

## The Dillwyn Collection

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

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Journal of Lewis Llewelyn Dillwyn 1856 (1)

M<sup>lle</sup> du Jeis [?] - a new Governess came to us Jan<sup>y</sup> - 4. 1855

Hendrefoilan 1856

Jan<sup>y</sup> 1. Tuesday -

Overcast. Rainy all the afternoon - Mild -

To the works after breakfast. Met H. Vivian Budd & Herrmann on my process - H.H.V - says I infringe - Richards & D<sup>r</sup> Price also present. Called at Sketty on my way home -

Jan<sup>y</sup> 2 - Wednesday

Fine -

Went to the adjourned Quarter sessions at 11 a.m - In the afternoon went up to the Works with E.M.R. - Henry Thomas came to us this evening -

Jan<sup>y</sup> 3. Thursday

Fine -

Into Swansea by 10½ a.m. with H. Thomas then we met J.D.L. & we all walked to Vernon [?] House Lunatic Asylum - back with H.T. to dinner -

Jan<sup>y</sup> 4. Friday

Rainy -

At home in the forenoon writing &c - to Sketty in the afternoon -

Jan<sup>y</sup> 5 Saturday

Mild. overcast. fine on the whole.

Went out shooting at Penllergare -

Jan<sup>y</sup>. 6. Sunday

Unsettled. frequent rain. dark - mild -

To Church in the a.m. then to Sketty - back here in the P.M. & walked with Henry Thomas -

Jan<sup>y</sup>. 7 Monday

Unsettled

To Swansea after breakfast & then up to the works.

Jan<sup>y</sup>.8 Tuesday

Unsettled

At home in the forenoon - to Swansea with Bessie & Harry in the afternoon - I dined with the Biddulphs -

Jan<sup>y</sup>.9 Wednesday

Rain & sleet -

At home a.m. in the P.M. to the works.

Jan<sup>y</sup>. 10. Thursday

Fine - cold. Wind N.E -

Harbour Committee at 10½ - in the afternoon to the works - home to dinner -

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Jan<sup>y</sup>. 11. Friday

Sharp frost. bright & clear. Wind N.E.

Over to Penllergare in the forenoon - home at ½ past 1 P.M - in the afternoon went to Sketty with Bessie -

Jan<sup>y</sup>. 12. Saturday

Very sharp frost. Wind N.E. calm. bright & Clear

a.m. to Swansea with Harry Minnie joined us there. We came home by Sketty - About here in the P.M. D<sup>r</sup>. Price came to us this evening to stay till Monday

Jan<sup>y</sup>. 13.

Fine - Sharp frost. bright & Sunny -

To Sketty & about here in the afternoon

Jan<sup>y</sup>. 14. Monday

Very cold - very sharp frost - wind high -

Into Swansea with D<sup>r</sup> Price (who left us) after breakfast & attended a Harbour meeting. To the Works in the afternoon - A party to dinner

Jan<sup>y</sup>. 15. Tuesday

Wind W. Thaw - showery -

To Swansea - to Mr Richards & met him, D<sup>r</sup> Price & M. Budimar [?] - home calling at Sketty in the way - Bessie Rosie & I dined with the Biddulphs & went to Miss Freeths farewell concert in the evening -

Jan<sup>y</sup>. - 16. Wednesday

Thick fog & rain in the morning - tolerably fine in the afternoon -

Went out Shooting at Penllergare - Harry with me - Benson returned here with me -

Jan<sup>y</sup>. 17. Thursday -

Fine early in the day. Rain in the P.M. mild -

To a Harbour Committee after breakfast - To the Works in the afternoon -

Jan<sup>y</sup>. 18. Friday

Rain till about 2 or 3 P.M. when it cleared away - mild -

At home & to Sketty in the afternoon -

Jan<sup>y</sup>. 19. Saturday

Rain in the forenoon - fine in the afternoon mild - Showery again about 5 P.M.

At home all day

Jan<sup>y</sup>. 20. Sunday

Misty & rainy - mild -

At home all the morning to Sketty in the afternoon with Minnie -

Jan<sup>y</sup>. 21. Monday

Misty & Rainy - mild -

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a.m. at home writing & c P.M. into Swansea

Jan<sup>v</sup>. 22. Tuesday

Fine - Wind. E -

Harbour Committee at 11 - up to the Works in the afternoon -

Jan<sup>v</sup>. 23. Wednesday

Variable. Mild - in the day. Wind very high - S.W. with rain in the evening

To the Works after breakfast - to Swansea at 1 P.M. Home to dinner calling at Sketty Hall in the way - Kingscote came to us this evening

Jan<sup>v</sup>. 24. Thursday

Unsettled. Wind high S.W. Thunder in the P.M.

