

## The Dillwyn Collection

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

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<b>JANUARY 1852</b>
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Thursday 1	Drove with my dear Wife in the afternoon to Swansea
Sunday 4	Much rested [?] but did not feel [?] equal to go there but both my Mary's attended Church
Monday 5	Drove along the Mumbles Road with my dear Mary
Thursday 8	Drove with my dear Mary a little on the Mumbles Road & she had a small attack of Lumbago
Friday 9	My dear Mary drove into Swansea & towards Evening had a sharp attack of Lumbago. Dr Howells sent for
Saturday 10	My dear Mary better but still in much pain
Sunday 11	My dear Mary confined chiefly to her Room
Wednesday 14	My dear Mary rather better & ventured with me for a drive as far as Norton
Thursday 15	Accompanied Mary for a short visit to the School & returned home at once without her. Tho' not yet well she is much better
Saturday 17	Mrs D took a drive with me to the Mumbles
Sunday 18	Miss Mary alone went to Church
Monday 19	Mrs D drove in for an hour to her School & brought Mrs Moggridge with the Chicks to dine here
Tuesday 20	Took a drive with Mrs D to the Mumbles
Wednesday 21	Johnny came to spend a couple of days with us from Penllergare & went with Miss Mary at night to a Grand Ball at Singleton
Thursday 22	I am still much unwell & by the Doctors desire very little go out [sic]
Friday 23	My two Grand daughters Theresa & Emma came to enliven [?] us for a Week from Penllergare
Sunday 25	Miss Mary with her Nieces went to Church, but Mrs D too much of an Invalid

Saturday 31                      My Grand Chicks returned to Penllergare

<b>FEBRUARY</b>
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Sunday 1                      The two Mary's went to Church

Tuesday 3                      Mrs D attended a Committee at the Swansea School. Mrs Moggridge came to dine & spend the day with us & brought Miss Sarah with her

Wednesday 4                      Drove with Mrs D to Swansea in the afternoon

Thursday 5                      Lewis & Bessie from Parkwern & revd Mr Welby dined with us

Friday 6                      Mrs D drove to Swansea but I too unwell to go out

Saturday 7                      Drove with Mrs D in the afternoon to the Mumbles

Sunday 8                      A heavy Rain all day kept the Ladies to the House

Monday 9                      Took a drive with Mrs D towards the Mumbles [?crossed out] Swansea

Tuesday 10                      Mrs D drove to the Mumbles with Miss D [?crossed out]

Wednesday 11 Mrs D drove to her School in the Morning & I went to bring her back through a Snow Storm. In the afternoon called at the Willows & had my Hair cut

Monday 9 [sic] Took a drive with Mrs D to the Mumbles

Tuesday 17                      Took a drove with Mrs D to the Mumbles

Wednesday 18 Mrs D in the morning went to her School & I went to bring her back. had ny Hair cut at the Willows. Lewis went by a requisition [?] to Lecture on Zoology at Merthyr [?] & quartered at Revd Mr ----- [sic]

Thursday 19                      John took Emma & Theresa by the Train for a Visit of 2 or 3 Weeks to Melbury

Friday 20                      Drove with Mrs D to the Mumbles

Saturday 21                      Mrs D went to call at Heathfield, & I stopped half an hour at the Willows.

Sunday 22                      Mrs D not well enough to go in the morning to Church. At noon for the first time these 5 or 6 Weeks I ventured with her for a short walk in front of the House

Monday 23 Mrs D drove in the morning to Swansea & in the afternoon I took the Carriage to bring her back

Tuesday 24 Drove with Mrs D to the Mumbles

Wednesday 25 Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D for half an hour to her School. Lewis gave his second Lecture at Merthyr [?]

Thursday 26 Drove with Mrs D to Norton

Friday 27 Drove with Mrs D to call at her School

<b>MARCH</b>
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No entries

<b>APRIL</b>
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Monday 5 Mrs D drove to her School at Swansea & I went to fetch her back

Tuesday 6 Mrs D drove to Swansea but I was confined to the House

Wednesday 7 The Ditto of yesterday

Thursday 8 Mrs D went to Swansea but I not well enough to go out

Friday 9 Mrs D drove to Swansea

Saturday 10 I drove with Mrs D to Norton

Wednesday 14 Drove with Mrs D to Norton

Thursday 15 Drove with Mrs D to Swansea

Monday 24 Mrs D drove in the Phaeton with Miss Eden to Swansea

Tuesday 25 Drove with Miss D to the Mumbles & afterwards called at Parkwern & at the Willows. Weather changed, & with the E Wind my Influenza which so long has increased [?] has much abated

Wednesday 26 Drove with Mrs D & called at Parkwern & at the Willows. Mr & Mrs Lewis took DelaBeche & Miss Rose a drive here at ½ past 6

Saturday 12 Drove with Mrs D to Swansea

Sunday 13 Mrs D went to Church

Monday 14 Drove with Mrs D to Caswell

Tuesday 15 Drove with Mrs D to enjoy a walk by the Sea side at Caswell

Friday 18 Drove with Mrs D to Swansea

Saturday 19 Drove to Caswell & walked with Mrs D a little on the Sands

Sunday 20 Mr & Mrs D went to Church. Miss Mary had a face ach

Thursday 24 Lewis returned from London, & joined his Family at Caswell who while the Penllergare Family are at Ynysygerwn are occupying their Villa at Caswell

Friday 25 Drove Mrs Moggridge home & brought Mrs D back from her School at Swansea

Saturday 26 Drove with Mrs D for a stroll on the Shore at Caswell

Sunday 27 Mrs d went to Church in the afternoon

<b>JULY</b>
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Thursday 12 For the first time since last Summer, ventured on a drive in the Phaeton across the Cockett to Penllergare

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