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

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DECEMBER 1838

Monday 31 Myself, Mrs D. & Bessie in plain Cloathes - Lewis in an old full Dress of about Queen Annes age & Miss D as a Bernese Lady went to a Fancy Ball at Swansea

JANUARY 1839

Tuesday 1 Mrs D, Bessie & I came from the Ball about ¼ past one - & Lewis who was one of the Stewards remained there with Miss Molly & they did not reach home till very near 6 - Mrs D & I drove in the afternoon to call on Sir J & Lady C Guest & the Comte de Vallemereck [?] at Singleton & thence for an hour to Swansea

Wednesday 2 Went with Mrs & Miss D & Lewis & Bessie to meet the Guests & Count Villemarke at Dinner at Singleton. Lewis & Bessie who had accompanied us to Singleton went from thence in a Fly to Burrows Lodge

Thursday 3 Called in the afternoon on Sir Jo Morris & took a long walk with him - Miss Mary went with Mrs A Webber to a Ball at Dyffryn

Friday 4 In the afternoon took a walk along the Sands to Black Pill with Mrs D

Saturday 5 Walked to Swansea, & Mrs D brought me in the Carriage back

Sunday 6 Rained hard all day, & I read both the Services to the Family at home

Monday 7 Drove with Miss D to Swansea, & attended a Turnpike & Harbor Meeting

Tuesday 8 We went to the Singleton Ball where Mrs D remained till ½ past 12 & Molly & I till ½ past 3

Wednesday 9 Remained all day at home

Thursday 10 Mrs & Mr Franklin & their two elder Children came on a Visit to us

Friday 11 Drove with Mr & Mrs Franklin to Swansea & I attended a Town Council - Captains Hickey Thos Morgan [?] & Evan Ungar & Mr Howell Williams & my son Lewis joined our party at Dinner

Saturday 12 The Franklins left us about ½ past 11, & Mary & I in the Phaeton & Miss Mary on Horseback then drove over to see our dear John who has this day completed his 29th Year. God bless him

Sunday 13 Weather very wet & stormy. The two Mary's went to Church in the morning & I read the Evening Service to the Family

Monday 14 A very wet day & I was prevented from keeping an Engagement at Swansea & from leaving home

Tuesday 15 Drove with Mrs D for an hour to Swansea & returned early

Wednesday 16 Graham & Gertrude Vivian & 3 of the young Edens had an early Dinner here & I took a long walk & called at Woodlands

Thursday 17 Walked to Swansea about noon & Mrs D in the Phaeton brought me back to Dinner

Friday 18 Remained all day at or about home

Saturday 19 Weather vert wet. remained at home except that when it cleared in the afternoon I took a long Walk on the Sands with Miss Mary. Dined at Capt Hickeys

Sunday 20 Weather still bad. Went with my two Marys to Church in the morning & read the Evening Service at home to the Family

Monday 21 Drove in and attended a Town Council & Special Harbor Meeting

Tuesday 22 Remained at home. The two Mary's with Post Horses drove to spend the day at Penrice. Fan came to see me & I drove back with her in her Carriage as far as the House of Correction which I inspected & walked home

Wednesday 23 Remained about home. The two Mary's drove to Penllergare

Thursday 24 Remained about home

Friday 25 Walked to Swansea, & returned with Mrs D in the Phaeton

Saturday 26 Not well. remained at home. The two Mary's drove to Penllergare

Sunday 27 Not well & took some strong Medicine of Mr Birds. The two Mary's went to Church

Monday 28 Not well, but was obliged to drive to breakfast early at Burrows Lodge & to sit as Alderman from 9 till 4 at the Bush Inn for the Election of 3

Burgesses. Owen 160, Geo Morris 157, Wm Bevan 157 were elected & Chs Smith 96 of course rejected. Mr & Mrs Miss & Graham Vivian Capt Hickey, T E Thomas & Mr A Webber dined with us

Tuesday 29 Drove in with Mrs D to attend a Town Council at 11, & at past 12 took the Lead at a Harbor Meeting & defeated Mr Tennants motion by a majority of 15 to 6. It was just 5 when we got home & at 6 went with the two Marys to dine at Veranda

Wednesday 30 When I got up this morning for the 1st time this Winter the ground was covered with Snow & it snowed nearly allday. Not being very well I remained behind & the 2 Marys went to spend a couple of days at Penrice

Thursday 31 Ground still covered with Snow. Drove in the afternoon to join my Family at Penrice Castle where Lady Mary & Miss Talbot are now on a Visit

FEBRUARY

Friday 1 Remained all day at Penrice, & the Weather so unfavorable that we did not go much out

Saturday 2 We all three reached home in the Chariot about ½ past one & Mrs D & I drove to Burrows Lodge where we found Lewis still suffering from the Tooth ache

Sunday 3 The two Mary's went in the Phaeton to Church & I read the Evening Service to the Family

Monday 4 Drove to Swansea & attended a Turnpike & a Harbor Meeting. The Moggridges came on a Visit to us

Tuesday 5 Remained at or about home. Not well

Wednesday 6 Remained at or about home

Thursday 7 Drove with Mrs D to Croles[?] Garden & then took a walk with her on the Sands. Plagued by a pain in my neck

Friday 8 Drove to Swansea with Mrs D & attended a Town Council

Saturday 9 Side very troublesome, & did not go out. The Moggridges returned to Swansea

Sunday 10 Went with the two Mary's to Church & I afterwards remained at Swansea in consequence of the Ferry Boats having sunk last Evening & all on board perished. Walked home, & not being well it rather overtired me. Mary read the Evening Service to the Family

Monday 11 Drove to Swansea with Mrs D & attended a Harbor Meeting. Lewis' Face ache very bad approaching [?] to Tic doloureux & called in the assistance of Dr Howells

Tuesday 12 Drove with Miss Mary to see Lewis whi is rather better. Mr & LAdy Charlotte TALbot on their way to Town arrived on a Visit to us. Lady C had not before left the House for several Months & came in a bad [?] Carriage. Vivian dined with us

Wednesday 13 Did not leave home. Revd Calvert Jones joined our dinner party

Thursday 14 Walked with Talbot to Singleton & then to DuClos's new works in Cline [?] Wood. Moggridge dined with us

Friday 15 The Talbots left us about ½ past 2. Emma broughtm over Lady Mary & Miss Talbot, to announce [?] a disappointment in not being able to pay us their pormised Visit on Monday. I then drove with Miss Mary to see Lewis who is better, & we walked back

Saturday 16 Mrs D drove with me early to Swansea, & we found Lewis considerably better. she then returned with Bessie to Sketty. Molly came back with the latter, & then she & I walked home

Sunday 17 Snow rather thick on the ground. We all three went to Church in the morning & afterwards called on Lewis who we found nearly recovered

Monday 18 Snowed hard last night. Remained about home all day

Tuesday 19 Remained about home

Wednesday 20 Drove with Mrs D in the afternoon to Swansea

Thursday 21 The two Mary's drove to Penllergare to call on the Trahernes & I remained about home

Friday 22 A very wet day but an Engagement obliged me in the afternoon to drive for half an hour to Swansea

Saturday 23 Remained about home allday. John & John Traherne who is on a Visit at Penllergare paid us a short Visit

Sunday 24 The two Mary's went to Church & I read the Evening Service to the Family