Over to Neath - dined there at the Castle Hotel (Housewarming dinner) - home at night -

Jan<sup>v</sup>.25. Friday

Fine. Wind high. W.S.W. mild -

At home about the grounds all day -

Jan<sup>v</sup>.26. Saturday

Unsettled

a.m. At home - P.M. to Sketty. Mrs Thomas & Clara Thomas came to us in the evening.

Jan<sup>v</sup>. 27. Sunday

Fine -

To Sketty about 1 P.M. Walked about here afterwards -

Jan<sup>v</sup>. 28. Monday -

Fine a.m. - a frost in the night, in the P.M. Snow storms. Wind N,W,

To Swansea after breakfast - up to the Works in the afternoon - to Sketty in my way home

Jan<sup>v</sup>.29. Tuesday

Sharp frost at night - Fine - Thaw in the midday - frost again at night. Wind N.N.W.

Mrs Thomas & Clara left us to day - in the afternoon I went to Swansea - called at Sketty in my way home

Gloucester -

Jan<sup>v</sup>. 30 - Wednesday

Sharp frost. bright & fine -

To the Works after breakfast & back by Swansea. home at 4 P.M. We dined at 5 & then Harry & I came on here en route for London by the Mail Train -

London 1856

10 Great Ryder St

Jan<sup>v</sup>. 31. Thursday

Sharp frost in the night - fine a.m. gloomy & overcast this evening -

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Harry & I came up here by Xpress train arriving at 11½ a.m. We then went down to see the opening of Parliament at 2 P.M - - at 3 to Lincoln Inn fields on business - to the House again at 4½ P.M.

Feb<sup>v</sup>. 1. Friday

Fine but dark -

Executed commissions & c to the House in the evening - home about 9 P.M -

Harry was with me all day

Feb<sup>v</sup>. 2 - Saturday

Dark & Gloomy - cold -

About with Harry - commissions & c at 5 P.M. we dined with the Guthries & went to Drury Lane afterwards -

Feb<sup>v</sup>. 3. Sunday

Very fine - sharp frost -

To Westminster Abbey service with Harry after breakfast - in the P.M. we went to the Zoological Gardens - H Thomas accompanied us -

Feb<sup>v</sup>. 4. Monday

Fine - Thaw. Wind S.W.

Took Harry to School at Mr Johns near Watford - I returned by 3.15.P.M. & went down to the House -

London

10 G<sup>t</sup> Ryder St

Feb<sup>v</sup>. 5. Tuesday -

Fine. Mild. Wind S.W.

To the City respecting a Silver Sale & c to the House at 5 P.M.

Feb<sup>v</sup>.6. Wednesday

Wind S.W. high & damp. overcast -

Writing at home in the forenoon - to the House at 2 P.M - House adjourned at ½ to 3 P.M. at 5 went with

Price & Johnson to Hindmarshs to consult him on my Silver process - Athenaeum in the evening

Feb<sup>v</sup>. 7. Thursday

Rainy & unsettled - Wind S.W. high

a.m. wrote & read - P.M. to the House - - debate on enquiry in to state of Naval Administration - home about 1 P.M -

Feb<sup>v</sup>. 8 1856. Friday

Mild. Wind W - fine - heavy rain in the night -

Wrote & c after breakfast - then to the city executed commissions & c To the House in the evening -

Feb<sup>v</sup>. 9. Saturday -

Fine. mild -

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a.m. wrote & c P.M. made a calls.

Feb<sup>y</sup>. 10. Sunday

Grey & dark. no rain -

a.m. at home. P.M. at the Club -

Feb<sup>y</sup>. 11. Monday

Heavy rain nearly all day - mild.

Writing letters & c the greater part of the day - to the House at 4 - debate on Navy Estimates -

Feb<sup>y</sup>. 12. Tuesday.

Rainy - very mild -

a.m. to Gibbs & Sons about a Silver Sale - at 1 P.M. to call on L<sup>d</sup> Emlyn - to the House at 4 -

Feb<sup>y</sup>. 13. Wednesday

Rain the greater part of the day -

To the House at 12 - to the club at 6 - &c

Feb<sup>y</sup>. 14. Thursday

Wind high. W. mild - tolerably fine -

Having a cold remained at home till 1 P.M. then to the Club - went through a file of News papers - at 4 to the House - with Llewelyn Thomas - debate on consolidation of Statute law - & on a return respecting Irish Judges - Home at 1 a.m.

