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

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1845
IANUARY

Wednesday 1 Feel better than on any preceeding day since my illness, & Dr Howell

thinks that my recovery progresses favorably - Walked altogether a

mile

Thursday 2 Some return of the Head ache today & went very little out

Friday 3 By dr Howells desire, as the air felt raw I did not go out

Saturday 4 Returned with my two Mary's in the close Carriage to Penllergare -

During our absence Lewis had arrived there with his family on a visit & at midnight last, Harry was seized with the Cramp [?] when

Dr Howells was immediately sent for

Sunday 5 Tho' still weak I continue better, but as the morning was rather wet

it was not thought advisable for me to go to Chapel - On Mary's acct.

Dr Howells came to Breakfast & again to Dinner

Monday 6 (Penllergare)

Took a walk on the Farm - Harry better

Tuesday 7 Fanny & Moggridge came over bit of their 3 youngsters Traherne

only was well enough to come over & join in the festivities round the Xmas tree. In the afternoon I drove with Griffiths to look at some

Lands of mine near Pontardylais, & it rather overtired me

Wednesday 8 Drove over to Sketty for a couple of hours with my dear Mary

Thursday 9 As dear Fan is unwell, Bessie & Miss Mary drove over to see her - I

walked with Emma to the Shanty round by the Beach & Sunny [?]

Walks to the lower end of the Lower Lake

Friday 10 As Mrs D is not very well I drove with Bessie to Swansea & found

Fan still confined to her Bed by a bronchial attack

Saturday 11 Returned with my two Marys to Sketty, & on our way through

Swansea found Fanny up but still unwell - For the last week the fever [?] in my side has been very troublesome & a hot bath on my

return much relieved me

Sunday 12	Miss D walked to Church but Mrs D was not well & I read the morning Service to three of the family who remained at home - A remarkably thick fog particularly all the afternoon
Monday 13	Lewis breakfasted with us & John & Emma afterwards spent half an hour here - Mrs D drove to Swansea & found Fan much better
Tuesday 14	Lewis again breakfasted with us & returned via Swansea to Penllergare - I drive on Business in the aft. for an hour to Swansea
Wednesday 15	Mrs D so much unwell that I sent for Dr Howell - Drove in the afternoon with Miss D to see Fan & found her again more unwell
Thursday 16	Mrs D better, & in the afternoon I drove with her to see Fan who was also on the mend. Acconites [?spelling] in flower
Friday 17	Mrs & Miss D busy about the Feats at their school & the annual distribution of Rewards - The Phaeton took me to a meeting at the Royal Institution & I walked back
Saturday 18	Lewis & his family arrived from Penllergare on a visit to us. Miss Mary in the morning had walked into Swansea & I took the Phaeton in the afternoon to bring her back - My dear Mary still far from well
Sunday 19	A wet & stormy day & I read the Service to the Family at home, but my dear Mary was not well enough to join
Monday 20	Crocuses, snowdrops, Hellebores & other Flowers in blossom - Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D to the Mumbles
Tuesday 21	Walked to Swansea to pay my Xmas Bills & Mrs D met me with the Phaeton by St Helens. The walk overtired me
Wednesday 22	A wet day, & none of us besides Lewis stirred out
Thursday 23	Another rainy day & those who went out except Lewis were soon driven back again
Friday 24	Drove with Mrs D who went shopping at Swansea & I at once walked back
Saturday 25	John & Emma came over in the afternoon. Emma with Mrs D & I with John drove in our two Carriages to call on Fan, & I walked about half the way - Weather wet $\&$ mild

Sunday 26 Mrs & Miss D & Lewis & Bessie went to church. My side for the last week has been so troublesome that I last night obtained some fresh directions from Dr Prout, & have put myself more immediately

under the surveillance of Dr Howell

Monday 27 Engaged all the morning at a Coroners Inquest on a young woman

who had died suddenly under suspicious circumstances, & in the afternoon walked with Mrs Webber, Miss Jones & Miss D to call at

Woodlands - Mr Wilmot dined with us

Tuesday 28 Frequent storms of Hail & some snow - Drove in the aft. with Mrs D

to the Mumbles

Wednesday 29 A white Frost - Therm. in the night 28 - Mrs D drove to

Penllergare & on the way left me at Swansea - On her return through Swansea I had Dr Howell in readiness & he pulled out a tooth which was very loose & troublesome. We came back to sketty

through one of the heaviest Snow Storms I ever witnessed

Thursday 30 Therm 27 last night. Snow on the ground. Took a short drive with

Mrs D & found the Roads in some places very slippery

Friday 31 Therm 25. snow fell in the night. A fine Frosty day. Drove with Mrs D

to the Mumbles

FEBRUARY

Saturday 1 Therm last night 26.5 - Mrs D drove to Swansea to bring Miss Mary

back, & took me as far as the Turnpike from whence I walked back - John on his way from spending the week at Ynisygerwn called her, &

had yesterday shot a red stag in the Woods there

Sunday 2 Therm last night 28 - Lewis has a bad toothach & his Knee much

swelled - Only Miss Mary went to Church & I read the Service at

home

Monday 3 Therm last night 35 but it thawed at sunrise - Lewis's face much

swollen

Tuesday 4 Therm last night 29 - took my usual walks

Wednesday 5 A thaw - walked after breakfast with Lewis to Swansea & returned

in the afternoon with Mrs D in the Phaeton

Thursday 6	Therm last night 35, but froze towards evening - Mrs & Miss D were to call on the Mondays who were making a visit to Penllergare
Friday 7	Therm last night 27. Drove in the aft. with Mrs D to the Mumbles
Saturday 8	Therm last night 28. Very cold all day & only walked about the neighbourhood
Sunday 9	Therm not much under 32, but it snowed heavily nearly all day - None of us sent out & I read the Service in our dining room as usual
Monday 10	Therm last night 34 & a gentle thaw all day. Snow continued thick on the Ground. Through the evening it rained hard as Lewis went & returned from a Meeting at the Royal Institution
Tuesday 11	Therm last night 32 & continued thereabouts all day. Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D to call on Mr & Mrs Monday who on account of their sons health moved from Penllergare to Swansea
Wednesday 12	Therm last night 28.5 Walked to Singleton, Asins [?] & etc
Thursday 13	Therm last night 32. Rained hard all day & nobody went out
Friday 14	Therm 32. Hail storms in the afternoon. Mrs D drove me in to attend a Meeting at the Royal Institution & I walked back
Saturday 15	Therm 32. left eye inflamed which much confined \cite{Lambda} me - Mrs D $\&$ Bessie took a drive
Sunday 16	Therm last night 37. Mrs $\&$ Miss D $\&$ Lewis $\&$ Bessie went to Church - my Eye better but still inflamed
Monday 17	Therm last night 31 - a mild fine morning. Iltid Thomas dined with us & afterwards accompanied Lewis to the weekly Meeting at the Royal Institution
Tuesday 18	Therm 33. Walked with Lewis to Swansea & Mrs D brought me in the Phaeton back
Wednesday 19	Therm 31. Took my walks about home. In the afternoon took a hot $\mbox{\sc Bath}$
Thursday 20	Therm 32. Drove with Mrs D round by Swansea to call on Mrs Nicholl at Penllergare - Moggridge having gone to London Miss Mary dined & slept at Fanny's