- Monday 25 Mrs D & I drove round by Swansea to pay a weeks Visit at Penllergare & there met Lewis & Bessie & Mr & Mrs Jo Traherne
- Tuesday 26 Lewis so bad with Face che that we sent for Dr Howells. Mrs D also confined allday to her Bed by a severe head ache. I remained at Penllergare
- Wednesday 27 Drove with Bessie to Sketty & then round by Swansea back to Penllergare
- Thursday 28 Remained all day at Penllergare. Lewis still in great pain, & Mrs D is also much unwell

MARCH

- Friday 1 Dr Howell came & found Lewis no better. Drove with Bessie for an hour to Swansea
- Saturday 2 We had intended to remain till Monday at Penllergare but Lewis's face continues so bad that he decided on returning to Burrows Lodge & Mrs D is so unwell that we also thought it better to go home. I first went to Sketty then to dine with the Sheriff, C H Saville & accompanied [?him] to meet the Judge. Got home about 7
- Sunday 3 My dear Mary was very ill last night & I sent for Dr Bird by whose advice she remained allday in bed. In the afternoon I walked to Swansea & back. Talbot came to dine & sleep here
- Monday 4 As my Horses were knocked up on Saturday Talbot & In walked to Swansea to be sworn in on the Grand Jury, but unluckily arrived 10 minutes too late & John in consequence became Foreman. Found Lewis's face still very bad. Talbot & I then walked back to Sketty & he returned to Margam. Mr & Mrs John Traherne arrived on a Visit to us
- Tuesday 5 Very cold. Walked in the afternoon with Traherne to Swansea. Found Lewis a little better. We dined with the Grand Jury, John being Foreman & returned to Sketty in a Fly
- Wednesday 6 Col Jones drove Traherne early to attend the Trial of that most audacious of all Quacks Baron Spolasco who was acquitted. Sir Jo Guest dined with us.
- Thursday 7 The Trahernes left us & returned to Penllergare in the afternoon. I then drove to Swansea & found Lewis much & Fanny rather better

Friday 8 My dear Miss Mary has this day completed her 23rd Year. Her Mother better & able to go in the Carriage as far as the School, but she is still far from well

Saturday 9 Miss D went on Horseback & I on foot to Swansea, & the Phaeton brought us back. Found Fanny better, & Lewis much so but still confined to the House. The walk brought on a pain in the ball of my great Toe which had before troubled me off & on for several days & it is something very like Gout

Sunday 10 Miss Mary only went to Church

Monday 11 Drove to Swansea to attend a Turnpike & Harbor Meeting

Tuesday 12 My dear Mary for the first time of her going out since we returned from Penllergare accompanied me to Swansea & I attended a Meeting of the Building Committee of the Royal Institution. Lewis & Bessie in their close Carriage came on a Visit to Sketty, & it is not likely that he will be able to expose himself to any draft of air for a Week or two

Wednesday 13 After a long spell of dry cold winds & frost the weather has become much milder & it rained most of the day. None of us left Sketty

Thursday 14 As Lewis is still quite unable to stir out I drove in the afternoon to look over the Pottery for him, & at the same time attended a Meeting of the Building Committee when a contract for building the Royal Institution was agreed on [?]

Friday 15 Remained at or about home all day

Saturday 16 DelaBeche returned last Evening from London. Some return of the pain in the Knee which plagued me so 8 years ago has prevented me from walking & I drove with DelaBeche to see after some of Lewis's affairs at Swansea

Sunday 17 Tho' the weather is fine I have not stirred out on account of my knee. None of us being very stout only Miss D went to Church

Monday 18 Knee still unwell. Drove with Mrs D to Swansea & attended a Town Council

Tuesday 19 Last night I took some strong Medicine & remained all day at home

Wednesday 10 Not well. Drove with Miss D for half an hour to Swansea, to look after Lewis's affairs as he is still unable to go out

Thursday 21 Knee still bad & I did not leave home

Friday 22 The Ditto of yesterday

Saturday 23 Knee rather better. Drove for half an hour to Swansea

Sunday 24 Did not leave home. Mrs D, Molly & Bessie went to Church & I read the Evening Service to the Family as usual

Monday 25 Drove for an hour to Swansea. My Grand Daughter Theresa came on a Visit to us. Lewis at last well enough to go to Swansea

Tuesday 26 Remained at home. DelaBeche dined with us

Wednesday 27 Remained at home. DelaBeche moved from Lilliput to the Rhydings & dined with us

Thursday 28 Drove to attend a Harbor Meeting at Swansea. Percured [?procured] 50 Copies of my Review of the Herbus Malabaincus [?] & forwarded two Lots of Copies to the Athenaeum & Linnean Society

Friday 29 Good friday. Weather so bad that none of us went to Church & I read the Service to the Family at home

Saturday 30 Very unwell with a pain in my back. Met a Harbor Committee at 11 & a General Meeting of the Trustees at 12 to endeavour to resist the litigious [?] & vexatious attempt which Old Benson is making to pick our pockets. DelaBeche dined with us

Sunday 31 Rained very hard nearly allday & having taken strong Medicine last night I did not stir out. Mrs & Miss only went to Church & I read the Service to the Family at home as usual

APRIL

Monday 1 Too much unwell I drove at the strong instigation of Sir Jo Morris to bring on a Motion at the Harbor Meeting which he in no[?] measured terms had pledged himself to second & support & then while I was speaking whispered to me that he had changed his mind. I was fool enough to be much annoyed by it & left the Meeting with a bad head ache

Tuesday 2 Not being well I did not leave home

Wednesday 3 Still unwell. Our dear Lewis & Bessie closed their Visit to us & returned to Burrows Lodge

Thursday 4 Took some ...[?] Pill I did not go out. DelaBeche & T E Thomas dined with us, & the Weather being bad, the former slept here

Friday 5 Much better. The Wet Nurse at Penllergare has been obliged to quit owing to the death by Scarlet Fever of her Child, & John came over early to take Theresa back, as the woman in attendance on her would be wanted at home. Miss D went with Theresa to Penllergare & John accompanied me to Petty Sessions at Llangafelach where we were detained till near ½ past 3. I then went with John to Penllergare for an hour & took Miss D home to Dinner

Saturday 6 Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D to Swansea, but on the way was stopped at the House of Correction to take an important Confession which I forwarded to Cowbridge & it was late when Mrs D got back to Dinner at Sketty Hall

Sunday 7 Mrs D went to spend the morning with our dear Fan who is much unwell & Miss Molly to Church. I read the Evening Service to the Family as usual

Monday 8 Drove with Mrs D & spent about 4 hours at Penllergare

Tuesday 9 Our dear Fan is very unwell & I drove with Mrs D in the afternoon to see her

Wednesday 10 Remained allday at home

Thursday 11 Drove in to attend a Harbor Meeting where thro' a defect in the entry I succeeded in upsetting an Order which Henry tennant acting as Council had prevailed on the former meeting to make for a payment to benson. I never met with any litigious Shylock to equal of Benson & he will throw back the prosperity of Swansea for several years

Friday 12 Drove to Swansea to attend a Town Council but it had been put off till Monday

Saturday 13 We all remained at home

Sunday 14 Drive with the two Marys to Church after which Bessie accompanied us in the Carriage & Miss D was accompanied on foot by Lewis to Sketty. L & B returned to Swansea to Dinner