Feb<sup>y</sup>. 15. Friday -

Tolerably fine - very mild -

After breakfast with Richards (who came up last night) to Johnsons - I then went to look for lodgings & took one from tomorrow in 5 Charles St. St. James's - At 2 I met Richards & Johnson at Hindmarsh's & had a consultation with him respecting Vivians patent &c. at 4 P.M. met H.H.V. & E Budd at the House of Commons - Richards was present - at 5. I went to the Athenaeum - I did not return to the H of C. having a bad cold - home at 10 -

5. Charles St St James's.

Feb<sup>y</sup>. 16. Saturday

Very fine -

Moved my lodgings - at 3 P.M. met H H Vivian - Richards & Budd also present - at 6 PM went to Paddington to receive Bessie who came by the Xpress -

Feb<sup>y</sup>. 17. Sunday

Dark cold - raw & gloomy - Wind E.

a.m. at home P.M. to the Zool<sup>l</sup> Gardens with Bessie & H. Thomas.

Feb<sup>y</sup>. 18. Monday

Dark & cold - wind E.

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To Johnsons & c after breakfast - In the afternoon out with Bessie - to the House at 4½ - back to dinner at 7 - I did not go out afterwards

Feb<sup>y</sup>. 19. Tuesday

Dark cold & threatening - Wind E -

a.m. out shopping with Bessie -

P.M. to the city. Met H.H.V. & Budd with E.M.R. To the House at 4 P.M -

Feb<sup>y</sup>. 20. Wednesday

Cold - dark

To the House at 4. With E.M.R. & met H.H.Vivian & Budd - had a long interview with them - in the forenoon to the city with J.D.L. Bessie & I dined with the Llewelyns at 6½.P.M.

Feb<sup>y</sup>. 21. Thursday

Cold - Wind N.E.

Engaged with Vivian the greater part of the day - we settled everything - To the House at night - debate & division on Sir J. Walmsleys motion -

Feb<sup>y</sup>. 22 - Friday

Fine but cold -

Busy finally arranging every thing with H.H.V.

12 Pall Mall

Feb<sup>y</sup>. 23. Saturday

Fine -

a.m. Moved down here the first thing & to the Board of Trade with Richards at 11 a.m. to see Lowe respecting his Shipping Bill - thence to Vivians office to settle some wording of the agreement, with V & C<sup>d</sup> - with E Budd which I did. - Shopped & c with Bessie in the afternoon

Feb<sup>y</sup>. 24. Sunday

Fine -

a.m. at home writing & c

P.M. went out with Bessie to make some calls -

Feb<sup>y</sup>. 25. Monday

Fine -

Made some calls & c after breakfast in the afternoon I wrote letters & at 4 went to the House - Debate on Lowes Shipping Bill - adjourned - home at 1 a.m.

Feb<sup>y</sup>. 26 Tuesday

Fine -

a.m. Wrote - went out with J.D.L & c -

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P.M. with Bessie to the Photog Ev<sup>al</sup> & down to the House at 4.P.M. The House was up at 7. & I came here to dinner - went with Bessie afterwards to Miss Hortons performance at the Gallery of Illustration - got home about ½ past 10 -

Feb<sup>v</sup>. 27. Wednesday -

Fine -

To the H of C. at 11. With JDL. & G Thomas to meet other magistrates respecting the Lunatic Asylum - at 4 P.M. I met Budd in the city by appointment & signed & exchanged fair copies of the Agreement with H.H.V. Bessie went with Emma & a party to Kew -

Feb<sup>v</sup>. 28. Thursday

Fine - Thick & dark in the city -

Made calls with Bessie wrote letters & c - at 4 P.M. to the House - home at 12½

Feb<sup>v</sup>. 29 - Friday

Fine -

Made calls shopped & c & c with Bessie - To the House at 4 P.M - Bessie & Theresa went to the Ladies Gallery - Home at ¼ to 12 -

March 1. Saturday

Fine. Grey -

Went to Cullipers [?] & brought Harry back here to spend Sunday with us - we all went to the Haymarket Theatre in the evening

March 2. Sunday

Dry - grey - cold -

a.m. Bessie & Harry to S<sup>t</sup> James s Church - I write at the Athenaeum -

P.M. To the Zool Gardens -

March 3. Monday

Dry - cold -

Took Harry back to School - to the House in the evening - Home at ¼ past 1 a.m

March 4. Tuesday

Fine. dark -

a.m. to the City -P.M. Made calls with Bessie - at 4 to the H of C. home about 1 a.m.

March 5. Wednesday

Fine -

To the House at 12. At 2 went to the Treasury with Bruce - afterwards to the House again - Division in Church Rates - returned at 5½ & went for a walk with Bessie -

March 6. Thursday

Fine. dark -

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<sup>1</sup> Exhibition of the Photographic Society of London at Gallery of the Society of Artists in Watercolours, 5 Pall Mall East. John Dillwyn Llewelyn was exhibiting.



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a.m. wrote & c P.M went with Bessie to see the Panorama & Kilburns exhibition of Crimean Photographs<sup>2</sup> - To the House at 4 PM

March 7 Friday

Dark - no rain -

Went out with Bessie after breakfast to look at Houses & c to the House at 4 - home with Bruce to dinner at 7 - & again to the House - home at 1½ a.m -

March 8. Saturday -

Fine -

Went with Bessie to Ipswich to see the Alexanders<sup>3</sup> - We returned at 10 P.M.