Friday 21 Therm in the night 26 - at Sun rise 27. Bessie drove in to Tea at Fanny's & brought Miss Mary back late in the Evening Saturday 22 A Thaw. I walked to Swansea & Mrs D in the afternoon took Miss Mary back to sleep at Fanny's & brought me home Sunday 23 Therm 35. Heavy rain & a snow storm in the morning - none of us went to Church but the Phaeton went to bring Miss Mary from Swansea & I read the Service as usual at home. I walked in the afternoon with Lewis to Woodlands, & having on my India Rubber Clogs much tired me Monday 24 Thaw. Took a walk to Singleton & etc Tuesday 25 Therm 33. Hoar frost & rain at Midday. Walked round by Singleton, Waterworks & etc Wednesday 26 Thaw. Rained in the Night. I walked with Lewis to Swansea & returned in the Carriage with Mrs D Thursday 27 Therm 30. A hoar Frost & fine day. Went in the Chariot to Swansea & walked back, leaving Lewis to take my place at the Sheriffs ordinary, & in the procession for meeting the Judge Friday 28 Walked to call on Lord & Lady Adare [?] at Singleton. No frost but a coldish E Wind.

MARCH

Saturday 1	A small rain most of the day. Walked to Veranda, Seaside & etc
Sunday 2	Therm 33. Mrs D & Lewis & Mary went to Church but some internal pains made me still afraid or remaining so long on a narrow seat. Went with R Jenner [?] round by veranda & to Singleton & then took a Walk with the Vivians. Weather very fine
Monday 3	Rain in the morning but cleared off soon after breakfast. Drove with Mrs D to call on the Franklens [?] at Penllergare & on our return through Swansea &[?] then I walked home with Lewis. The Judge, Sheriff & etc - 24 in all dined at Singleton & prudence forbid me to go there. I later [?] joined at the Tea Table in the Evening
Tuesday 4	Therm 27 in the night. Very cold all day. Walked to Singleton & etc

Wednesday 5 Therm 26. A little snow fell at intervals all day. Walked to Singleton & etc. Besides our family the following dined with us. Sir C Creswell, the Judge & Mr Airy his Marshall, R Sarns [?] high Sheriff & Mr Edmonds Chaplain - Capt & Mrs Lindsay - Mrs Webber - Capt Napier - Vaughan Williams & Howell Gwyn Thursday 6 Therm last night 24.25 & 25 at ½ past 8 this morning. Snowed rather thickly in the forenoon. Took my usual walks & a drive through Swansea in the afternoon with Mrs D> In the evening dined with the Judge & a small party at Singleton Friday 7 Therm last night 26. A cold but very fine day. I took my prescribed walks. Mr Williams jnr of Trevince [?] Cornwall & Mrs & Mrs Calvert Jones jnr dined with us Therm lat night 30 - at 9 this morning. Not well & did not go much Saturday 8 out. Sunday 9 Therm 28 last night & at 9 pm 35. My dear Mary as well as myself much unwell & as Lewis & Miss Mary only went to Church I read the Service at home. Walked in the afternoon with Miss Mary to Derwnfawr Monday 10 Therm not below 34. Walked about 3½ miles & not being well it much tired me Tuesday 11 Therm went last night 35. At 9am 38. Much internal pain which Dr Howell thinks originates in the Liver. Took a hot Bath Wednesday 12 Therm lowest last night 26. At 9 am 29. Took 4 of Souths [?] Pills - not well - very cold snow at intervals in the afternoon Thursday 13 Therm 26.5. At Breakfast 29. Not well. Very cold - did not go much out Friday 14 Therm in the night 16. At 9am 19. At ½ past 11 26. Noon 27. 5pm 31. 9pm 26. Fine sunshiny day. Not well & unable to go to the Meeting at the Royal Institution. Lewis & his family returned to Parkwern after a pleasant visit of 8 weeks Saturday 15 Therm last night 25.5. ½ past one 36. W still E. I am better. Walked with John on his way to Swansea as far as Brynmor, & escorted Miss V back to Singleton

Therm in the night 26, at ½ past 8am 29 - Snowed about noon. Mrs & Miss D went o Church. I have a sore throat & did not leave the

Sunday 16

House

Monday 17 Therm last night 21. at ½ past 8 25. Cole heavy & except a walk in

the Sunshine did not go out

Tuesday 18 Therm 25. At ½ past 8 28.5. Cold rather better but did not leave

home. My dear Mary so unwell as not to leave her Bed all day & in

the afternoon sent for Dr Howell

Wednesday 19 Therm 27 & at ½ past 8 30 - Wind S Easterly & therm 38 in

the aft. Dr Howell in the morning found Mrs D better but she did not leave her Bed all day. My cold better but much irritation continues &

by Drs advice I put an opium Plaister in my Chest [?]

Thursday 20 Therm 30 in the night - at ½ past 8 31. My dear Mary rather better &

in the Evening was allowed to exchange her bed for a sofa but was forbid by the Dr sat upon [?] My cold better & I walked about $4\frac{1}{2}$

miles

Friday 21 Therm last night 25. At ½ past 8 this morning 29. The Doctor this

morning found my dear Mary less improved than he expected & she continued in Bed all day. I walked full $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles. Wind became

Southerly in the afternoon it rained hard in the Evening

Saturday 22 It rained more or less heavily all last night & the whole of the day.

Went with Lewis in the Close Carriage to attend the Funeral of the late Revd Dr Hewson at St Mary's. My dear Mary not much better &

still confined to her Bed

Sunday 23 Rained hard all last night & without any intermission all day also, so

that none of us passed the threshold of the Door. Mrs D in the afternoon better & in the Evening moved to the Sofa in the Morning Room. At 6pm when it had rained hard with very little if any intermission for 48 hours the Barometer had only fallen from 30.45 to 30. At $\frac{1}{2}$ past 10 the heavy rain continued & the Barometer had

fallen only to 29.95

Monday 24 Therm last night 37. At Sunrise very clear & fine. Barr 30.125. A

lovely warm day. Walked 4½ miles. Mrs D better & I spent the

afternoon in the Morning Room

Tuesday 25 Rained most of the night. Therm lowest 46. Bart. at 9am 29.95.

Mizzling rain & thick mist all day so that none of us went out much.

