

The Dillwyn Collection

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

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D2 Swiss Tour 1836 with Lewis Weston Dillwyn, Mrs Dillwyn, Lewis Llewelyn Dillwyn, Mary Dillwyn, Matthew Moggridge and his wife Fanny, née Dillwyn

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Letter from Lewis Weston Dillwyn to his sister Ann Alexander, wife of Richard Dykes Alexander, Ipswich

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My dear A

It has crossed my Mind that you may probably like the enclosed as a Frontispiece for the History of our Rambles & it represents the Hotel at which by Fans illness we were confined for 16 days – It is perhaps an iricisen [?] to say that the middle most of the 3 upper Windows is a Door which leads to a Balcony, while that towards the Church is one of the two windows of poor Fans Prison & the opposite corresponding Chamber was ours – The cross on the Bridge is said in our Guide Book to be the spot from which Mont Blanc is seen to most advantage, but a Hill above Sallanches not much more than a Mile distant commands a more extensive View of the Aiguilles –

Mary seems at also to have very nearly recovered from the effects of the Sea Sickness & Fan also has become tolerably hearty – All our Family, Grand Chicks & all are here & I begin tot think myself quite a Patriarch – The ---- [?] unites in Love to you & Richard

Your affect Brother

LWD

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1836

July 26 – Tuesday – Canterbury

We left London this morning about 11 oclock and about 3½ O.C. we dined at Rochester after having walked up to look at the Cathedral and Castle – se did not go into the latter but there did not appear to be any thing worth seeing it in – in the former there is a very fine Saxon doorway – We arrived here between 9 & 10 oclock –

July 27. Wednesday – Dover

We left Canterbury this morning about 9½ O.C. and arrived here in about 2 hours afterwards- when we found that all the Calais packets had left between 8 & 9 o'clock and that no other was to start till tomorrow at 8½ O.C. when we intend to go - that being the case we made up our minds to see the Lions here – and in the first place Moggridge Mary & myself went to see the Castle with which we were very much pleased. We did not see the underground works but the fortifications appear to be very strong – afterwards Moggridge and myself went in company with Papa & Fanny to look at Shakespeares cliff of which we made sundry sketches in Sketch books – after dinner we well occupied ourselves for our walk by the view from it which is very fine – in the way home as it was getting dusk we were annoyed by great quantities of the Melolontha Brunea which kept buzzing about our heads. The wind has gone down and there is every chance of of *[sic]* a fine passage tomorrow -

July 28 – Thursday – Capel –

This morning at 8½ O'clock we left Dover and after a delightful passage of about 2 hours & 3 quarters we arrived at Calais and went straight to the Hotel du Bourbon Conde by M Rigmode where we dined after having looked at the town & ramparts – at about 3½ OC we came on here through St Omer which appears to be a strongly fortified town – we arrived here from this place at ½ past 9 OC – the view from this place is very extensive as it is a hill in the midst of a flat country – the name of the house we are at is Hotel Bellvue.

July 29 – Friday – Tournay –

This morning we set out from Cassel at about 10 or ½ past O.C. before we left we went to see Mount Cassel or rather the panoramic view from it – though not a clear morning with a glass we could distinguish the English coast – at about three O.C. we stopped to dine at a small place called Armantier afterwards we went on to Lille (which appears to be a fine town) but did not stop to look at it in consequence of the badness of the weather (as it had continued raining almost without intermission since we left Cassel) and thence we came on here and entered Belgium 3 miles off – the Country all the way has been rich and generally well wooded and beautiful – the Name of our Hotel is the Singe D'Or and every thing is very comfortable

July 30 – Saturday – Brussels

Before Breakfast this morning at about seven O.C. we went to see the Cathedral at Tournay where there are several things very well worth seeing – viz some Statues, a Screen and a very handsome pulpit carve din wood – after breakfast we inspected the Botanic Garden but there is nothing worth seeing in it – at about 10½ O.C. set off and in two relays arrived at Ath where we dined – the fortifications are very strong – after dinner we resumed our journey and came on here passing through Enghien and Hal – we arrived here about 9 O.C. at the Bellvue Hotel where we intend to stay till Tuesday next –

July 31 – Sunday – Brussels –

All day I have been unwell and not able to go out – the rest of the party however have been to the Cathedral in the morning – and afterwards Mama Mary and

Moggridge went to the protestant church – in the evening they all went to the Botanic Garden with which they were much pleased.