March 9. Sunday

Wind W. gloomy & raw - no rain -

Made some calls with Bessie in the afternoon

March 10. Monday

Fine - cold -

Went with Bessie House hunting - To the House in the evening. Debate on Sir G Greys Police Bill - home at 2 a.m.

March 11 Tuesday

Fine -

Went with Bessie to Tottenham & Walthamstow to see my Aunts - At home in the evening as there was no house -

March 12. Wednesday

Fine. cold - Wind E.

Day sitting at the House - I brought in a bill respecting assaults on Women & Children - Bessie came to the House then the debate - House up at 4 & then went with Bessie to look at some houses.

March 13. Thursday

Very cold. dark. keen East wind -

Executed commissions, looked for Houses &c &c - Harry joined us this evening - To the House at night -

### Hendrefoilan

March 14. Friday -

Bright - Very cold - sharp frost -

We (i.e Bessie Harry & self) left London at 20 to 10 a.m arrived at Swansea at ¼ to 4 Bessie & Harry went home - I dined at the Sheriffs ordinary - home about 11 P.M.

March 15 - Saturday

Very cold - fine -

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<sup>2</sup> 1855-56 Tour of Crimean photographs taken by Roger Fenton. Held at three venues in London in Pall Mall and Piccadilly September 1855 to May 1856. Exhibition organised by Thomas Agnew & Sons.

<sup>3</sup> Richard Dykes Alexander, Ipswich banker. Ann Alexander was a sister of Lewis Weston Dillwyn.

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To the Grand Jury - dined with the Judges

March 16. Sunday -

Dark & cold - Rain set in about midday & lasted all day -

Went to church with Bessie & Minnie - to Sketty afterwards - home about 3 P.M.

The two Allens Sullivan & D Price dined with us -

March 17. Monday

Fine.

Grand Jury at 11. We were discharged about 3 P.M.

March 18. Tuesday

Rain nearly all day -

a m at home - P.M - called at Glanmor & the Hill - to Swansea & home by Sketty. H

Thomas came to us -

March 19. Wednesday

Fine -

Into Swansea with H. Thomas & up to the works -

March 20. Thursday

Very fine -

Into Swansea - I dined with the Biddulphs. H.Thomas left us today

March 21. Friday - (Good Friday)

Very fine. Wind W.N.W. mild - bright.

To church after breakfast with Bessie Rose & the 2 elder children - To Sketty

afterwards - home about 3 P.M - H.Bruce called here in the afternoon

March 22. Saturday

Fine. Cold - wind E -

With Bessie to Swansea in the forenoon - I went up to the works in the afternoon

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March 23. Sunday - (Easter Sunday)

Cold. Wind E. fine -

To Church in the morning, thence to Sketty with Bessie - home in the afternoon -

March 24. Monday

Fine. Wind E - cold - bright

At home till 12. Then walked with Minnie to Sketty & on to Swansea

March 25 - Tuesday

Very fine. cold. Wind E.N.E.

Walked over to Penllergare after breakfast - then with J.D.L. to Lougher thence

across to Bousfit [?] near the Mumbles in search of a site for the Lunatic asylum -

home by way of Sketty - got home about ½ past 5 PM.

March 26. Wednesday

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Fine. Wind E.N.E

Walked to the Britton ferry Lunatic Asylum & back. J.D.L. accompanied me from Swansea - In the evening we went to a Ball in Swansea given by the Married Men.

March 27. Thursday

Fine. Wind E.

I went to Aberavon by Xpress train met the Corporation there as to their Postal arrangements - returned to Landore at 3 P.M - home to dinner -

March 28. Friday

Very fine - Wind E.N.E.

About here planting making out garden &c - We had a party to dinner in the evening -

March 29. Saturday

Bright & fine - Wind E. very cold in morning & evening -

In to Swansea & up to the Works - called at Sketty in my way home

### Gloucester

March 30. Sunday

Bright & fine. E Wind. cold -

Wrote in the morning - at 1 P.M. went into Swansea & had a tooth out - Called at Sketty in my way home - Came here "en route" for London by Mail train. Harry was to have accompanied me on his way to school but his cough is troublesome so he remains at home some time longer -

### London - 12 - Pall Mall - 1856

March 31. Monday

Very fine - frost in the night -

Came up here from Gloster by the Xpress train which arrives at 11½ a m - called on Mrs Guthrie - to the House at ½ past 4 P.M. not feeling well however I soon came away -

April 1. Tuesday

Very fine - very hot in the sun -

Executed various commissions - wrote letters & c - To the House in the evening

April 2. Wednesday

Wind S.W. high - cloudy - some rain in the evening -

To the House - My Bill for Agg.<sup>ted</sup> Assaults stood for second reading - It did not come on however & I gave notice to read it 2<sup>nd</sup> time on May 7. The first tolerably open day.