Monday 15 Drove alone to Swansea & attended a Town Council. The Moggridges came on a Visit to us

Tuesday 16 Remained all day at home

Wednesday 17 Remained allday at home. DelaBeche dined with us

Thursday 18 A very wet day. Remained at home

Friday 19 Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D to Burrows Lodge for a couple of hours

Saturday 20 Remained at home all day

Sunday 21 A bad headache obliged me to take medicine. The two Mary's & Mr & Mrs Moggridge went to Church & I read the Evening Service to the Family

Monday 22 Remained about home

Tuesday 23 My dear Lewis, having again suffered from the Fangs which Mr Bird left behind in attempting to draw his Tooth this morning started by Mail for London with the hope of having them extracted by Cartwright. To attend the meeting of the Building Committee of the Institution I drove to Swansea with Mary, & she accompanied Bessie back to Sketty to remain with us during Lewis' absence

Wednesday 24 Drove in the afternoon on Business for Lewis at the Pottery

Thursday 25 Remained all day at home

Friday 26 Remained all day at home

Saturday 27 Drove on Business of Lewis's to Swansea & Bessie accompanied me

Sunday 28 The two Marys' & Bessie went to Church & the latter remained at Swansea to receive Lewis on his return from London. I read the Evening Service as usual

Monday 29 After Breakfast I drove to see Lewis who returned last Evening from Town, after having left the remains of his plaguy Tooth at Cartwrights, but he is still in some pain & his face swelled. Miss D went with John to dine & sleep at Penllergare & DelaBeche dined with us, or my old Lady & I for a wonder would have been left to dine alone

Tuesday 30 Mary drove round by Swansea to Penllergare & brought Miss Polly back

MAY

Wednesday 1 The Weather for the last 10 days has been Summerlike & I never saw a finer Mayday than this. Lewis & Bessie came to us. The Cuckoo has ben heard allday

Thursday 2 The news of the sudden Death of Mr Aveling [?], the Husband of Mr delaBeches late Mother, by whom Bessie was chiefly brought up, arrived & was broken to her by Mr DelaBeche. In the morning after Breakfast I had driven on Business for half an hour to Swansea. Me DelaBeche dined with us preparatory to setting off for Dorsetshire [?] tomorrow

Friday 3 Drove with Lewis & after spending a couple of hours at Penllergare, we returned round by Swansea home

Saturday 4 Remained allday at home

Sunday 5 My dear Mary by the sudden slamming to of a door injured the hand of the arm which was so much injured 13 Months ago, but In trust is not materially [?] injured. Lewis & Miss Mary walked to Church, & I read both the morning & Evening Services to the Family at home

Monday 6 My two Mary's started for London, & I remained behind to attend a Harbor Meeting. Lewis & Bessie returned in the morning to Burrows Lodge where I dined with them & went back to sleep at Sketty

Tuesday 7 Started by Mail & joined my Family at Chepstow from whence we went on to sleep at Gloster. Weather continues delightful

Wednesday 8 Drove on right pleasantly to sleep at Tetsworth[?]. My dear Mary troubled with a Toothache

Thursday 9 Heard of the resignation of Ministers & of the return of the Tories to power. Before 4 we reached Gordons Hotel 1 Albermarle Str where apartments had been provided for us

Friday 10 My dear Mary[s] tooth ached so much that after having called on Mr Nicholl she was obliged to return to our Hotel & not again go out

Saturday 11 Mary still very unwell with a sort of bilious attack in addition to the Tooth ache & did not leave her Bed till Evening & then only for about an hour. I dined at Mr Guillemards, & afterwards went for a short time to Babbages's party

Sunday 12 Mary confined to her Bed nearly allday & I did not leave her. Miss D went to Church in the morning

Monday 13 Mrs D rather better but still very unwell, & I engaged Dr Bright to attend her. Drove with Miss D to see the Adelaide Gallery & Polytechnic Institution. I went to dine at the Athenaeum

- Tuesday 14 Mrs D went with Dr Brights consent for a short drive in the Park. I went to the House of Commons for the first time since I left is as a Member & occasioned much laughter by claiming & obtaining entrance by producing my old Silver Snuff Box
- Wednesday 15 Day of the Derby & London appeared comparatively empty. Walked with Mary to see the Talking Canary Bird. snowed 2 or 3 times. Thermometer at Sir James Souths at Camden Hill 25,5 & 29 at the Horticultural Gardens. Mrs D did not stir out
- Thursday 16 My dear Mary took a drive. I spent the afternoon with Hudson Gurney. As the Evening became fine I drove Miss Mary to Sir James Souths, & spent a Evening delightfully in his Observatory. It was One when we got home
- Friday 17 Mrs D better & went out in the Carriage. I spent a couple of hours at the Linnean Society. Dined at the Athenaeum with R Brown & etc
- Saturday 18 Went with Mrs D to the Horticultural Shew & was rejoiced to find the former so recovered as to remain there 3 hours without over fatigue. Miss D & I in the Evening went to Babbages. The Horticultural Shew was very splendid & the Archduke Alexander [?] eldest son of the Emperor of Russia was there
- Sunday 19 Weather very wet & only Miss D went to Church. Our dear Lewis has this day completed his 25th Year
- Monday 20 The Ladies drove to Sir James South & etc. I spent much of the day in hunting for Books & dined at the Athenaeum
- Tuesday 21 Spent an hour in the morning with Dr Lindley & the afternoon at the Linnean Society. De Candolle [?] jnr, Bentham & Henry Talbot dined with us
- Wednesday 22 Mrs & Miss D went to spend the day with my Sister at Tottenham. I was engaged with Linnaeus's MS at the Linnean Society & dined at the Athenaeum
- Thursday 23 I spent from 11 to 4 as yesterday. Dined at Crawshays where I met the celebrated Rothschild. Queens Birth Day kept, & the Illuminations on my return from Crawshays were very fine
- Friday 24 Spent the morning at the Linnean Society, dined at its Anniversary at the Free Masons Tavern where I dined as Fellow on this day 38 Years & in the Evening attended a Soiree at the Bishop of Norwicks'

- Saturday 25 Called on Talbot, Pendaris,[?] Lord Adare & etc. Went with the two Mary's to a Lecture by Faraday on Carbon
- Sunday 26 The two Marys went to Church & I remained at home form my dislike to the Athanesian Creed. In the afternoon I left them in Kensington Gardens to enquire after Sir James South who has met with a bad accident, & returned to walk in the Gardens with them
- Monday 27 Spent the morning at the Linnean Society. Met Talbot at Bohns [?] in the afternoon. Dined at the Athenaeum
- Tuesday 28 We drove for an hour to Loddiges, where we staid & then to spend the afternoon & dine at Mr Jansons. Got home about 10
- Wednesday 29 Richd Alexander & my Nephew Dillwyn Sims came to Breakfast & soon afterwards my Sister Janson two daughters joined us & we all went together to the Diorama & Zoological. After dining with Mary at 4 the others left us & my Nephew only remained to spend another day with us. I dined at Sir Jas Souths to meet Prince Louis Napoleon & spent the Evening pleasantly there
- Thursday 20 Took Miss Mary & my Nephew to the Water Color Exhibition & the British Museum. Sir E Wilmot, Sir Js South, Dr Frank, Mr Bateman & my Nephew dined with us & by a ½ past 8 Coach the latter returned to his school
- Friday 31 Spent the morning chiefly at the Linnean Society & the Evening at our Hotel