Mrs D continues to improve

Wednesday 26 Therm lowest in the night 37. Bar at sunrise 29.95. A fine

warm day. Mrs D took a short drive in the Close Carriage & I walked

to Singleton & to Glanmôr

Thursday 27 A mild cloudy day with some rain. Walked with Miss Mary & I

attended a Quarterly Meeting at the House of Correction. Mrs D

brought us back in the Close Carriage from Fanny's

Friday 28 A mild fine day. My dear Mary being still weak took only a shirt

drive in the Close Carriage & I my usual walk. Mrs Moggridge and her 3 young ones came on a visit. Mr M having gone for a few days to

Monmouthshire

Saturday 29 A fine Sunny day. Mrs D took a short drive a yesterday & I walked 5

or 6 miles. Edward Hickey & Alfred Jones dined with us

Sunday 30 Miss Mary walked to Church, & at noon a violent rain came on which

lasted for 5 or 6 hours & obliged her to return in a Fly. My dear Mrs D still very weak, & I read the Service at home as usual to those who

remained at home

Monday 31 Walked to Swansea & Mrs D brought me back. Fine weather

APRIL

Tuesday 1 Miss D with a party on horseback made a call at Ynysygerwn where

John & his family have been staying for the past week. I walked in the morning to Parkwern, & on my return was seized with giddiness & a feel of fainting which continued more or less all day. Mrs D sent for Dr Howell but he had a midwifery case in Gower & did not

return till ½ past 10 when we were in Bed

Wednesday 2 Continued much unwell & went very little out, but the Dr thought

me better

Thursday 3 Continued much unwell & the Dr did not let me go out

Friday 4 Mrs D & I both better today & we were both allowed to take a short

walk & a drive in the Close Carriage. Moggridge who had been in

Monmouth arrived here this Evening

Saturday 5 Weather continues very pleasant but Wind SE & by Dr Howells

desire I went very little out. Mrs D had a baddish cold & my side

very painful last night

Sunday 6 Summerlike day. The Moggridges & Miss D went to Church. Mrs D's cold being too severe for her to come down stairs I read the Service in the morning Room. Took a walk in the afternoon with Cs Smith Weather delightful. Mrs D's cold better. Went to Parkwern & took a Monday 7 drive with Bessie in the afternoon. Capt & Miss, Mrs Morse, Mr & Mrs Wilmot & Miss F Eden dined with us Tuesday 8 A heavy shower last night. Day delightfully fine. Drove with Mrs D to the Mumbles Wednesday 9 Barometer dropped to 29 with every appearance of approaching rain - but none fell. Mrs D took Bessie for a drive & I took a walk as usual Bar 29.2. Some showers in the Evening. My side painful & I tried a Thursday 10 hot Bath in the afternoon Friday 11 Day very fine. Mrs D drove me to attend the monthly Meeting at the Institution, & I walked back Saturday 12 Wind northerly - Bar. in the night down to 35. Day fine & mild with occasional showers. Side very bad but took my usual walks Sunday 13 An incessant rain till late in the afternoon kept all from Church & I read the morning Service to the Family - tho' hardly well enough to do so Mrs D being occupied in the Garden I in the afternoon took an hours Monday 14 drive with Bessie. In the Evening attended a Lecture by Mr Francis on Oystermouth Castle & Lewis & Moggridge accompanied me Tuesday 15 My side better today & I took my usual walk Wednesday 16 Continue better. Weather delightful. Took my usual Proutian Walk. Popkin Traherne came to dine & sleep here. Wilmot also dined with us Thursday 17 Popkin Traherne left us after breakfast. Continue better & took my usual walk Friday 18 Continue better but not quite free from pain & did not walk much Saturday 19 Drove with Mrs D in the afternoon to Ovstermouth Castle where we met Moggridge & Fanny & some of the Wilmots & Edens & remained an hour

Sunday 20 My two Marys & Moggridge went to Church Monday 21 Our dear Lewis who has lately suffered from tooth ach, went off by Mail to consult the London Dentist. John having left his family at Lanelay arrived in the afternoon to spend a few days here. Miss Mary went to remain during her Brothers absence at Parkwern Visited the Pottery on Lewis's behalf & having driven there with Tuesday 22 Bessie, i walked back. Afterwards took a drive with Mrs D to the Mumbles. Not well Wednesday 23 Not well enough to walk much. Mr & Mrs Calvert Jones dined with us Thursday 24 Not being well Mrs D drove me as far as St Helens from whence I walked to Swansea & returned home with John in his Carriage Friday 25 Mr Calvert Jones breakfasted with us & bought some beautiful Daguerreotypes for us to admire. After breakfast John started back for his Family at Lanelay Saturday 26 Mrs D in the morning drove me to the Works, from whence I had intended to walk home, but it rained hard & I returned with her Sunday 27 Mrs D & Moggridge went to Church & the former on her way took Miss Mary up at Parkwern Monday 28 In the afternoon I took up Bessie for a drive & called at the Pottery on our round Tuesday 29 Drove to meet the Mail by which Lewis returned & I took him to Parkwern from where I brought Miss Mary home. Afterwards took Mrs D a Drive to Black Pill Wednesday 30 Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D to Whites Nursery

MAY

Thursday 1 Less pain than I have born [?] for several days preceeding [?]

Friday 2 Dr williams came in the afternoon to look over the Confervae & he dined with us

Saturday 3 Mr Moggridge & Miss Mary on their way back& Mrs D & I in the

Phaeton went to Penllergare, it being dear Theresa's Birthday. Johnny gave me 5 Trout of his own catching with a Fly, & the largest weighed about ¾ of a lb & others nearly equally large. The

Moggridge's in the Evening returned to Swansea

Sunday 4 Miss D went to Church but Mrs D was too unwell & I read the

Service to such of the Family as remained at home

Monday 5 Miss Mary went to spend a week at Penllergare, leaving Granny & I

alone

Tuesday 6 I am again much better, & walked as much as showery weather

would allow of

Wednesday 7 I walked to Swansea on some Business relating to the Institution &

walked back again

Thursday 8 Day showery & too cloudy to see the Transit of Mercury

Friday 9 Mrs D took me in the Phaeton to see our dear Fan who was much

unwell n her Birthday - & after attending a Meeting at the Royal

Institution I walked home

Saturday 10 Walked in the morning to assist in preparing the Institution for

being opened to the public on Whit Monday & late in the afternoon Bessie brought me home in the Phaeton. Miss Mary returned home

in the afternoon

Sunday 11 Only Miss Mary went to Church & I read the morning Service to Mrs

D & such of the Family as remained at home

Monday 12 It having been determined to throw our Institution open to the

public on Whit Monday I drove at 9 with a assortment of Flowers to assist in ornamenting the Rooms. 5630 were admitted & the whole behaved admirably. the exhibition closed at 5 when Mrs D called in the Phaeton, on her way back from taking Miss D to remain at

Penllergare & I was greatly tired

Tuesday 13 Drove in & again attended at the Institution until 5, & Bessie

brought me home greatly fatigued. All went off admirably & the

numbers admitted were 5785 making a total of 11415

Wednesday 14 Drove to Penllergare with intent in bringing Miss Mary home, but there is so much sickness in the Family that I came away

without her. The Smiths & Madam Labouchere had arrived there on

a Visit last Friday. Have not at all shaken off the fatigues of attending for 2 days at the Institution Thursday 15 Employed in the afternoon in looking over Vivian's Arboretum & examining the effects of the late hard winter Friday 16 Walked in the morning without any suspicion of such an event, & as nearly as possible at ½ past 12 a new Grandaughter arrive there. The event had not been expected till early in June - In the afternoon Mr & Mrs Jansen & their two daughters arrived on a visit to us. Miss D arrived from Penllergare where her nursing virtues are still in much request, & moved her quarters to Parkwern Saturday 17 Our rambles limited by some rain in the afternoon. My side again troublesome Sunday 18 Mrs D, Mr Jansen & his 2 Daughters went to Church - My Sister has a bad cold Monday 19 I am too unwell to go much out. In the afternoon Mr Jansen & his 2 Daughters went in our Phaeton to the Mumbles Tuesday 20 My Sister confined to her Bed by a severe cold. Mrs D took the 2 Miss I's & Mr I to Penllergare, where little Emma is very ill. Mr Benson dined with us Wednesday 21 My sisters cold still severe. I went with Mr Jansen to an otter hunt at Penllergare, & the Beast escaped by getting up a drain from which he could not be dug out Thursday 22 Mr Jansen & his Daughters went in the Phaeton to Newton & there walked round by the Bays Friday 23 My Sister still confined by her cold 0 Mrs D & her two Neices [?] went to Penllergare, & walked to Swansea & back with Mr Jansen -Attended a Meeting of the Royal Institution Saturday 24 Drove with Mr Jansen to an Otter Hunt at Penllergare & we did not get back to Dinner till neat 7 - An otter was found soon after 11 & the[?] hunted without intermission was left uncaught at ¼ to 6 - My side being troublesome I did not get into a Boat & only saw the Sport from the close neighbourhood of the Boat House on the Lower Lake Sunday 25 Mrs D, Mr Jansen & his two Daughters went to Church - My side very troublesome