April 3. Thursday

Wind S.W. very high - much rain

Wrote & c after breakfast - to the city in the afternoon - To the House at 4 P.M.

April 4. Friday -

Showery -

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At 1 P.M. went with deputation from various ports in the Bristol Channel to the Board of Trade respecting a scheme of general Channel pilotage - To the House at 4 P.M.

April 5. Saturday

Showery - much rain in the afternoon -

Into the City to see Crawshay after breakfast - To the Treasury & c - in the afternoon - at home in the evening

April 6. Sunday

Showery. Wind S.W. high -

I did not go out much today

April 7. Monday

Showery

I did not go out much in the day wrote & c

To the House at night -

April 8. Tuesday

3A. King St St James s.

Rainy -

Packed up & moved & in the day to the House at 4 at 5½ went up to Paddington & met Bessie Rosie & the Children who came up by Express -

April 9. Wednesday

Heavy & frequent showers -

Day sitting at the House - Harry went there with me

3.(A) King St St. James s 1856

Rainy & unsettled. mild -

Out with the Children & then with Bessie to the House at night Debate on L<sup>d</sup> J

Russels [sic] education scheme home at ¼ 2 a.m.

April 11. Friday

Showery - heavy rain at night

In the day out with Bessie & the children - House of C. at night adjourned debate

on L<sup>d</sup> J. Russels education scheme. Home at ¼ 2 a.m. -

April 12. Saturday

Fine -

a.m. wrote & c. P.M. went with the children to the Panorama & to Covent Garden - & afterwards with Bessie to Trollopes

April 13. Sunday

Fine -

a.m. wrote & c - P.M. to the Zool Gardens with the children

April 14. Monday

Dark. Wind high N - rain at night -

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a.m. with Harry to Watford on his way to school - home at 1 P.M. & out with Bessie to Trollopes & c - To the House at night -

Fine. Wind very high - cold E.

a.m. Went with Bessie & Minnie to call at 11 Cumberland terrace on Mrs Bevan. P.M. took Minnie & Amy to see the Queen return from the levèè [sic] - to the House at night - debate on Maynooth Grant - home at 12½ -

April 16. Wednesday

Fine - cold - Wind E -

To the City after breakfast & to the House at 2 P.M. home at 6 -

April 17. Thursday

Cold. Wind E

Went out but little as I had a cold

No House in the evening

April 18. Friday

Fine

Went with Bessie to Trollopes & c respecting papers - to the House at night - home about 1½ a.m.

April 19. Saturday

Fine -

Went out with Bessie Rosie & the children shopping & c - in the evening we all went to the Olympic Theatre -

April 20. Sunday

Fine -

a.m. With Bessie & Amy to the Temple Church

April 21. Monday

Fine -

To the House at 4 P.M. home at 2 a.m.

April 22. Tuesday

Fine -

To the City after breakfast - in the afternoon went with Rosie & Bessie to the new Water colour exh<sup>n</sup> & c - I afterwards went with Bessie to Chelsea to call on Mrs Barkworth -

April 23. Wednesday

Fine -

a.m - writing & c at home. P.M. out with Minnie & Amy - In the evening we went to the Princess Theatre.

April 24. Thursday

Fine - Warm -

a.m. to the Athenaeum & c to the House at 4 P.M home at 1 a.m.

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April 25. Friday -

Fine - hot - heavy rain at night -

Went out with Bessie & the children after breakfast - at 1 P.M. went with Bessie & Amy to consult Mr Cooper (the oculist) about Amys sight which is short - to the House at night. debate on Police Bill - home about 1¼ 2 a.m.

April 26 - Saturday

Fine - Mild - Showers

a.m. wrote &c - P.M. out with Bessie & the Children - I dined with Mr J. Hewood M.P. in the evening

April 27 - Sunday

Rain from E. all day - cold -

Went to the Temple Church with Rosie & Minnie in the morning - at home & at the club in the afternoon - G.B.Morris & Fenwick dined with us.

April 28. Monday

Fine - cold -

Into the city & made calls with Bessie - To the House at night - Debate on a censure on Government for fall of Kars - home about 12½ -

April 29 Tuesday

Fine - but occasionally dark & cloudy

After breakfast went to the Athenaeum with Bessie Rosie & c. to see the procession of Heralds & c to proclaim Peace - To the House at 1 P.M. on a Railway Committee. At night adjourned debate on Kars - Bessie & Rosie came to hear it - home at 1¼

April 30. Wednesday

Cold -

At the House all day - Headache in the evening -

May 1. Thursday

Cold & frequent storms -

To the House at night. Bessie & Rosie went there to hear the debate on the fall of Kars -

May 2 - Friday

Cold -

Railway Committee of House of Commons all day - Adjourned debate on fall of Kars at night home at 2 -

May 3. Saturday

Very cold - frequent hail storms & c

To the club &c in the P.M. - went with Bessie Rosie & the 2 Girls to see the Ellesmere Gallery

May 4. Sunday

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Fine but very cold -

At home in the forenoon - in the afternoon I went with Bessie & Amy to make some calls &c

May 5. Monday

Dry & cold.

a.m. to the Athenaeum &c - at 2 P.M. to the House - on a Committee - at night debate on the Peace - (adjourned) - home at 2-a.m.