JUNE

- Saturday 1 Went in the afternoon with my two Mary's to Faradays Lecture at the Royal Institution. I dined at Sir James William's where I met Lord Kensington, Pats[?] Stuart & etc & etc
- Sunday 2 I dined at Hudson Gurneys
- Monday 3 Went to the City on Business & then to dine with my Sister at Tottenham
- Tuesday 4 Took the Ladies to the Horticultural Shew in Regent Street. My old Friend Burchell the African traveller dined with us, & I afterwards went for a short time to the Linnean Society
- Wednesday 5 The two Mary's went to Mori's [?] Concert at the Opera House & were delighted by it. I took Vivian to the Levee where I was presented by

- Talbot, & kissed her little Majestys hand right loyally. spent the Evening very pleasantly at the Athenaeum with the New Speaker & other Friends
- Thursday 6 Drove with my two Mary's to Chelsea Physic Garden & from there to spend a couple of hours with my old Friend the African Traveller, Burchell & see his Collection. In the Evening I attended a sitting of the Royal Society
- Friday 7 A thorough wet day, spent chiefly in the Linnean Herbarium to ascertain Saliola Fragus & etc. I dined with Mr Botfield [?]. At 7 this morning I received a letter from Talbot to announce the Birth of his Son & heir at ½ past 4
- Saturday 8 Busy in making calls & preparing for our start homewards. Dined & spent the Evening with Sir Eardly Wilmot & R Rouse[?] at the Athenaeum
- Sunday 9 Went with the two Mary's to morning Service at Duke Street Chapel & I afterwards took them to see Hayters Pictures of the House of Commons & of the Coronation. Made some P.P.C. Calls, & I spent an hour with Talbot
- Monday 10 It was near 3 when we left our Hotel & started homewards. Dined at Egham. Slept at Murrageen[?]
- Tuesday 11 Dined at Amesbury. Spent an hour at Stonehenge which Miss D had not before seen & slept at Warminster
- Wednesday 12 Spent a couple of hours at Wheelers Nursery. Afterwards on our way another hour at the Dindhamdown [?] Nursery (late Millers). Dined at Aust at 7, crossed over in the Steamer & went on to sleep at Chepstow
- Thursday 13 Took a light Carriage to Purnfield [?] & all of us walked up to the Eagles nest, & clambered down Waincliff at the foot of which we rejoined the Carriage & drove on to Tintern Abbey. Dined at 2 at Chepstow, & travelled on to sleep at Cowbridge
- Friday 14 About 2 we reached Burrows Lodge where our dear Fan was staid a couple of hours, & Mrs D & I got home to Dinner. Miss Mary remained to dine at Burrows Lodge & Lewis walked to Sketty with her in the Evening
- Saturday 15 The scramble down Waincliff on Thursday had hurt my Knee & I could use it but little all day
- Sunday 16 On account of my Knee I did not leave home. The two Mary's went to Church & I read the Evening Service to the Family

Monday 17 My Knee better but had a poultice which kept me at home

Tuesday 18 Drove in the afternoon to Swansea. Dined at Burrows Lodge & in the Evening as President attended the Anniversary of the Bible Society

Wednesday 19 Drove to the Quarterly examination of the House of Correction. Fanny & Bessie spent the Evening with us

Thursday 20 Bessie came after breakfast & remained till Evening here

Friday 21 Drove in the afternoon to Penllergare where I dined & returned home in the Evening

Saturday 22 Mrs Rd Jeffreys & her Son Richard came on a Visit. John & Emma with my two eldest Grand Chicks spent the afternoon here & after Dinner returned to Penllergare

Sunday 23 The two Mary's with Mrs Jeffreys & her Son, being as much as the Carriage could hold went to Church

Monday 24 The arrival of a Messenger at 8 threw us into a Bother by an Account of our dear Bessies having shewn symptoms of an approaching confinement, & Mrs D went immediately to Burrows Lodge. Wrote to John who as soon as possible relieved us from our Visitors & they went to Penllergare when Miss D went to Swansea. As the proceedings were very slow & favorable I returned home to Dinner & left the two Mary's to sleep at Burrows Lodge

Tuesday 25 Drove to Swansea soon after 6am & found that our dear Bessie had presented Lewis with a Girl at one o'clock. I drove home in the afternoon with Miss Mary & she returned to Burrows Lodge. I gave a Turtle [?] Dinner to the Managing Committee of the Royal Institution & John & Delabeche joined our party. The following Members attended - Mr Benson, Mr Gutch, Mr J Jeffreys, Mr Higgs, Mr W Stroud, Revd Mr Brook, Mr Struve, Mr Beer, Mr G Francis & Mr Nicoll. It was very pleasant, & we remained in the Drawing Room till near ½ past 11

Wednesday 26 Remained at home. Miss Mary came over to dine & sleep here

Thursday 27 Drove after breakfast to Burrows Lodge, & brought Mrs D to spend a couple of hours at Sketty. DeleBeche, Lewis & Moggridge dined with me

Friday 28 Drove in the afternoon to dine at Burrows Lodge & went afterwards to see some Monkeys & a Giant perform at the Theatre

Saturday 29 Remained allday at home. My dear Mary came over to dine & sleep here

Sunday 30 Mary & I drove after Breakfast to Burrows Lodge & Miss Mary, Lewis & I went to Church. delaBeche & Lewis dined with me

JULY

Monday 1 Drove to Swansea & attended a Building Committee of the Institution. Mrs D returned with me to dine & sleep at Sketty

Tuesday 2 Drove with post Horses in my old Carriage to Neath & took the Chair of the Quarter Sessions at 11, & adjourned soon after 6. Dined with the Magistrates & went to sleep at Dyffryn

Wednesday 3 Drove to Neath so as to recommence [?] Business at 10, & at ½ past 3 the Sessions closed. I had had hard work & was so knocked up that I should gladly have gone home but as a party had been formed to meet me I dined & slept at Dyffryn

Thursday 4 Left Dyffryn after Breakfast, & posted to Burrows Lodge. In the afternoon my dear Mary returned with me to Sketty. Mr Bickence [?] came to dine & sleep here, & Lewis & Moggridge met him at Dinner

Friday 5 Mary & I drove with Mr Bickens to Penllergare where we all had rather an early Dinner at 5, & her returned home to Ty...[?]