August 1. Monday – Brussels

The first thing we did after breakfast this morning was to see about our passports, and afterwards Moggridge & myself went into the Cathedral where we witnessed a funeral service which was going on – some of the shrines there are very fine as is some Gobelin tapestry – in the afternoon we all went to the picture gallery at the Museum where there are some very fine old pictures and one new one of the revolution at this place which we all admired very much – after dinner Papa, Moggridge, Mary and myself went to the Grand Theatre where some French farces were acted – The celebrated Hotel de Ville of this city quite answers my expectations –

August 2. Tuesday. Namur

This morning at 10 OC we left Brussels & in about two hours we arrived at Waterloo and went to the church to see the tombstones of the officers & soldiers who were killed in the battle – from there we went on to the field and leaving the carriages with Mama & Fanny near the monument to Sir Alexander Gordon & the German legion, we ascended the Mount to the Belgie Lion from which there is a very fine view of the plain – after we had seen this we resumed our Journey and dined at Jenappe which is about 6 miles from the field of battle – the next stage from this is Sombref and on this road we passed Quatre Bras – from Sombref we came on here to the Hotel D’Hars Champ where we find every thing very good and comfortable –

August 3 –Wednesday – Liege –

We arrived here this evening at about 7 O clock after a beautiful drive down the Valley of the Maese (or Meuse) which is I think the finest both in scenery and richness of soil that I have ever seen – we stopped to dine at about 2 O.C. at Huy above which the fortifications are very strong & new – in the morning at 5½ OC Moggridge and myself tried to take some fish on the River at Namur but were unsuccessful – Namur appears to be a strong fortified place – On this side of the Huy we saw a great number of Vineyards which were the first we had seen – we also found some very pretty companulas which were new to me in their wild state –

August 4. Thursday – Aix la Chapelle

This morning before breakfast Papa Moggridge and myself went out to see the Cathedral and the church of St James at Liege; the latter is very handsome and well worth seeing – after seeing these we returned to our Hotel (which is the Pavillon Anglais and is very comfortable) to breakfast, and about 10 Oclock we set out for this place where we arrived about 3½ O.C. – at the Hotel du Grand Monarque – the distance from Liege here is about 27 miles and the road is very hilly – we only changed horses once which was at a place called Bertise – there is nothing interesting on the road – We dined here as soon as we arrived and then went out to see the Cathedral the windows in one part are very fine but otherwise I dont think it is a fine building - among other things there we saw the chair and sarcophagus of Charlemagne marble – the former is quite plain and is

the throne in which the German Emperors were crowned – the latter was brought from Rome and is extremely handsome – it was taken from there by Napoleon to Paris, but was returned after the peace of 1815 – from the Cathedral we proceeded to the Hotel de Ville in which is the great room where the German Emperors used to be crowned, and which is very splendid –

August 5. Friday – Cologne

We left Aix this morning at about 10½ O'clock and in 3 posts & ½ arrived at Juliers a small but strongly fortified town where we dined and got a very good dinner – from Juliers we came on here through Berghem the distance altogether from Aix here is nearly 9 postes –

August 6 – Saturday – Cologn –

After breakfast this morning we all went to see the Cathedral which is a splendid building (though unfinished) and contains many things well worth seeing particularly the tomb of the three Kings which is made of Gold and richly studded with magnificent precious stones which have been offered the shrine at different times – besides this tomb and several other very richly ornamented things – there is some carving in Ivory, after different pictures which is really magnificent – from the Cathedral we went to the Church of St Pierre – where the picture of the crucifixion of St Peter by Reubens is placed –

At one o'clock we dined at the table D'Hote – and afterwards Moggridge and myself went out shopping –

August 7 – Sunday – Cologn

This morning Fanny being rather unwell we delayed starting for Coblenz till Wednesday or Thursday next – After breakfast Papa & Mama Mary & myself went to the Cathedral where we heard High mass and some of the finest music I have ever heard – in the afternoon Moggridge & I walked out and heard a Mass performed in the square where there was a school procession – the ground over which the procession passed was strewn with oak leaves –