May 6. Tuesday

Dry & cold

Railway Committee at 12 - Adjourned debate at night - home soon after 12 -

May 7. Wednesday

Rain all the day -

At the House all day - Committee at 12 - & afterwards I brought on my bill for aggravated Assaults - it was lost by a division of 135 against 97 - Bessie & Minnie were at the House - Home to dinner at 6 -

May 8. Thursday

Fine -

To the House at 4 P.M - home at 6½ & went with Bessie to dine at Mrs Batemans

May 9. Friday

Fine -

At 12½ went with Bessie & Minnie to the Water Colour ex<sup>n</sup> - to the House at 4½ - Debate on Police Bill - home about ½ past 1 P.M.

May 10. Saturday

Very fine - Warm & fine

a.m. wrote letters & c -P.M. went with Minnie & Amy to the Zool. Gardens - Harry came to us this evening for the Whitsuntide holidays -

May 11. Sunday

Very fine - hot -

In the morning went with Bessie to St Barnabas s Church - We lunched with the Biddulphs - In the afternoon I took all the children to the Zool Gardens.

May 12. Monday

Dark & some drizzling rain in the day - heavy & continuous rain after 4 P.M.

In the afternoon went to the Polytechnic with Amy & Harry - in the evening we all went to the Olympic Theatre -

May 13. Tuesday

Thick fog & frequent rain in the morning - Fine in the afternoon - very mild -

To the city after breakfast - in the afternoon out with Harry - We dined at the Biddulphs -

May 14. Wednesday

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Sketty Hall -

Fine

I left London by Xpress train & came here - I attended a meeting of the Liberal registration Soc<sup>y</sup> at Cardiff in my way down - came on by a later train

May 15. Thursday

Rain a.m. Fine the rest of the day

To Hendrefoilan after breakfast - up to the Works after Luncheon.

May 16. Friday

Fine -

In the afternoon went to look at Upper Bowspitts farm & thence walked across to Hendrefoilan - back here to dinner

May 17. Saturday

Heavy rain early - unsettled all day

In to Swansea after breakfast & thence to the Works at 2 P.M. home here to dinner

May 18. Sunday

Wind very violent - frequent and heavy storms of rain -

Gooseberry bushes in Sketty garden were uprooted by the gale -

a.m. I went up to Hendrefoilan -

P.M - at Sketty -

3<sup>a</sup> King St

May 19. Monday

Fine on the whole -

I came up by Xpress train -

May 20. Tuesday

Fine - hot -

a.m. with JDL to Lord Cawdors &c - at 2 P.M. went to Phelps - to the House at 4

P.M. debate on the Ballot - House up about ¼8 P.M. afterwards I went up to

Everalls with Bessie to see John & Emma

May 21. Wednesday

Hot. fine in the day heavy rain set in about 8 P.M.

At the House all day - Home at 4½ - I dined with T Allen - Bessie accompanied

Mrs Marryatt to a concert at Exeter Hall -

May 22. Thursday

Rainy

Committee at the House at 12 - I remained there till 12½ a.m.

May 23. Friday

Showery but tolerably fine -

Railway committee again at 12 - I came home to dinner at 6½ - back to the

House at 8½. home at 11½ P.M -



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May 24. Saturday

Fine - hot -

Writing &c in the morning - to Covent Garden & the Panopticon with the children in the P.M.. We had a party to dinner -

May 25. Sunday

Fine - heavy showers in the P.M.

To Whitehall chapel service in the morning with Rosie Minnie & Amy - In the afternoon to the Zool. Gardens with Bessie & Essey

May 26. Monday

Hot & close

Committee on Railway Bill at 12 - House at night -

May 27 - Tuesday

Close -

Committee in the day. House at night

May 28. Wednesday

Heavy rain in the P.M.