Saturday 6 Mary went to Swansea but I am so far from having recovered from fatigue of the Sessions that I did not leave home. Lewis & Miss Mary came to dine with me & Mrs D returned home in the Evening

Sunday 7 My dear Mary much unwell & as she found it best to take some Medicine neither of us read the Service to the Family as usual

Monday 8 Not well & did not go out. John & Emma with my two elder Grand Chicks & Wm Beech, came in the afternoon & dined & slept here

Tuesday 9 I drove for an hour [to] Swansea & left Wm Beech at Swansea & our Visitors all returned to Penllergare. I am much unwell & plagued by a bad sore throat

Wednesday 10 Plagues by a Sore throat & pain in my side & sat rather ..pish[?] by the Pier all day. Mrs D spent most of the day with Bessie at Burrows Lodge

Thursday 10 Remained all day at home, but better

Friday 12 Drove with Mrs D to attend a Town Council but there was not a quorum, & we only remained about an hour at Swansea. As it has beeb desired [?]

advisable for our dear Fan on account of her frequent head aches to consult some London Doctor Mr M has decided on going with her tomorrow, & they in the Evening brought their Boy to be with us during their absence

- Saturday 13 This is the 32nd happy Anniversary of our Marriage, & with the exception of driving for half an hour to Swansea we remained all day at home
- Sunday 14 All the morning it rained very hard & we did not go to Church, but I read both the morning & Evening Services to the Family
- Monday 15 Drove with Mrs D to Swansea & attended a Meeting of the Building Committee of the Royal Institution. In the Evening Lewis brought back Miss Mary to remain with us after her attendance on Bessie at Burrows Lodge
- Tuesday 16 Soent the morning mainly [?] at Singleton & in the afternoon took a short drive with Mrs D to call at Hill House & Veranda
- Wednesday 17 Rained hard all the morning which opevented mwe from attending a Town Council. Driove with Mrs D for an hour to Swansea in the afternoon
- Thursday 18 Remained at home. Miss Mary went to spend as coupplke of days at Burrows Lodge
- Friday 19 One of the most stormy days of heavy wind & Rain without interruption that I ever witnessed. Being engaged to attend a Petty Sessions at Llangafelach I took up Lewis in my way & drove there. I afterwards went with John & dined at Penllergare & came back in the Evening
- Saturday 30 Remained at or about home
- Sunday 21 DelaBeche came just after Breakfast & renmained with mee nearly to Dinner time when he went as usual on Sundays to dine at Burrows Lodge. Mrs & Miss D went to Church in the morning & I read the Evening Service to the Family
- Monday 22 I remained all day at home
- Tuesday 23 The Ditto of yesterday
- Wednesday 24 I dined at Singleton to meet Mr Ne...[?] our New poor Law Commissioner, his Wife & etc
- Tghursday 25 The two Mary's drove to Penllergare. I did not leave home & Lewis & Bessie came to lunch with me

Friday 26 Drove to attend a Town Council. Dined at Burrows Lodge & returned home in the Evening

Saturday 27 Remained at home all day. John & Emma brought their 2 eldest Youngsters to an early Dinner, & took them with Miss Mary to see a Shew of Wild Beasts to Swansea

Sunday 28 I went with the two Mary's to Church. Mr & Mrs Moggridge who returned from London last Evening came after Church & dined here. I read the Evening Service as usual

Monday 29 Remained at home. Mr & Mrs Moggridge came on a Visit to us. Bessie brought the Baby & spent the day with us

Tuesday 30 Remained at home. Weather very wet

Wednesday 31 Drove to Swansea to attend the sale of mr Lucas' Estate at Landeilotalybont, & bought 9 Lots in or about Pontardylais. I also bought the Farm Pencarne & spared it to John

AUGUST

Thursday 1 Drove to Swansea with Mrs D to see the Horticultural Shew

Friday 2 Remained all day at home. Bessie brought the Baby & spent the day with us

Saturday 3 Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D to Swansea. DelaBeche & R Mansell dined with us

Sunday 4 My dear Mary much unwell & did not go out. Miss Mary, Mr & Mrs Moggridge & I went to Church

Monday 5 Remained all day at home

Tuesday 6 Drove early & as Chairman held an adjourned Quarter Sessions & under a special provision of an Act of Parliament the Jury decided that 4 customary Ways of Coal are 30 Tons. At ¼ before 4 met the Sketty & Penllergare Families, the Moggridges & DelaBeche & attended the Christening of Lewis's Baby Mary DelaBeche Dillwyn. Afterwards dined at Burrows Lodge & returned home about 10

Wednesday 7 J & E & their 4 Youngsters began a Visit to us. It being the Boat Races we went to Moggridges to see a magnificent display of Fire Works at the expense of the Vivians

Thursday 8 I went at night with Mrs & Miss D & John & Emma to the Boat Race Ball

Friday 9 Drove with John to Swansea & I attended a Town Council

Saturday 10 Walked with John nearly ½ in his way to Swansea & returned to call at Capt Hickeys

Sunday 11 John, Emma & the two Mary's went to Church & I read the Evening Service to the Family

Monday 12 Drove with Mrs D for an hour in the afternoon to Swansea, John, Emma & their 4 Youngsters having returned to Penllergare in he morning. Lady Mary Cole & Miss Talbot arrived on a Visit to us

Tuesday 13 Fanny & Bessie & their two Chicks spent the day with us

Wednesday 14 First day of Swansea Horse Races. delaBeche, Capt Tremenline [?] & Lewis joined our party at Dinner

Thursday 15 John & Emma came to dine & sleep here & with the two Mary's & me went at Night to the Race Ball. John & Emma returned sooner to Sketty & it was 4 when I with the two Mary's reached home

Friday 16 A very wet day. John & Emma in the afternoon returned to receive the Trahernes at Penllergare. I have been much teased by a Pain in my Chest

Saturday 17 Drove with Miss Talbot for a couple of hours to Swansea, & about 4 Lady Mary & Miss Talbot left us for Penrice. DelaBeche & Capt Tramanhere [?] dined with us

Sunday 18 The two Mary's went to Church & afterwards visited Fan. Being much unwell took some Calomel & I did not go out

Monday 19 Did not leave home

Tuesday 20 Drove to Swansea & attended a Harbor Meeting. Took a warm Bath & returned home to Dinner

Wednesday 21 Remained all day at home. I have this day compleated my 61st Year. Thank Heaven for all its Mercies

Thursday 22 Busy in preparing to start for the Northern Lakes & Scotland.¹ Drove for ½ an hour to Swansea in the afternoon

¹A separate Journal was kept of this tour. Private family archives.

- Friday 23 The two Mary's & I attended by a Footman & Lady's Maid left home at a little before 10. Staid an hour at Penllergare. Dined at Landilo & slept at Brecon
- Saturday 24 Started about 9. Dined at Leominster & slept at Church Stretton
- Sunday 25 Started about 9 & attended morning Service at Shrewsbury after which we spent half an hour with Mr Meyrick. Drove on to dine at Ellesmere, & afterwards enjoyed a circuit round by Chirk & Winstory [?] [?Winstay], & slept at Wrexham
- Monday 26 We all rose early & walked about the Town of Wrexham. Breakfasted & etc so as to start soon after 8. Walked about Chester in the way. Crossed the Mersey at Monks Ferry & reached the Adelphi Hotel at Liverpool about one. Spent the afternoon in seeing the Cemetery, Zoological Gardens & etc
- Tuesday 27 After Breakfasting at 8 I took Mary to see the new Custom House, Docks & etc & we went on board the American Ship Roscius which is the finest now at Liverpool. At 11 we started by Rail Road & in little less than 2 hours arrived at Preston. In the Rail Carriage I met my Friend Sir Hesketh Fleetwood² & he occupied 2 hours in shewing us the Cotton Factories & soon after 3 we left Preston without having entered any Dwelling House in it. We dined at Garstang & soon after 6 reached Lancaster. Quartered at the Royal Oak & took a walk till Dark
- Wednesday 28 Left Lancaster at 9 & drove through Burton & Kendall & for 4 Miles along the edge of Windermere to Ambleside. After a hasty Dinner we walked ½ a Mile to a Cascade called Stockgill force, & then the rain began to fall in Torrents & continued all Evening
- Thursday 29 Vexatiously confined to our Inn at Ambleside by a very heavy rain till 4 when we again walked to Stockgill Force
- Friday 30 Took a drive or rather alternate walk & drive from 9 till near 5 through what is called the Langdale Excursion & Miss M & I afterwards enjoyed till Dark a row on Windermere
- Saturday 31 It rained hard allday, & when it held up for half an hour at noon we were led to get all ready for a start for Coniston Water, & it began again to rain harder than ever. In the Evening Mrs D & I walked to & took an hours stroll on the Banks of Windermere