August 8. Monday. Cologn

The weather continues delightful though very hot – so much so that we kept at home during the middle of the day till the streets were tolerably cool when we went to see a Botanical garden near the Cathedral, which did not interest me much as there was not much in the florist line –

August 9 – Tuesday – Cologn

This morning as the weather was still dreadfully hot and we had seen the principal Lions of the place, we stayed at home – in the Evening Moggridge & I walked about a mile & ½ along the river side above the Town with our fishing rods in our hands, but as far as fishing was concerned almost without success . Moggridge took a few small fish and that was all – we found a heap of Large stones near a saw mill which were composed almost entirely of small shells – we could not learn from whence they were brought – I got a small piece for an example – I also found some handsome Caterpillars, on a species of Euphorbia, one of which I made a sketch of –

August 10. Wednesday – Cologne

Our employments today have been pretty much the same as yesterday – Mary & I in the evening walked along the river & made a sketch –

August 11 – Thursday – Cologne

Still here – Fanny much better and nothing new – we intend to start tomorrow morning for Bonne –

August 12. Friday – Bonn

This morning as Fanny seemed much better we started from Cologne at about 11½ O'clock and after a drive of about 2 hours & a half we arrived here – and forthwith proceeded to dinner, after which Moggridge & myself walked to a quarry near Friesdorf which is between 3 and 4 miles off – from the quarry they dig Clay and brown Coal as it is called, which is the vegetable matter which Coal is composed in a soft clayey state – on the spot there are Alum works in which they use the latter earth, and a pottery for the former – in the pottery the chief manufacture is of hollow ware of the shape of sugar loaves, which are sent to the sugar manufactories at Cologne and are there used for making the loaves – in the quarry there is a considerable quantity of petrified wood of which we procured several specimens – after seeing this we returned here about 8 O'clock – our inn is the Etoile D'or, and an excellent one it is, everything being very clean and comfortable –

August 13. Saturday. Coblents

Papa and Moggridge this morning early went to the Botanic Garden at Bonn and remained there till nearly 9 OC – between 11 & 12 we got on board the Steamer for this place and arrived here about 9 O'clock after a hot and tedious sail up the river – the Boat was so much crowded that we could scarcely move about the deck – the Seven mountains and the scenery in general is much what I expected –
AUGUST 14 – Sunday – St.Goar

This morning after breakfast we went to see the Cathedral at Coblents and to look round the town – the latter in general is rather better built and cleaner than Cologne, but the former has nothing which would induce me to visit it again – at about 11 O.C. we came on here through Boppard, the distance is about 20 miles – the road for the whole drive is very pretty the first part passing through one immense orchard with corn vineyards and different crops beneath the trees, and the latter part close along the Rhine the valley of which is very narrow and rocky in that part – when we arrived here we dined after which Moggridge Mary & I walked out and made one or two sketches of the Rheinfells and Natz castles which are close to St Goar and are very fine buildings – or rather ruins – St Goar is a small town but beautifully situated –

August 15 – Monday – Mayence

This morning before breakfast Papa & myself walked from St Goar towards the Lurly Burg which is a large cliff about a mile and ½ from the town – there is a very good echo there which we heard afterwards in the carriage as we went by – we dined at Bingen, and for the whole distance from St Goar to that place tge scenery is beautiful – after Bingen we left the hills and drove along the plain to this place – the roads in all this country are very good. About Bingen we passed

through some very large tracts of Vineyard – Mayence is a large and well built town –

August 16 – Tuesday – Heidelberg

After breakfast this morning we left Mayence and came on to Worms where we saw the Cathedral and Luthers church both of which are well worth seeing – the latter is a protestant church and the panels of the gallery and ceiling are curiously painted in small divisions, the paintings representing different subjects from Scripture – at the end is a large picture representing Charles 5th holding the great Council Meeting The Elector of Saxony Luther and all the most distinguished people who were there are represented – The picture and church are the more interesting as it is on the very spot the Council was held – After Worms we did not see any thing to interest us till we got to Manheim which appears to be a clean airy town – we did not stop there but came on here as fast as we could – the distance is about 10 or 12 miles and in part of it, you pass through immense tracts of tobacco, in some places extending for miles without any interruption - there have been some tremendous Thunder Storms today, and in one place the country appeared completely deluged by one –