Monday 26 Side last night very bad - Mr Janson [?] & his Daughters went to see

the Pottery

Tuesday 27 Mr & the two Miss Jansens, Miss Mary & Mr Moggridge went to

Penrice & walked back on the shore to meet their Carriage & Horses at Park - Miss D & Moggridge dined with us & the former returned $\,$

to sleep at Parkwern

Wednesday 28 Mrs Jansen left the House for the first time since she arrived

& drove in the close carriage with Mrs D to Penllergare

Thursday 29 Mr & the two Miss Jansons went to Pwlldu

Friday 30 The Jansons left us soon after breakfast & went via Penllergare to

Carmarthen on the way to Aberystwyth. Mrs D & I in the afternoon

drove to Swansea for half an hour & I had my hair cut

Mrs D for 40 years has been endeavouring to procure Flowers of Iris

Sisiana without ever having succeeded till this day

Saturday 31 Mrs D drove to spend the afternoon with Bessie while Miss Mary

took a ride on her Poney [sic] to Penllergare

JUNE

Sunday 1 Mrs D not being well remained at home, & I read the Service in the

Dining Room as usual

Monday 2 The Phaeton which went to bring over 2 of the young Franklens &

their Governess (who are staying at Swansea) to spend the day here. took me to the Annual Meeting of the Institution & I walked home

Tuesday 3 Soon after noon Mrs D drove to Penllergare & I accompanied her

thinking to witness the close of the Otter Hunt, but the Varmint had

been killed just before our arrival after a Chase of 3 hours

Wednesday 4 A great pain in my side returned last night - Walked with John to

Singleton & afterwards drove with Mrs D to the Mumbles - Took a

hot bath in the Evening

Thursday 5 Side very bad & unable [?] to go much out

Friday 6 Side continues bad. Went with Mrs D in the afternoon for a drive to

the Mumbles - Miss Mary after a long nursing absence at Penllergare

returned to us

Saturday 7 Side continued very painful - Weather stormy & kept at home Sunday 8 Continue much unwell. Mrs & Miss D went to Church Monday 9 Much unwell. Sent for Dr Howell. Had no Dinner - Mrs D took me for a drive to Black Pill. Johnny came to spend the afternoon & dine here Tuesday 10 Dr Howell again visited me. My two Marys went with Johnny & young Barrington to Langland Bay. She afterwards took me to get my signature witness at Swansea Wednesday 11 Inspected the effects of last winter on the Singleton Shrubberies for 2 hours - Weather very hot. Mrs Arthur & Miss Jones of Brynerwidd [?] - her son Alfred & his wife, Mr V Webber, Mrs & Miss Eden, Robt Thomas, Richd Jeffreys junr & Lewis dined with us Thursday 12 A very sultry day & went very little out. I am very much better Friday 13 Very hot with some heavy Thunder. In the afternoon John & Emma in their Carriage brought over Dr Buckland to dine & sleep here Hot but some breeze - Drove Buckland to meet the Mail in the Saturday 14 morning Sunday 15 Mrs & Miss D went to Church - I might have gone but the Dr had prescribed some Medicine which tho' much better I thought it advisable to take Monday 16 Drove with Lewis from Parkwern to attend a Bible Society Meeting at the Town Hall at 12 Tuesday 17 In the Evening soon after 8 a large rainbow of remarkably brilliant colors & perfection throughout the whole bow & it lasted upwards [?] of half an hour Wednesday 18 Walked to the Quarterly Meeting of the Visiting Magistrates at the House of Correction. It is the Wedding day of our dear John & Emma, & Mrs D took me on from Swansea to Penllergare where we dined delightfully in the Shanty Thursday 19 Drove with Lewis to attend a Lecture on Church Architecture at the Royal Institution at ½ past 7, & we brought Miss Mary to sleep at home as she is staying with her sister during Mr Moggridge's absence in London

Friday 20 Walked to the Monthly Meeting of the Institution at 2, & Mrs D on her way back from Penllergare took me home in the Phaeton. Pain in my side returned last night & more or less troublesome all day Saturday 21 A strong party from Penllergare spent the afternoon here & left little Emmy on a visit to us Sunday 22 Mrs D being rather unwell did not go out. Tho my side was bad last night I determined on trying the effect of sitting through the Service & went with Miss Mary to Church Monday 23 As the Phaeton was going to bring over the young Franklens to spend the day here. I went as far as Whites Nursery & walked back. Much pain In much pain - took a hot Bath in the afternoon which was of service Tuesday 24 Wednesday 25 The pain continues. Miss D before breakfast rode to spend a couple of days with the Penllergare Family & etc at Ynysygerwn. Mrs D took little Emma back to Penllergare & the Parkwern Family came to us while some alterations at Parkwern are going on Thursday 26 Lewis ill with a violent bilious attack all day - Having great pain last night I drove with Mrs D to Swansea & left word at Dr Howells as he was out to call tomorrow Rained without any intermission all day - Dr Howells came & I was Friday 27 then much better. Col & Capt E Morgan & Mr Wilmot dined with us Saturday 28 Pain much better & I again visited the Singleton Shrubbery in the afternoon. John brought Miss Mary back from Ynysygerwn & she again left us with him to spend a few days at Penllergare Sunday 29 Lewis walked, & I drove with Mrs D to Church Monday 30 Lewis went to the Neath Q Sessions - I again walked round Vivian's Shrubbery in the morning & took a drive with Mrs D in the afternoon

JULY

Tuesday 1 Drove with Mrs D in the morning to Penllergare & Miss D returned home on her pony in the afternoon. Bessie confined all day to Bed, & in the evening Harry was severely attacked by the Croup. Dr Howell

	remained with him till $\frac{1}{2}$ past one in the morning when all danger was supposed to be over
Wednesday 2	Mrs LD & Harry both better but both kept in Bed. In the aft & eveng it rained very hard
Thursday 3	Mrs LD better but still confined to her Room & Harry also better. Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D to the Mumbles
Friday 4	Invalids better. A fine day & Lewis a [?] lots of others carried their Hay
Saturday 5	A fine day & began to cut my hay. Drove with Mrs D in the afternoon to Swansea, & Walked _ of the way back. Some return of the pain in my side from which I had been nearly free for a week
Sunday 6	The two Mary's went to Church
Monday 7	Miss Mary & Lewis went to Penllergare & the latter returned without her. Took a drive with Mrs D towards the Mumbles
Tuesday 8	Miss Mary went with the whole Penllergare Family to spend a week at Ynysygerwn - Called with Mrs D at Woodlands
Wednesday 9	Took a drive in the afternoon with Mrs D to the Mumbles. Lewis being summonsed [?] for 2 Special Juries¹ at Cardiff went by Mail to Coedriglan
Thursday 10	As I wished to examine the Calampelis [?] which is in full flower at Woodlands I again drove there with Mrs D in the afternoon. Swansea races began today
Friday 11	Bessie went to the Members breakfast in the morning & to the Races Ball in the Evening - As Lewis is away at the Assizes I drove to the Pottery in the afternoon
Saturday 12	Took a drive with Mrs D on the Mumbles Road in the aft. Bessie went to a Concert by Braham & his sons in the Evening
Sunday 13	It is 38 years this day since I was married to one of the best of women - my own dear Mary. Tho far from well I went with her to Swansea Church

¹Trial of the Rebbeccaites.