²? Peter H Fleetwood MP, 2 Ulster terrace, Preston. [Kearsley's Gentleman's and Tradesman's Pocket Ledger 1838 belonging to Lady Mary Cole]

SEPTEMBER

- Sunday 1 Tremendous heavy Showers, but there being some intervals we set off after attending Church to Coniston - thence by Hawkshead & Elterwater to Windermere. Crossed the Ferry. Dined at the Crown at Bowness is an excellent Inn & commands a fine View of the Lake. Spent half an hour with our Friend Edwd Hawkins & his Family at Low Wood in our way back & reached Ambleside just as it became dark
- Monday 2 We had intended to go this day to Ulswater but Torrents of Rain prevented us, & therefore about ½ past 11 we left Ambleside & drove to Keswick. Towards Evening Ulswater cleared & we enjoyed a Charming row on Derwentwater to the Fall of Lodore [?] & etc
- Tuesday 3 My dear Mary has this day compleated her 63 Year & as on this anniversary 3 years ago she saw the finest Scenery in the World at Laneterbrun [?] I have today been anxious that she should enjoy the finest in England. Tho' much incommoded by Rain which obliged us to shelter for more than 2 hours in a Farm House we ascended to Lodore Top which commands the finest view of Derwent Water & then through the celebrated Borrodale. We dined at Rosthwaite & it was dark when we returned to Keswick
- Wednesday 4 Drove over Whincater to Scales [?] Inn where no horses could be had or we should have gone on to Wadwater [?] to Scales Force. Visited Buttermere. Returned over Buttermere Haws & at ½ past 8 reached Keswick
- Thursday 5 The morning being very wet was spent in seeing the Museum & we left dining [?] at 3 we drove to some d..dical [?] storms, through the Valley of St Johns & back to Keswick by the Vale of Naddla [?]
- Friday 6 Left Keswick a little before 11. Drove to Lyn...[?] Tower on Ulswater & then along the Banks of the Lake to Porley Bridge [?Pooley bridge] where we dined. Drove on to Penrith & from thence to Carlisle where we arrived about 8
- Saturday 7 Through Torrents of Rain we visited the Castle & cathedral of Carlisle & left that City about ¼ before 2. Changed Horses at Gretna Green & Lockerby, & slept at Beatock Bridge which is an excellent solitary Inn
- Sunday 8 Drove to Crawford with intent of attending morning Service, but the Parson [?] was away, & went on to dine & sleep at Lanark & attended Evening Kirk

- Monday 9 After having visited the Falls of the Clyde & the C...d[?] Craggs we drove to dine at Hamilton & thence to Glasgow. Quartered at the George Hotel in George Square
- Tuesday 10 Visited all the Lions at Glasgow
- Wednesday 11 Went down the Clyde in a Steamer & slept at Greenock
- Thursday 12 Went in a Steamer to Rothesay, & we returned in the afternoon to Glasgow
- Friday 13 Left Glasgow in the afternoon & drove along the Banks of Loch Lomond to sleep at Luss
- Saturday 14 Drove only one Stage on the magnificent Shores of Loch Lomond to Tarbet, & a violent Storm of Wind & rain confined us to the Inn all the rest of the Day
- Sunday 15 A Hurricane of Wind & Torrents of Rain prevented us from going to Kirk at Arraquoir [?Arrochar] one & a half Miles distant, or from stirring out till the afternoon when we drove in a light Carriage to the head of Loch Lomond & etc
- Monday 16 With regret we left Tarbet at 10, & drove round the heads of Lough Long & Lockfine (sic Fyne)[?] to Inverary
- Tuesday 17 Drove by Dalmally & Tyndrum to sleep at Inveroran [?].
- Wednesday 18 Travelled on by the Kings House,[?] through the beautiful or rather awful Vale of Glenco to Ballachulish which is delightfully situated on Loch Levan
- Thursday 19 Early in the afternoon went from Ballachulish to Fort William which is situated at the foot of Ben Nevis
- Friday 20 Drove up the Vale of Glen Nevis in the morning & in the afternoon for the convenience of embarking in the Steamer tomorrow we moved on 3 miles to Corpach
- Saturday 21 Embarked at ½ past 8 at Corpach in the Rob Roy Glasgow Steamer, & as we met very pleasant people & the Weather had become delighted [sic] we greatly enjoyed the paddle to Inverness where we arrived at ¼ past 9 in the Evening. We prevailed on the Capt to stop for 1¼ hours so as to enable a party of Juniors to scramble up to the celebrated Fall of Foyen [?], & Miss D luckily obtained a sight both of the upper & lower Cascade
- Sunday 22 Spent the day at Inverness. Ascended Craig Phadrie for the fine view, & to see the vitrified Fort

Monday 23 Drove on by way of Aviemore & slept at Pitmain

Tuesday 24 Visited the Falls of Bruar. Slept at Blaer Athol [sic]

Wednesday 25 Drove by Killicrankie, thence walked to the Falls of the Tummel. Dined at Dunkeld & arrived late to speel at Aberfeldie

Thursday 26 Visited the lonely [?lovely] falls of Moness before Breakfast. Drove by Taymouth Castle to Killin. Dined at Loch Ernehead & slept at Callander

Friday 27 Devote the morning to the Trossachs & Loch Caterine. Went on in the Evening to Stirling

Saturday 28 Drove on to dine at Linlithgow. Reached Edinburgh soon after 6

Sunday 29 Attended morning Service at St John's Church. Walked about Calton Hill & etc in the afternoon

Monday 30 My dear Mary had yesterday a pain in her face, most probably caught by exposure to heavy Rain either at the Trossachs or at the Ruin of Linlithgow palace, & after seeing Edinburgh Castle it became so much worse that he returned to our Hotel (the Royal in Princes St) & did not afterwards go out. Miss D & I visited Holyrood & etc

OCTOBER

Tuesday 1 My dear Mary still confined to the House, & Miss Mary & I visited divers Lions & etc. I dined at Mr Learmouths

Wednesday 2 Mrs D confined all day to Bed. In the Evening Miss D went to the Theatre to see Bruluger[?] in the late Tournament called 'the Rival Knights'

Thursday 3 Mrs D still confined to our Apartment but better. I went to Leith & Newhaven & afterwards with Dr Graham to the Botanic Garden

Friday 4 My dear Mary much better & able to visit Holyrood Palace, the Botanic Garden & etc. I dined at Dr Neills

Saturday 5 About 11 we left our excellent Quarters at the Royal Hotel & the beautiful City of Edinburgh with regret. Slept at Melrose