August 17. Wednesday – Carlsruhue

Papa Mary Moggridge and myself this morning early went out look about as at Heidleburg – Papa walked about the Town; Mary and Moggridge went up the valley of the Necker for a walk and I tried to make a sketch of the Castle, after breakfast we all went up to see the Castle – the walks about it are very pretty, and from the terrace you have a fine view of the rich plains of the Rhine – at about 12 oclock we set off and made the best of our way here & by driving very fast arrived here just before the Courier of another party, who was hastening on as this place is very full, as it is we have got very good apartments which had he arrived before us we should have had some trouble in procuring.

August 18 – Thursday

Baden Baden

This morning till about 12 oclock we walked about Carlshrue and all the party with the exception of Fanny and myself, went to see the Botanic garden & the Palace – the drive to this place is very fine – we dined at Rastadt and arrived here between six and seven oclock – we drove to the Hotel D’Angleterre, but there was no room there, and we came on the Agneau D’Or where we have very comfortable apartments – in the evening Papa Moggridge and I went to see the Gambling houses which are very fine rooms – the play did not app-ear to be very high.

August 19 Friday

Baden Baden

This morning after breakfast we went up to the new Chateau to see the chamber of the Secret Tribunal; they are much what I expected and are very interesting – the doors of the dungeons are single blocks of Stone of great thickness – in the garden of the chateau we observed a large Acacia with missletoe growing upon it, & afterwards in the forest we found the same plant growing upon a Silver fir – from the Chateau Mary, Moggridge & myself went up to the Old Castle which is

beautifully situated on the top of the hill, and is surrounded by a splendid forest of Silver firs – in the afternoon all our party went up, and Moggridge & I remained wandering about the rocks beyond the castle and making sketches till it was nearly dark – we saw several squirrels among the trees, one of which was quite black – The scenery about the old Castle is I think more to my liking than any I have ever seen.

August 20. Saturday
Kehl

At about 12½ O'clock this morning we left Baden, and about 2 we came to the first relay where we dined, the name of the place I quite forget – two German posts more brought us on here – Kehl is a small place, and is not fortified, the fortifications having been destroyed by Napoleon in 1815 –

August 21. Sunday
Biberach

After breakfast this morning we crossed over the Rhine to Strasbourg and went to the Cathedral the spire and front of which is really magnificent but the interior does not at all correspond with the exterior; altogether however it is well worth seeing – we returned to Kehl by one o'clock and dined at the table D'Hote – at 2 o'clock we set off and arrived here about six – the scenery for the last part of the drive is very pretty, the road running up the valley in the Forest Noir – there is a very good stream in the Valley in which there are plenty of trout; there certainly are some as Moggridge caught several-

August 22 Monday –
Donaueschingen

Directly after breakfast this morning we came on here which is between 40 and 50 miles some part of drive is very beautiful passing through the Black forest; we dined at Kromen where they gave us a very good dinner – we arrived here a little after dark –

August 23. Tuesday
Schauffenhausen

At seven this morning Moggridge and myself went out with our rods to see what fish there were, in the river at Donaueschingen I did very little but Moggridge took several good sized coarse fish with which the stream ;positively swarms – se did not return to breakfast till nearly 11 o'clock – after breakfast we just ran out to see the source of the Danube which is close to the inn, and then got into the carriage and came on here – the first part of the drive is uninteresting, but the latter part is very fine – the whole distance is from twenty to five & twenty miles – a great part of which is still through the Black forest – from the top of one hill we had our first view of the Bernese Alps, and also of the Lake of Constance – we dined here at about 3½ OC and afterwards went to see the falls of the Rhine which are about 3 miles off. we were all much pleased with them and agreed in thinking them worth coming a long way to see – on the road we had a very fine distant view of the Alps, and much as I have heard of their grandeur and beauty,

what little I have seen of them far surpasses my expectations – in the Black forest we found some Gentians but of what species I do not know