Monday 14	In much pain & it has been coming on these 3 or 4 days. Bessie went to Ynysygerwn & I took a drive with Mrs D towards the Mumbles & etc
Tuesday 15	St Swithins Day & not a drop of Rain at all. Lewis unexpectedly returned late in the Evening, the great mining case for which he was a Special Juror having been made a Remanet [?]
Wednesday 16	Rain in the Evening - not well - Drove to Denis [?] Cottage in the afternoon
Thursday 17	Johns Family having returned from Ynysygerwn, Emma brought Miss Mary for an hours visit, & took her back to Penllergare
Friday 18	Far too unwell to attend the Meeting of the Royal Institution but became better towards Evening
Saturday 19	Mrs D went in Bessie's Carriage to make some calls & I drove to leave a Card at Glanmor, but was not well enough for much else
Sunday 20	Mrs D went to Church at Swansea & Lewis at Penllergare. I am unwell & have a bad sore throat
Monday 21	My throat very sore & whole Trunk in pain last night. Lewis & his family left us & went to Ynysygerwn which John has lent them for a residence while some additions are made to Parkwern
Tuesday 22	Throat still sore & much unwell - Mrs D drove to Penllergare & brought Miss Mary back to us
Wednesday 23	Much unwell, & took nothing more than some Tea all day
Thursday 24	Better but still unwell. Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D to Swansea & went with Mr Francis to see the old Town Ditch which has been laid open by the rebuilding of Bunkers Hill Chapel
Friday 25	Better. In the afternoon drove with Mrs D to Swansea & back, & afterwards walked to call on the Craigs at Singleton
Saturday 26	My Head again attacked by giddiness, & while John was with me Mr Henfrey who has been appointed Botanist to the geological Survey called. He came back to dinner & to occupy an appartment [?] here
Sunday 27	Much unwell. The two Mary's went to Church
Monday 28	Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D to the Mumbles & thought then to have met Mr Homfrey [?] but missed him

Tuesday 29 In the morning on the Box of the Phaeton Mr Henfrey accompanied Mrs D & me to Penllergare, & he botanized his way back & forth

Wednesday 30 Heavy rain most of the day. Drove in the morning with Mr Henfrey for half an hour to Swansea

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Thursday 31

A very wet day. The Phaeton took Mr Henfrey to an Omnibus from Swansea to Merthyr, & he went for a 2 or 3 days ramble about Pont Nedd Vechn - At 2 I drove with Miss Mary to a great [guest/quiet?] cricket match at Singleton where she remained for a Dinner & a Ball & reached home at ¼ past 3 in the morning - I walked home to Dinner having some pain in my side

AUGUST

Friday 1 A very wet day - Side & whole Trunk in much pain Saturday 2 Not better. Took a short drive in the afternoon to Black Pill with Mrs D, & afterwards a hot Bath. Rain fell all last night in Torrents & continued till about Noon when the weather cleared a little Sunday 3 Side & all my inside in pain - Rained most of the day but my two Mary's went to Church Much pain continues - Weather still wet. Drove in the afternoon Monday 4 with Miss Mary for half an hour to Swansea Tuesday 5 Till evening the rain fell all day as well as all last night in Torrents. The pain in my side is unabated. Mr & Mrs Vivian, Mr H Vivian, Mr & Mrs Biddulph [?], Mr & Mrs Craig & Mr Starling & Florence Benson & their sister dined with us. Mr Henfrey, having suffered from a Fit of Asthma at Pont Nedd Vechan returned in the Evening Wednesday 6 Better. Showery in the morning - Floods much out everywhere. Walked with Mr Henfrey to Glanmor etc Thursday 7 Weather better, but showery. I am in less pain but not free from it -Mr Henfrey bad with asthma & in bed all day. Took a walk on the sea side & round by Singleton home Friday 8 In less pain but side still troublesome. Went with the two Mary's to Swansea & walked home. T E Thomas dined with us

Saturday 9 Side in much pain. Rained again in Torrents last night & day very showery. My dear Mrs D much unwell & did not come down Sunday 10 My dear Mary & I both much unwell. Miss Mary went to Church. Weather improved but still showery - Mr Henfrey tho' still somewhat as asthmatic [?] went to Penllergare with intent of starting with Moggridge for an examination of Gower tomorrow Monday 14 Mrs D & I being still unwell I sent for Dr Howell - Lewis drove Miss Mary in his Gig to Swansea, & after taking Mrs D for a short drive to Black Pill I brought her in the Phaeton back. At the Institution we saw a Chamelion [?] alive & active Tuesday 12 Miss Mary went with a large Family Committee [?] of the Vivian Family to a Picnic in 3 Cliffs Bay. Mrs D & I drove in the afternoon to Swansea Wednesday 13 In much pain of the lumbago kind. Went in the afternoon with Mrs D for Mrs Vivian to show her some attractions in the Singleton Garden. Dined with Miss Mary at Derwen Fawr, tho' I had much better have staid at home Thursday 14 My back very troublesome. Took a short drive with Mrs D. Mr Henfrey returned to us from his ramble in Gower with Mr Moggridge. Miss Mary went to a Dance at Mr Biddulphs My dear Mary so unwell that I sent for Dr Howell, & the Lumbago Friday 15 Branch of my old ailment is very severe. Mrs & Miss D took a short drive in the afternoon & the latter attended the Boat Race Ball at night Saturday 16 Lumbago continues. Drove with Miss D in the afternoon for half an hour to Swansea Mrs D seized with a violent retching in the Night & I sent early for Dr Sunday 17 Howell. She became much better towards Evening & my lumbago has abated - Moggridge dined with us Monday 18 My lumbago so much better that I walked about an escaped Convict to the House of Correction & Mrs D in the Phaeton brought me back. As the Dr had announced [?] her fit she ventured on the drive but it much fatigued both her & me. Mr Homfrey left us & went for 2 or 3 days to Moggridges. John & E started for Cheltenham having taken 14 Lansdown Place Tuesday 19 Mrs D so much unwell in the night that I sent for Dr Howell. My

lumbago is again worse - Lewis came over to dine & sleep here

Wednesday 20

Mrs D continues so much unwell that I again sent early for Dr Howells & we have been obliged to put off our intending start for Cheltenham. Bessie brought her Friend Miss Burnett & little Minnie from Ynysygerwn to lunch here. My lumbago very bad, & to try the effect of travelling I drove with Miss Mary to Woodlands & she afterwards went on to Swansea