Sunday 6 After Kirk, Mrs D & I visited Abbotsford & returned to dine at Melrose. Went on the sleep at Jedberg [sic], & in the way Miss D & I left the Carriage & walked to the beautiful ruins of Dryberg [sic] Abbey

Monday 7 Left Jedberg & at 11 passed Carter fell & bid goodby to Scotland. Arrived to sleep at Newcastle

Tuesday 8 My dear Mary again unwell & did not leave her Apartments allday. Miss D & I went by a rail road to Shields & returned to Dinner at Newcastle

Wednesday 9 In the afternoon drove to Durham, & went on to sleep at Rushyford

Thursday 10 Proceeded on our Journey. Dined at Thirsk & reached York in the Evening

Friday 11 Remained at York

Saturday 12 Remained at York

Sunday 13 Remained at York

Monday 14 Drove on & slept at Sheffield

Tuesday 15 Visited Chatsworth & hadden Hall. Slept at Matlock

Wednesday 16 Drove in the afternoon to Derby

Thursday 17 Went on through Litchfield & slept at Birmingham

Friday 18 Left Birmingham in the afternoon & slept at Worcester

Saturday 19 Drove on to sleep at Chepstow

Sunday 20 We attended morning Service at Chepstow. Afterwards called on the Bishop of Landaff & dined at Newport & slept at Cardiff

Monday 21 Reache Swansea about 4. Mrs D dined at Moggridges & I & Miss Mary at Burrows Lodge & in the Evening returned home after an absence of 60 days

Tuesday 22 I drove on various Business to Swansea

Wednesday 23 As Moggridge went for a couple of days to Penrice Fan brought her Boy to remain with us

Thursday 24 I again drove on Business to Swansea

Friday 25 John & Emma & their 2 eldest Bairns called on their return from a V Bisit at Penrice. Fan left us

Saturday 26 Drove in the afternoon to Swansea & dined with a Scientific party at Jo Jeffreys

Sunday 27 Mrs & Miss D went to Swansea for some Missionary Sermon which lasted till near 2. DelaBeche, Geo Sowerby, J G Jeffreys & Lewis dined with us

Monday 28 Walked to Swansea on Business, & the Phaeton brought me back. John & Emma & their 4 Youngsters came on a Visit, & Mr Frampton also dined with us

Tuesday 29 Mr Logan, Mr Gutch, Mr W R Grove & Lewis dined with us

Wednesday 30 Drove with John to Swansea

Thursday 31 Walked with John to Swansea & the Carriage brought me back

NOVEMBER

Friday 1 Drove to Swansea. Lewis for the upper & Moggridge for the lower Ward were elected Town Councillors

Saturday 2 I remained at home. Mrs D & Emma drove to call at the Gnoll

Sunday 3 We all went to St Marys Church in the morning. Mr Talbot & DelaBeche dined with us & the former slept here

Monday 4 The Penllergare Family returned home. Talbot went & returned with me to & from a Meeting of the Turnpike Trust & in the Evening went on in his Gig to Penrice

Tuesday 5 Drove in the afternoon to attend a Magistrates Meeting on consequence of a threatened rising at Merthyr & of alarming riots at Newport. Waited for the arrival of the Mail & Vivian, John & I dined at Burrows Lodge. Got home before 9

Wednesday 6 Lewis & bessie & Miss Bennett a friend of the latters, arrived on a Visit to us

Thursday 7 Remained at home

Friday 8 Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D for half an hour to Swansea

Saturday 9 Drove with Lewis to Swansea & a strong wish was so generally expressed by the Town that I could not refuse & I was unanimously elected Mayor. Lewis & I walked back to Sketty

Sunday 10 Took some Medicine & did not go out. The rest of our party went to Church

Monday 11 Not half well & remained about home

Tuesday 12 Walked in to Swansea & remained till ½ past 4 at a Petty sessions when the Carriage took me home. Col Morgan, Capt T Morgan, Mr Donier [?] & Mr Moggridge & his cousin the Revd Mr Jeffreys dined with us

Wednesday 13 Remained at home. Mrs D, Miss Mary, Mrs Lewis D & Miss Bennett went to Caswell Bay

Thursday 14 A very wet day, & none of us, except Lewis who walked to Swansea left home

Friday 15 Lewis & I drove to attend a petty sessions at Llangafelach from whence Lewis went with John to Penllergare, to which place his Family & Miss Bennett proceeded from Sketty to meet him

Saturday 16 Drove early to Swansea where I was engaged on magisterial Business allday & walked home to Dinner

Sunday 17 With the two Mary's I drove to Swansea Church in the morning & read the Evening Service to the Family at home

Monday 18 Remained all day at home

Tuesday 19 Drove with Mrs D to Swansea & attended Petty Sessions & to various enquiries respecting the late attack by the Chartists at Newport

Wednesday 20 Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D to Swansea

Thursday 21 Drive for a couple of hours to Swansea

Friday 22 Remained allday busy at Planting about home

Saturday 23 Walked with Miss Mary to an adjourned Llangafelach Sessions held at Swansea & to a Building Council of the new Institution. Mrs D came in the Carriage & took me home

Sunday 24 Went with Mrs & Miss D to Swansea Church

Monday 25 Walked [crossed out] Drove [crossed out] over to attend a Sale of Rowland Pritchards Estate & purchased 2 Lots in Orchard Street & had intended to buy some Farms in Gower but they sold too high. Lewis by Mail this morning escorted Miss Bennett to Bristol

Tuesday 26 Walked over to attend a Committee of the Town Council & etc & Mrs D drove in to bring me back

Wednesday 27 Busy about planting at home

Thursday 28 Fan arrived with her Boy on a Visit. Mrs D in the afternoon drove me as far as Coles [?] Nursery, & then I walked to Swansea & back home

Friday 29 Weather very wet & I remained about home. John drove over & took Miss Mary to spend a few days at Penllergare

Saturday 30 A very wet day & we could not go out. Moggridge who had been shooting at Margam joined us

DECEMBER

Sunday 1 Moggridge & Fan in their Carriage & Mrs D & I in ours went to Swansea Church

Monday 2 Walked to Swansea, & attended a Turnpike & Harbor Meeting. The Carriage brought me home

Tuesday 3 Walked to Swansea. Attended a Petty Sessions. Went in a hot Bath & Fan brought me back to Sketty in her Carriage

Wednesday 4 Walked to Swansea & attended a Meeting of Paving & lighting Commrs. & the annual Meeting of the Savings Bank. Afterwards by desire of the Home Office investigated a Charge against Baron Spolasco for using forged Stamps for his Quack Medicines & at night issued Warrants for searching his House & to apprehend him

Thursday 5 Drove to Swansea & after an Investigation which lasted 6 hours, The Baron Spolasco was committed for Trial at the next Assizes. I walked home

Friday 6 Drove after breakfast with Mrs D to penllergare & from there with John to a Petty Sessions at Langafelach. returned home with Mrs D to Dinner. Felt much unwell in the afternoon

Saturday 7 Unwell & remained at home

Sunday 8 Unwell & remained at home. My two Mary's & the Moggridges went [?] to Swansea Church

