁿ Clegg⁴ at Ynysygerwn

Dec^r.6. Sunday. W. no rain –

Dec^r.7. Monday. W. Stormy. wind very high S.

Misc^s. Harbour meeting nearly all day

Dec^r.8. Tuesday. W. calm. Showers –

Misc^s. Works & Infirmary in the morning – went over to Penllergare afterwards –

Dec^r.9. Wednesday. W. stormy. no rain –

Misc^s. attended the annual savings Bank meeting –

Dec^r.10. Thursday. W. gloomy. Wind E. cold –

Misc. Went to the works in the morning and afterwards drove down to the Trap common & shot my way home by Llougher Marshes –

Dec^r.11. Friday W. Wind NE. cold –

Misc^s. Town Council meeting –

Dec^r.12 Saturday. W. Therm^r in the morning early 28⁰. it got milder in the day. Glass rising

Misc. shot a Bittern near Traveley mill –

Dec^r.13. Sunday. W. very Cold. Wind E –

Dec^r.14. Monday. W. very Cold. Therm^r at ½ P.M. 26⁰

Misc^s. went on to Crumlyn Bog in the afternoon with Moggridge & shot another Bittern

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Dec^r.15. Tuesday. W. very cold. Therm^r last night stood at 25⁰

Dec^r.16. Wednesday. W. very cold Therm^r last night 24⁰- in the afternoon it began to thaw Wind. N.W.

Misc^s. Paving meeting in the morning went out shooting at Singleton in the afternoon

Dec^r.17. Thursday. W. Thaw & rain in the day the frost set in again sharply at night.

Misc^s. went out shooting with Moggridge at Ynysygerwn

Dec^r.18. Friday. W. very cold. Therm^r last night 19⁰

Dec^r.19. Saturday. W. Cold. Wind NE –

Misc^s. went up to Ynysygerwn with R Eden shooting –

Dec^r.20 Sunday. W. wind NE cold but not freezing. it thawed in the night – Glass rising –

⁴ In the first entry it is spelled Glegg.

Dec^r 21. Tuesday – W. Cold. frost last night

Dec^r.23. Wednesday W. cold. frosty –

Misc^s. went out shooting with H Vivian at Kilvrough. DeleBeche came to us this evening

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Dec^r 24. Thursday. W. Cold. Therm^r. last night 26⁰

Dec^r.25. Friday. W. cold . white frost last night – cloudy in the day. Glass rising.

Misc^s. We dined at Sketty Hall today

Dec^r. 26. Saturday. W. sharp frost last night. Glass still rising –

Dec^r. 27. Sunday W. cold –

Dec^r 28. Monday. W. no frost. but cold.

Misc^s. took a walk with DeleBeche in the afternoon towards Llougher

Dec^r. 29. Tuesday. W. cold –

Misc^s- In the afternoon I took a walk with my gun over Crumlyn Bog

Dec^r. 30. Wednesday. W. sharp White frost last night – thaw in the day & heavy rain all evening –

Misc^s. I stayed at home all day as I had got a bad cold –

Dec^r. 31. Thursday – W. fine. mild –

Misc^s. my cold better but I did not go out much –

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Jan^y. 1. Friday. W. showery –

-- 2 Saturday. W. rather showery-

-- 3 Sunday W. Wind hugh NW- cold some snow fell.

4 Monday. W. Wind high. N. very cold. frost last night.

Misc^s. Went to a special sessions at Pyle with JDL & LWD.

5. Tuesday W. cold. sharp frost last night –

6. Wednesday W. very cold – very hard frost last night -

Misc^s. went out shooting at Kilvrough with H Vivian – Ball at Singleton in the evening –

7. Thursday. W. frost very hard last night – at 5 this morning Therm^r. 24⁰

8. Friday. Very hard frost last night 8.A.M. Therm^r. 21.⁰

9. Saturday – Thaw heavy rain in the evening –
Misc^s JDL & Mr Hill in the laboratory –

10 Sunday – Cold thaw – it froze a little in the night

Jan^y 11. Monday. frost & Snow last night

Misc^s. Walked with Moggridge to Penllergare

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