Thursday 21

I have this day compleated my 67th year & a possession of the warm affection of a most excellent & dearly beloved wife & of all my youngsters makes me as happy as a man can be - Tho still much unwell I trust she is rather better today, & I on the whole am in less pain. We took a drive halfway to the Mumbles

Friday 22

Drove to Swansea to see Dr Howells about my dear Mary who had a bad night but she became much better in the afternoon, & I took her a drive nearly to the Mumbles

Saturday 23

My dear Mary much better - My side still in pain but the lumbago has nearly disappeared. Day very wet & none of us left home

Sunday 24

My dear Mary on the whole much better & I continue much unwell - Miss Mary went to Church

Monday 25

Mrs D & I about 2 set out in the Phaeton, & through a Torrent of Rain reached Pyle to dine & sleep

Tuesday 26

Last night I was attacked by much violent pain in my back & side that I doubted the possibility of travelling any further. it however abated in the morning & I went on alone in the Phaeton with our own horses to Coedriglan where the two Mary's in our close Carriage met me, & thence I went with Mrs D & leaving the Phaeton to Miss Mary we reached Newport to dine & sleep. My dear Mary having been teazed by a very loose Tooth decided in having it extracted & it was well done by Mr HAwkins

Wednesday 27

In some sharp pain last night but it did not last long. We went on to dine & sleep at Gloster

Thursday 28

Reached Cheltenham about ½ past 11 & went to 28 Lansdown Crescent which Emma had engaged for us - it is very near to John's House. 14 Lansdown Place

Friday 29

In the afternoon went with all the Penllergare party & Mrs Thackery & his children to see a Show of Wild Beasts

Saturday 30 John & Emma went to spend 3 or 4 days with Royd Smith at

Southrop [?]. My two Mary's took a drive in the afternoon. I am

much better today than I was yesterday

Sunday 31 My two Mary's attended Service at Christ Church but I did not feel

equal to a long sitting. The three last days have been much sultry

than any I have witnessed for 7 or 8 weeks

SEPTEMBER

Monday 1 Cheltenham

Took Thereza & John to Jessops Nursery in the morning, & Mrs D after making some cakes with Mrs D took them for a drive in the

afternoon. Weather rather hot

Tuesday 2 The youngsters spent the day at Mrs Thackrays at Prestbury - Mary

& I drove up Leckhampton Hill - My side very troublesome. Weather

chilly but fine

Wednesday 2 My dear & excellent wife has this day entered on her 70th year - God

bless her - John & Emma came back from Southropps [?] to join our party, but the latter was too much unwell to join us - In the afternoon we visited Jessops Nursery & made some handsome

additions to our rosary

Thursday 4 Emma much better

Friday 5 Read & walked & read all day

Saturday Do-do-do

Sunday 7 Miss Mary went in the morning with the Penllargarily [?] to Christ

Church & I with the two Mary's in the afternoon

Monday 8 - Cheltenham

The Jo Trahernes arrived early in the afternoon in their way to

Harrowgate [?]

Tuesday 9 The Trahernes left us by the one [?] o'clock train for Birmingham.

Granny & I & Miss Mary & John & Emma with the 4 elder chicks went by the 2 o'clock Train to Gloster - saw the whole Cathedral,

attended afternoon service & got home before 6

Wednesday 10 I drank the Waters, walked & read, & this has been the

general outline of my proceeding since we came here

Thursday 11 Ditto, ditto

Friday 12 At ¼ before 10 we started with Johns light carriage & ...[?] Horses by

way of Evesham to Stratford in Avon where we left our horses to rest against tomorrow & posted on to Warwick where we dined &

slept - Visited Beauchamps Chapel

Saturday 13 Miss Mary & I in a 2 Horse Fly went to breakfast early at Kenilworth

- spent more than an hour at the Castle, & then back by way of Leamington to Warwick. Spent about an hour & a half in seeing all the Lions at the Castle & stopping only in the way to see the Church

at Stratford. We reached Cheltenham soon after 8

Sunday 14 Miss Mary went in the morning & we were all going to Christ Church

in the afternoon but were stopped by heavy Showers & rattling

Thunder

Monday 15 - Cheltenham

John & Emma with the two elder Chicks went off per rail for a weeks

ramble among the Northern Lakes

Tuesday 16 Soon after breakfast Lewes who as far as Chester had excepted Miss

Bennett (a Friend of Bessie) from an visit to Ynysygerwn, arrived here to our great surprise & later in the evening retd: to Gloster & thence by Mail to Neath - the weather unluckily was very wet, & he only all day went out once with us in the Carriage to a Horticultural Show at the Rotunda. Having left off the Waters since Thursday I

again this morning resumed the use of them

Wednesday 17 A very wet day

Thursday 18 Weather stormy - In the afternoon drove with Mrs D to the Top of

Leckhampton, & on our return walked down for about 2 miles

Friday 19 Took a short drive to Charlton with Mrs D in the afternoon. In the

Eveng: went to some Fire Works in the Rotunda Gardens

Saturday 20 A very wet day - Mrs D & Miss Mary went to Grisi's Concert at the

Assembly Room in the afternoon

Sunday 21 Rained very hard in the morning, & Mrs D went in the morning [?] to

Christ Church - In the afternoon I went to Christ Church & Miss D

from No 14 to St James

Monday 22 A rash broke out on little Emma which Dr Baron pronounced to be Scarletina. In the absence of her parents it much alarmed my two Mary's

Tuesday 23 Read & dawdled [?] about

Wednesday 24 I was at the Station waiting & our dear John & Emma with their two elder Chicks arrived at ½ past 6 having left Chester this morning. By Dr Baron's advice the 2 latter came at once to sleep at our House

Thursday 25 Spent most of the afternoon at Jessops Nursery

Friday 26 Went with John to Jessops Nursery & to see Mrs Wrays Garden

Saturday 27 At 2 went with Mrs & Miss D & John, Emma & Thereza to hear

Scotch songs by Mr Wilson

Sunday 28 John & Miss Mary went to hear Mr Close - Mrs D & Emma to Christ

Church & in the aft: I attended St James's with Miss D

Monday 29 Jacob set out with the Phaeton homewards, & Davis remained to

escort my 3 younger Grand chicks back to Penllergare. Drove to Gloster & set out with Mrs D & Miss D at $\frac{1}{4}$ before one by the Train

& reached Everalls Hotel about 6

Tuesday 30 Mrs & Miss D variously engaged in Shopping. I visited Dr Prout [?] &

etc. About 6 John & Emma with their two elder Chicks joined us at Everalls from Cheltenham. My side in much pain & I was much tired

OCTOBER

Wednesday 1 Spent the afternoon at the Zoological Gardens with our whole party.

Mrs D & I were too much tired to do more but J, E, Miss Mary & the

youngsters went to Astleys & remained there till midnight

Thursday 2 We spent near 5 hours at the British Museum & being in much pain

it greatly tired me

Friday 3 Much return of pain in my side, perhaps occasioned by over fatigue.