Monday 9 Walked to Swansea, & attended a Meeting of our Institution Building Committee. Dined with Lewis & waited for the arrival of the Mail, in expectation of driving Col Corindini [?Comidine] to Sketty but he was prevented by illness from coming. The Mail thro' a fog was late & it was near 10 when I reached home. Col Comidine is Commander in Chief South Wales & has been ordered by Government to decide on the expediency of having some Troops stationed at Swansea. The Moggridges returned home to Swansea

Tuesday 10 Walked to Swansea on various Business & Mrs D drove in the afternoon to take me home in the Phaeton. John came over & took Miss Mary to Penllergare

Wednesday 11 Heavy Rain & Wind & I remained about home

Thursday 12 The Ditto of yesterday

Friday 13 Rained hard nearly allday. Drove to Swansea & attended a Town Council

Saturday 14 Walked in to meet a Corporation Committee & arranged with the Duke for occupying the old Town Hall as a Barrack. Mrs D in the afternoon drove in & brought me home. Miss Mary returned from Penllergare

Sunday 15 Drove with the two Mary's to Swansea Church, & Lewis & Bessie accompanied me in a walk back

Monday 16 Walked to Swansea, & on my return the Carriage met me near Singleton. With the 2 Mary's I dined at Singleton & met the Grants

Tuesday 17 Remained at or about home

Wednesday 18 Weather very bad & I drove for a couple of hours to Swansea

Thursday 19 Walked to Swansea & Mary in the afternoon brought me home in the Carriage

Friday 20 Weather continues very wet & stormy. I dined at Singleton

Saturday 21 Heavy Rain continued allday. Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D for an hour to Swansea & on our return she found her Throat sore, which prevented her from joining with Miss Mary & me to dine at Sketty park

Sunday 22 A very wet & stormy day & Mrs D's being still very unwell we did not go to Church. Fanny's Boy yesterday scalded his leg severely & Miss Mary went to & remained at Swansea in consequence

- Monday 23 My dear Mary much better, I drove thro' a heavy Rain & brought Miss Mary back
- Tuesday 24 Walked to Swansea & from there went with the two Marys to spend Christmas at Penllergare where we met Mr delaBeche, Mr & Mrs Moggridge & their Boy & Lewis & Bessie & their Girl.
- Wednesday 25 All went to John's Chapel in the Morning & in the afternoon took a row on the Lake with John, DelaBeche & Moggridge
- Thursday 26 Weather so bad that we could hardly stir out
- Friday 27 Ranged about the Gardens & Grounds of Penllergare
- Saturday 28 Our happy Christmas party broke up & only the Moggridges remained at Penllergare. I went after breakfast to Swansea to prepare for the reception of a Company of the 45th which did not arrive till late in the Evening by a Steamer. Lewis, delaBeche & I walked to Sketty, & Bessie & the Baby with Mrs D had arrived there before us
- Sunday 29 Mrs D & Lewis went to Church, but tho' much wanted as Mayor at Swansea I was too unwell to stir from the House allday. At 9 in the Evening DelaBeche & Lewis walked in to sleep at Burrows Lodge, as the former meant [?] to start early for bridgend by the Mail
- Monday 30 Drove to Swansea to see about the new Barrack & Bessie accompanied me. Bessie returned to sketty on foot but I was not well enough to walk & returned in the Carriage
- Tuesday 31 Not well enough to leave home. At night Bessie, Lewis & Miss Mary went to the New Years Ball at Swansea, & the former returned to Sketty & the 2 latter slept at Burrows Lodge

END OF DIARY FOR 1839

APPENDIX

A list of my printed Works & on the rare Plants found in the neighbourhood of Dover, in Linnean Transactions Vol VI

Botanists Guide

British Confervae

Descriptive Catalogue of Recent Shells

On Fossil Shells - In Philosophical Trans for 1823

Do Do for 1824

Edition of Listers Conchology

Swansea Coleoptera

Papers in Zoological Journal & other Periodicals -

In 1821 I published an Account of a rascally Suit which was brought against me in the Welsh Chancery of which an Abstract is given in the report of the Commissioners on Common Law, as printed in 1829 by the House of Commons & to this abstract I added some other Evidence to shew the Injustice done to Wales by its local Judicature. When Lord Eldon saw my Statement he said if these Facts are properly represented, as on Enquiry he found them to be, they must be fatal to the Welsh Judicatories [?], & in 1830 it had totally ceased to exist. Of all my works I like this best

Review of the references to the Hortus Malibricus [?]

Sent out copies as presents of my review of the references to the Hortus Malabaricus[?] March 27, by Post to
Honr WStrangways
W G Arnott

March 28 by Coach in a Parcel to Linnean Society & Athenaeum

For the Linnean Society

David Don

G Don

Bishop of Norwich

Dr Boot

Dr Bostock

Dr Horsfield

Dr Wellich[?] A Menzies

Dr Royle

R H[?] Selby

Rd Taylor

Edwd Forster

Jos Woods

W Borrer

British Museum

J G Children[?]

C Konig

S[?] F Gray

W H Talbot

Professor Delandelle[?]

Dr Graham of Edinburgh

Patrick Hill [?] do

Wernerian Society do

Professor Henslow Cambridge

Sent by DelaBeche

For the Societies at Phildelphia & New York

Academies of Science of Berlin & Paris

A second for De Canville[?] at Geneva

Ad Broapriart[?] Paris

Benj de Lepert - Paris

Trinius[?] at Peterborough

For the Athenaeum

E Margrath

J Bateman

Chs Stokes

Messrs Loddiges

Lord Cole

Sir P Egerton

Sir Geo Staunton

Dr Danbury [?Daubney]

Ratcilff Library

Dr Lindley

Duke of Devonshire

Geo Bentham

Horticultural Society

J C Loudon

Dawson Turner

Sir W J Hooker

Sir Chs Lemon

Robt Brown

Dr Buckland

Prof Link - Berlin
Enlerken[?] Berlin
East India House)
Aristic[?] Society) by Dr Royle
Dr Wright)

Sent by Honr WStrangways in his name

Baron Jacquin Vienna
Dr Endlicker Do
Dr Brasoletto Trieste
Professor Moris Turin
Prof Savi Pisa
Prof Targioni Florence
Prof Bertolini Bologna
Dr Martins Munich
Prof Sanguineti Rome
Cav. Tenoren[?] Naples
Cav Gusioni Do
Further appendix:

Cav Tineo Palermo
Dr Nantwiss Crimea

forward by him from me
Dr Bartling Gottingen
Dr Sinning Bohn
A de Jussien[?] Paris
Dr Blume Leyden
Prof Reinwardt Do
Dr de Fisher Petersburg
Dr Sluedch[?]

Planted out in 1839
Mars Annothus[?] americanus - in Lewis's borders

Ap 25 Illicium floridanum. Front of S Walls - Lower Garden
Hibbertoa grosserlerifolia. Do Do & in my Border
Pettosporum undulatum. Border near Rock Work
Grevia occidentalis - front of SWall in Lower Garden
Martogia cupresis. Round border opposite Housekeepers room
ycesteria formosa. Against S Wall in Lower Gardens
Canophus whureus. Do Do by the Door in 2nd Garden
Milianthus major - border in Lower Garden
Vibenum odoralissinem - Do
Cupressus armata New border in Lower Garden
Anthocercis viscosa Do.Do
Lagerstramin indice - against SW in Lower Garden

[NB SPELLING OF ABOVE GUESTIMATED! RLM]