Made calls &c - in the evening we dined with the Benetts -

May 29. Thursday

About with Bessie & the children & c in the Evening we all went to see the illuminations and Fireworks in commemoration of the peace -

May 30. Friday

Fine. dark & cold -

Attended a meeting of Magistrates respecting a Lunatic asylum at Lord Cawdors at 12 - In the evening to the House of Commons

May 31. Saturday -

Rainy - Wind E.N.E

In the day went with Bessie to look for Lodgings &c - in the afternoon went out with Minnie and Amy & in the evening we all went to the Haymarket Theatre -

June 1. Sunday

a.m. Gloomy & dark. P.M. very fine

Went to the Zoological Gardens in the afternoon with Rosie Minnie and Essy

June 2. Monday -

Very fine - hot -

With Rosie to G.N - station at 9 a.m. - she has gone to visit some friends in Yorkshire - House of Commons at 12 - on Committee - House at 4 - returned home at 8 with a bad headache -

June 3. Tuesday

Very hot - bright & fine -

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The children with Miss Beer returned to Hendrefoilan by Express train this morning & I went to see them off- Bessie & I retain apartments in the same house - Railway Committee at 12 - No house at 4 & I came back here -

June 4. Wednesday

Very hot - bright & fine -

With Bessie to call on Mrs T. Allen after breakfast - Committee of House at 12 - Home at 6 -

June 5. Thursday

Committee at 12 - House at night -

June 6. Friday

Fine

Railway Committee at 12 - House at night.

June 7. Saturday

Fine

Went with Bessie at ¼1. To see the R.A. exhibition - In the afternoon we went to see the Regent Park Botanic Gardens -

June 8. Sunday

Fine -

a.m. We went to the Temple Church

P.M. to the Zoological Gardens &c

June 9. Monday

Fine -

Railway Comm. at 12. House at night. I also went with Bessie to a party at Lady C.Schroebergs

June 10. Tuesday

Very fine -

Went with Bessie to the city at 12 - then to see the Exhibition of pictures of ancient masters - I went to the House at 4 - home about ½ past 10 -

June 11. Wednesday

Very fine -

To the House at 12. Home at 6 P.M

June 12. Thursday

Rain set in the afternoon -

Committee at H. of C. at 12 - home to dinner & to the House again at night - home at 2 a.m.

June 13. Friday

Rain all day

H of C. on Committee at 12. the Comm. adjourned at 1½ & I came home. dined at home & down to the House at 8½. Home at 2¼ a m

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June 14. Saturday

Heavy & frequent Storms -

Went with Bessie in the afternoon to the Botanic Gardens shew - We dined at Mrs Nichols -

June 15. Sunday

Fine -

P.M. We went up to the Zool.<sup>l</sup> Gardens -

June 16. Monday

Fine - hot -

a.m. out with Bessie to get carpets &c

P.M. to the House - dined at home & to the House again at night -

June 17. Tuesday

To the House at 12. day sitting - at 8.PM to the Lin.<sup>n</sup> Soc<sup>ty</sup> & to the House again at night -

June 18. Wednesday

To the House - home at 6 - We dined with the H. Vivians -

June 19. Thursday

Day sitting at the House - at 4 P.M. I went to execute some Commissions - to the House again at night -

June 20. Friday -

To the Crystal Palace (where there was a concert) with Bessie - We got home at out 7 P.M. - dined & to the House - Bessie came with me & went up to the Ladies Gallery - Thunder & Hail in the day -

June 21 Saturday

Rainy - Went out with Bessie about furniture & c - In the evening we went to the Italian opera in the Haymarket -

June 22. Sunday

Fine - Went with B. to the Temple church in the morning - in the afternoon we went to the Zoological Gardens - We dined with the Philipps s -

June 23. Monday -

Fine - Wrote letters & c - at 3 PM went to consult Mr Jenkyns on business - at four P.M. to the Linnean Soc<sup>y</sup>. to attend a meeting of the Council of which I am a member - Afterwards to the House - home to dinner at 7. & again to the House

June 24. Tuesday -

Fine - To the H of C. at 12. at 4 P.M. I made calls with Bessie - down to the House again at 6 P.M it was counted out however in 10 minutes & I came home

June 25. Wednesday

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Very hot - At the House all day - debate on Maynooth Grant

June 26. Thursday

Very hot - Went to various shops about Furniture & c with Bessie - To the House at night - home at 2 a.m.

June 27 - Friday

Very fine - Went with Bessie to the R.A. exh<sup>n</sup> in the afternoon - in the Morning I went with E.M.Richards to the Treasury & c - to the House at 4 P.M - home about 1½ a m -

June 28. Saturday -

Very fine - Out with Bessie in the day - We dined with Talbot -

June 29. Sunday

Fine. Went with Bessie to the Zool. Gardens in the afternoon

June 30. Monday

Overcast - To the City in the morning - then out with Bessie to the Dentists & c - to the House at night - home at ½ past 1 -

July 1. Tuesday -

Fine - Out with Bessie in the morn<sup>g</sup> to Red Lion Square in the afternoon wrote letters &c. to the House at night -