Went afterwards on Business to the City. All the juniors went to the Polytechnic & Sir Arthur Brook [?] came in & spent the evening with

Mrs D & me

Saturday 4 In the morning all the juniors went to Westminster Abbey & etc. At 2

went in our 2 Carriages to spend the afternoon & dine at Alfred

Jansons. Got back about 10

Sunday 5 In the morning all the juniors attended Service at Westminster

Abbey & Mrs D went to St James at which Church we were married. In the afternoon I walked with Miss D to Talbots & afterwards with

Mrs D to the new Hungerford Bridge

Monday 6 The whole party went to the Tower. Wheatstone dined with us - In

much pain

Tuesday 7 The whole party in the morning to the Chinese Exhibition, & all

except Mrs D in the Evening to see Mons. Phillipi the Conjuror at the

Strand Theatre

Wednesday 8 Went with Mrs D to shops in the morning. Little John knocked up &

remained in Bed with Miss D to nurse him. J, E, Thereza & I in the afternoon went to meet Wheatstone at Kings College. Mr & mrs Moggridge in the evening arrived in Town with Weston & Sarah to consult Travers [?] about the latters eye & joined our party at

Everalls. Much seized for the last 2 days with a pain in my back

Thursday 9 Johnny who had been quite knocked up yesterday much better &

the Penllergare part of our party started homewards. A terrible wet

day

Friday 10 The Moggridges moved to apartments at 199 Regent Street & Miss

Mary went in her Aunts carriage to visit the Janson's at Walthamstow with intent of accompanying them to Brighton or Hastings. Spent the morning with Wheatstone & etc & in the afternoon drove with Mrs D & little Weston to call at Sir Jns Souths

[?]

Saturday 11 The Pain in my side much abated - spent an hour with Dr Lindley &

etc

Sunday 12 Went in the morning with Mrs D to St James's Church & walked ...[?]

by ...[?] Called in the afternoon on Talbot & Nicholl both of whom

with the Franklins are on the wing for the Mediterranean

Monday 13 Being [?] in preparing for a start homewards tomorrow

Tuesday 14 Started by the Great Western Train at ½ past 10. Reached Bristol at

¼ before 3. Went on to the old Passage & crossed pleasantly. Dined

& slept at Chepstow

Wednesday 15 Started soon after ½ past 8, & about 8 in the evening found Lewis & his family ready to receive us at Sketty Thursday 16 Emma came over to spend most of the day with us, & I drove in the afternoon with her to call on Mr & Mrs Bunbury the new Vicar. My dear Mary in the afternoon much unwell My dear Mary much unwell & in bed all day. I took some Calomel & Friday 17 Coly...[?] prescribed by Dr Prout [?] & did not go out Saturday 18 My dear Mary still much unwell. Drove in the afternoon with Bessie for an hour to Swansea. Rawleigh Mansell dined with us Sunday 19 Went to Church with Lewis & Bessie in their Carriage - Mrs D still much unwell & in the evening I sent for Dr Howell The Harry Long legs have been abundant in our Garden since we returned & the Gardener says that they first appeared on Tuesday last Monday 20 Mrs D still very unwell. Hendire[?] our new gardener arrived Tuesday 21 Mrs D better. That I might come home early I went alone in the Phaeton, & Lewis & Bessie with some of the Edens to the Theatre Wednesday 22 My dear Mary better but has not yet come down stairs Thursday 23 In the afternoon went (from Singleton) to attend a provisional Meeting for forming Floating Docks at Swansea & took the Chair. My dear Mary drove in the Close Carriage as far as Singleton Entrance & the Phaeton brought us back from Swansea. Lewis & Bessie dined at Derwnfawr Friday 24 October 1845 My dear Mary so much better as to be able to go out & enjoy her garden for about ½ an hour. My side & back in much pain Drove Lewis to Swansea in the afternoon & I returned almost Saturday 25 immediately - He & Bessie dined at Singleton. My dear Mary rather less well then yesterday Sunday 26 Lewis & Bessie went to Church. Neither Mrs D or I being sufficiently well to go out I read the Service upstairs to her. Dr Howell came in the afternoon, & immediately prescribed a strong does of Calomel for me Monday 27 Not well enough to attend a Meeting of the Town Council about Floating Docks. Remained at home

Tuesday 28 Mrs D took a drive both in the morning & afternoon & for the first

time since her illness dined downstairs with us

Wednesday 29 Mrs D drove to Newton in the morning, & walked in her

garden in the afternoon, & it appeared in the Evening to have been

too much for her strength. My side & back very painful

Thursday 30 Mrs D excepting weakness has pretty[?] fully recovered from her

late illness. In much pain but walked to call at Veranda & in the afternoon drove with Mrs D to Murton [?], & as exercise was

prescribed by Dr Prout I walked part of the way back

Friday 31 In much pain from a sort of Lumbago. Drove in the aft: with Mrs D to

Horton [?Murton] & walked part of the way back

NOVEMBER

Saturday 1 Mrs D went with Bessie to call on Mrs Bunbury & etc. Tho' in much

pain I walked to call at Singleton

Sunday 2 In much pain like Lumbago, & I read the morning Service to Mrs D at

home. Lewis & Bessie went to Church

Monday 3 I continue in much pain

Tuesday 4 Set out for a Drive with Mrs D, but met John & Emma & turned back

at the end of an hour. Tried a hot Bath in the afternoon without

success

Wednesday 5 In much pain in the morning & sent for Dr Howell. Mush better in

the afternoon & Drove with Mrs D to Murton. John & Emma dined &

slept here preparatory for a Christening tomorrow

Thursday 6 This morning Lewis's No 3 was christened at St Mary's Church with

the name of Elizabeth Amy. The Godmothers were Emma who attended in person my Sister Mrs Janson, represented by Bessie, & henry Bruce for whom Lewis was proxy. Mr [?Mrs] & Miss Thackry [?] arrived early in the afternoon & about 4 left us with John &

Emma for Penllergare

Friday 7 Set out to attend a Meeting at the Institution & was turned back by

Torrents of Rain - Our Carriage met Miss Mary who had returned with the Moggridges from London, & before our Dinner was over

arrived here

Saturday 8 In much pain & I remained at or about home all day Lewis, Bessie & Miss Mary went to Church, & both of us being Sunday 9 unwell I read the morning Service to Mrs D Monday 10 My side being in much pain I sent for Dr Howell who pronounced it to proceed from some acute inflammation in the liver. Fanny having caught a bad cold in her Journey Mrs D drove over to spend the afternoon with her Tuesday 11 Much plagued by a large Blister, & Dr Howell again visited me. Mrs D again visited Fan in the afternoon. Lewis, Bessie & Miss Mary drove over to Dine & meet the Adairs at Penllergare Not better & the Doctor who again visited me does not know Wednesday 12 what to make of it - Did not stir out tho' the weather has been very fine Continued in much pain - Lewis, Bessie & Miss Mary went to dine at Thursday 13 Jo Jeffreys at the Mumbles Friday 14 Pain increasingly severe but the Doctors prescription relieved me much towards evening Saturday 15 By the Drs direction tried a hot Bath in the evening Rained in Torrents none of us went to Church, the Dr fancies that I Sunday 16 am better & I dont Monday 17 By the Drs direction I again had a hot bath in the Evening. Lewis, Bessie & Miss M went to meet the Grants Tilers [?] & etc at Singleton & after Dinner had a Dance Tuesday 18 My dearest old Lady & I both again unwell Wednesday 19 After a weeks starvation on Tea & Rusk [?], at 3 today the Dr allowed me a Mutton Chop & glass of wine. Had a hot Bath in the Evening Thursday 20 Again allowed a bit of Mutton & took a short drive on the Mumbles Road with Miss D, but the pain has not much if at all abated Friday 21 For the first time kept awake nearly all night by pain. The Dr fund me somewhat more unwell that he put on 22 leaches & remained here till evening

Saturday 22 Much unwell all day. A hot bath in the Evening Sunday 23 The rest of our party went to Church & I read the short morning Service to Mrs D tho' hardly able to get through it Monday 24 Continue much unwell & by the Drs desire again tried a hot Bath in the Evening. In the morning Lewis went rather suddenly off with Vivian & Evan Morgan in a special steamer on Dock Business in London. My dear Mary much better Tuesday 25 Walked as far as the Greenhouse - rather better Wednesday 26 Certainly better & had some Dinner with the Family Thursday 27 Much pain last night, but better today. In the Evening had a Hot Bath at 102 for half an hour Friday 28 Lewis returned by Mail from Town. In some Pain & the nights are now worse than the days Saturday 29 Better & almost free from pain in the afternoon & Evening Sunday 30 Mrs D & all our party excepting myself went to Church. Dr Howell still attends me daily & forbids me to go out

DECEMBER

Monday 1	The Dr says I am much better & I went out a little
Tuesday 2	Continued much the same but the Dr thinks me better & that in future his attendance on alternate days will be sufficient. Mrs D thank God has been become [?] quite hearty
Wednesday 3	Day stormy but beautifully star light in the Evening. At $\frac{1}{2}$ past 8 we were called by the Servants from the Drawing Room to witness something remarkable in the Heavens & found a magnificent luminous arck [?] extending over the zenith from the NE to the SW or thereabouts. It lasted about $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour & in all respects exactly answered to the description of one seen at Buxton in 1774 as described in the abridged Trans: of the Royal Society Vol 16 p627
Thursday 4	My side very painful in the night & a wreath of laurel leaves which had been applied to it appeared to be of no service. In the afternoon

I walked as far as the Sand Hill & my general health has certainly improved Friday 5 Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D & attended a Meeting at the **Royal Institution** Saturday 6 A mustard poultice was put in my side in the morning & in the afternoon I drove in the close carriage with Mrs D as far as Black Pill Mrs & Miss D & Lewis & Bessie went to Church & I continue to suffer Sunday 7 much & the pain kept me awake most of last night Monday 8 In less pain last night. It rained hard all day. Lady Mary & Miss Talbot lunched [?] here on their way from Penrice to Penllergare Tuesday 9 Took Calomel last night. I am not better Wednesday 10 Suffered more pain than heretofore. Took a walk to the bottom of the Lane & afterwards a hot bath for half an hour. The latter relieved me Thursday 11 Better this morning so that I drove in the close carriage to attend a Meeting of the Savings Bank, but the Motion brought on so much pain that I could not remain there long Friday 12 Much better today. Took a drive with Mrs D to Norton Saturday 13 Continued on the whole considerably better Sunday 14 Being a wet foggy day none of us went to Church & I read the whole morning Service to the Family Monday 15 Health continues to improve. Walked in the afternoon with Miss D & spent [?] half an hour at Singleton Tuesday 16 Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D to call at Woodlands & on Jeffreys at Norton. I was sorry to find that it fatigued me Wednesday 17 Drove with Mrs D to Black Pill & walked part of the way back Thursday 18 My side very bad for 2 hours in the night but much better all day. Drove in the aft. with Mrs D to the Mumbles, & walked more than a Mile without fatigue Friday 19 Better. Weather stormy. Took a short drive with Mrs D in the afternoon

Saturday 20 Another wet stormy day & between the showers I took an hours walk in the afternoon. Took a Bath at 102 before dinner & by dr Howells desire I continue to do so every 2 or 3 or 4 days Sunday 21 Some frost & Ice have appeared at last. My side more troublesome, & did not get rid of a lassitude which yesterdays bath brought on. Wrote to my kind Friend Dr Prout. All the others of our party went to Church Monday 22 The Therm. in the early part of the night fell to 31 but before sunrise the wind had again changed & the weather became very wet & stormy. in the afternoon was much better but did not go out Tuesday 23 Much better in the afternoon with Miss Mary for half an hour to Swansea. The Revd Mr, Mrs & Miss Bunbury, Col, Capt & Mrs E Morgan, Mr A Jones & Mrs Webber & her 2 sons dined with us Wednesday 24 Miss Mary in the Phaeton left me to attend the Quarterly Meeting at the House of Correction, from whence I walked to Swansea & returned home with her Thursday 25 Side, thank God, continued much better but I was tormented in the night by a severe Heart burn. Being Xmas Day Mrs D & Bessie went to Church at Swansea & Lewis & Miss D at penllergare Friday 26 A wet day, but cleared up just in time for a walk before Dinner Saturday 27 Bessie drove over to meet the Mail & brought de la Beche on a visit to us. Some return of pain alarmed [?] me today Sunday 28 Rained in Torrents all morning & none of us went out Monday 29 Very wet. Bessie took de la Beche to Swansea & he walked in the Rain with Lewis back. Mr Wilmot, Capt Lindsay & Capt Cooper (a friend of Rodney Edens who was kept at home by illness) dined with us, & Mrs Wilmot & the two older Miss Edens joined our party after Dinner De la Beche drove with Mrs D to the Mumbles & etc. he went in the Tuesday 30 Evening with Lewis, Bessie & Miss D to Vivians Ball where the 3 last remained till 6 in the morning Wednesday 31 Rained <u>hard</u>, particularly in the afternoon & Mrs D who had in the morning driven to Penllergare, returned home through a Deluge. Some crocuses in flower **END OF DIARY**

Some notes included in the Diary on loose sheets of paper.

Memoranda

Wish to transfer [?] about the Rent of the Hertford [?] Estate 6 or 7 years [?] which has remained unpaid for years. The tenant is Baron Dinsdale & Appleyard of London used to pay

Remitted Apr [?] 26 - 250 to Monkland &[?] for the extra shares - not received them - Alfred Janson knows all about it -

Mar 31 Remitted Mar 31 to Chalk 550 on acct. of Mortgages - not yet received - see his letters

Sept 30 Paid Chalk [?] 170-0 [?]

Nov. remitted by sir J W Lubbock [?] & Co 1300£ to Mr Chalk on Acct of mortgage

[Written on Whatman paper]

APPENDIX TO DIARY

Dec 28. A letter which Buckland sen me from Peacock (the Dean of Ely) says that in the autumn of 1844 the neighbourhood of Ely became infested by immense myriads of Rats & field mice which threatened the Embankments & Farmers in the Fens with distraction & that either from the severity of the Weather or some other cause they disappeared last spring "almost as suddenly as they came" - He says that the Farmers in dismay imported rat catchers & Ferrets, & that one Farmer (Mr Herlock) killed 8000 Rats in less than 4 Months without any apparent decrease of their numbers.

In 1840 Bicheno sent me an account of a regiment of Pole Cats which were seen to swim in a body over the Ogmore & he entertained no doubt they were on their way to Talbots Rabbit Warren which must be 12 Miles distant

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