July 2. Wednesday -

Fine. At the House - We dined with the Biddulphs

July 3. Thursday

Fine - About with Bessie in the day - To the House at night

July 4. Friday

Fine. Went with Bessie to Kew - returned to dinner - down to the House at night -

July 5. Saturday

Fine - Out with Bessie shopping &c. in the Evening we went to the Lyceum opera

July 6. Sunday -

Fine - overcast in the evening - Went to the Zool. Gardens with Bessie in the afternoon -

July 7 - Monday

Rainy all day - Bessie returned home by the Express train to day & I went to see her off - I afterwards executed commissions & wrote &c - to the House at 4½ - - home at 1½ a.m -

19. Regent St

July 8. Tuesday -

Heavy rain & violent wind all day -

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I moved from King St<sup>t</sup> to Lodgings here - after breakfast down to the House - remained till 4 - & then again at 6. the House was counted out about 9 - & I came to the Club -

July 9. Wednesday

Tolerably fine - To the Athenaeum to breakfast - afterwards saw the Guards pass upon their entry into London upon their return from the Crimea - to the House in the Afternoon

July 10. Thursday

Unsettled - To the House &c

July 11. Friday -

Unsettled - Wrote &c. in the day & went up to Bankers. to the House at night - home at 3 a.m -

July 12. Saturday

Unsettled. a good deal of rain in the afternoon - Wrote &c in the morning - Went up to Holborn &c &c. in the afternoon to pay bills &c -

July 13 - Sunday

No rain - but overcast - went in the P.M. to call on the Biddulphs

July 14. Monday -

tolerably fine -

Commissions &c &c in the day. to the city in the P.M. to the House at night

July 15. Tuesday

Fine - Wrote &c in the day - to the House at night - Rain & Lightning at night

July 16. Wednesday

Unsettled weather -

a.m. wrote letters. P.M. to Jenkins & Phelps - No house to day

July 17. Thursday

Fine - commissions & wrote letters in the day - to the House of Commons at night

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July 18. Friday -

Misty rain -

To the city on business of LWD<sup>s</sup> Ex<sup>rs</sup> and also for Rosie - to the House in the evening -

July 19. Saturday

Fine -

Various commissions - to the Board of Trade on Harbour business & c -

July 20. Sunday

a.m. Dark & close - P.M heavy rain - at home & at the club all day - not well -

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Fine - To the Bank with Harry who arrived at 1 P.M &c &c - Met Rosie in the afternoon & took her to the Deanery - then to the House with Harry - We dined at the Trafalgar Hotel -

Hendrefoilan

July 22- Tuesday

Very hot - Harry & Rosie & self all came here to day by Express train - arrived late about 4½ P.M.

Hendrefoilan July 23. Wednesday

Sultry fine - Glass falling -

Wrote & c after breakfast - then to Sketty - in the afternoon to Swansea with Bessie

July 24. - Thursday

Showery -

Into Swansea & the Works - to a Bazaar<sup>4</sup> in the afternoon

July 25. Friday -

Slight Showers - to the Bazaar again & Swansea - Harry very unwell

*[End of Journal]*

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<sup>4</sup> On the 15th of July Thereza and her mother arranged "to hang and exhibition of photographs in the room above Mr Squires Schoolrooms in time for the Bazaar." in aid of Cockett Church. On the 14th July Thereza had recorded that "We priced our contributions to the Bazaar!" The Rev Squire, the organiser of the Bazaar, visited Penllergare on the 18th July and Thereza recalled that: "Mr Squire was very much pleased with the garden, especially with those plants that he had seen and been familiar with in India, where he had been for many years as a missionary. He amused us very much with his accounts of the country and its luxuriant botany.

The Bazaar took place on the 24th and 25th of July. The organising Committee were all women and included Mrs L L Dillwyn, Mrs Moggridge and Mrs Squire. "J D Llewelyn Esq., of Penllergare has kindly undertaken to furnish a PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION in the Library of the Schools on the same days."

Of the Bazaar the Cambrian picked out several of the stands for their commendation. "A splendid Photographic Portrait, in oil colours, of the Vicar [Mr Squire] was also exhibited which was executed by our townsman, Mr John Jones, which, whilst all acknowledged it was a most accurate likeness, was admired for its beauty of finish and softness of shade."

Mrs Vivian's stall included paintings of Welsh costumes by Mrs Jones and photographic views. "At Miss Dillwyn's stall there was a most elegant and ingeniously constructed desk, made by the butler at Sketty Hall; several beautiful photographs - views of Swansea and other spots of local interest, by Miss Dillwyn..."

Of John's exhibition they wrote: "The Photographic Exhibition was decidedly the best out of London. It had been kindly lent by Miss Vivian and Mr Dillwyn Llewelyn, and contained many portraits of men of notoriety and rank, also some views of great beauty. The collection was greatly admired, and caused a considerable augmentation of the funds."

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