August 24. Wednesday

Zurich

We arrived here at the Sword inn this evening at about 5½ o'clock this evening – the view up the Lake from the windows looking towards the Mountains of Glarus [*check LWD Diary*] is very fine – the day has been so cloudy and stormy that we have not been able to see any of the distant views as we came along –

August 25. Thursday

Zug –

We left Zurich this morning at 9½ o'clock and reached this place where we are very comfortably located at the Cerf Hotel – the drive for the whole distance is beautiful at the top of Mount Albis, we walked from the inn to the point de vue which is about a mile distant, and from thence we had a very fine view of the Lakes of Zug & Zurich and the Mountains of Glarus with the Rigi and Mount Pilatus – it was too cloudy for us to see the Bernese Alps – on the ascent we found two very pretty species of Gentian growing very beautifully –

August 26 – Friday

Rigi Kulm –

We arrived at Arth from Zug this afternoon at about 1 o'clock after a beautiful drive of a couple of hours along the banks of the lake – a little before three Moggridge, Mary & myself began the ascent of the Rigi – and Papa & Mama with Fanny went in the carriage to Lucerne – Mary rode & Moggridge & I walked from Arth to this place it is about four Leagues which we accomplished in about 3 hours & a half – on the ascent you have a very fine view of the Rosberg mountain, part of which about thirty years ago fell, and overwhelmed a great number of houses &c with their inhabitants – we were Altogether much pleased with the scenery which is really magnificent, this house is very full but by sending up beforehand we have succeeded in getting very comfortable rooms –

August 27 Saturday

Lucerne –

About ½ an hour before sunrise this morning we were on the Station on the Rigi, and were well repaid for turning out so early by the beautiful effect of the Moon on some of the surrounding Lakes and mountains – The Sun rise was not esteemed a good one but as I had never seen any think of the kind before it was quite new to me, and I was delighted with the whole scene – at 10 o'clock we began the descent to Kusnack, which we reached about a quarter to one o'clock, the distance being 3 Leagues, this side the mountain is not to be compared to the other in grandeur and beauty of scenery, but the immense quantities of beautiful flowers with which it is literally covered almost make up for the deficiency in that respect – at Kusnack we met Papa & Mama who had come there by water to meet us – and we returned here by the same conveyance with them –

August 28. Sunday

Lucerne –

Some of us went to the cathedral this morning at 9½ O C where there is not much to be seen – the Organ tolerably good – in the afternoon we visited the Swiss Lion of which every body has heard – it is I think the finest and most striking monument that I have ere seen – Our inn here (the Siran) [*check in lwd diary*] is a very good one, and is situated close to the waters edge.

August 29. Monday

Lucerne

At 8½ oclock this morning Papa, Mary, Moggridge & myself went in a boat to Brunnen which is a row of four hours, and gives one a fine view of this splendid lake – at Brunnen we spent two hours in admiring the scenery and eating our dinner after which at 3 OC we set off on our way back – we had not come a quarter of the way when the weather which had been stormy all morning, began to get very wild and before long the storm came on with such violence that the boatman refused to proceed and we were obliged to take shelter at a small place called Kiersaw [*check lwd diary*], where we remained for about three quarters of an hour till the storm abated when we made the best of pour way home – we returned here about a quarter past nine – pretty well tired of the Lake

August 30. Tuesday

Eschol Amatt

It has been cloudy an rainy all day so that we have not been able to see any of the distant mountains on our way here – here we are in a regular built Swiss house and everything appears very clean and comfortable – the sign of it is the Lion – thus town or rather village is about 27 miles from Lucerne –

August 31. Wednesday

Thun –

We arrived at this beautifull [*sic*] place this evening at about 5 oclock – there was no room at the Hotel Bellevue, so we came on to a house belonging to the Landlord where we are very comfortable – the country we have come through today has been very fine – about 6 or 8 miles from here we had a very fine view of the snowy mountains of the Oberland. From our room here we look on to the Lake and in the distance the Jungfrau¹ appears to great advantage –

September 1. Thursday

Interlaken

This morning we employed ourselves in walking into The Town of Thun and in making sketches of the Snowy mountains &c till two oclock when we started for this place by the Steam packet, leaving our carriage at Thun – the packet starts at the hours if six, ten and two, but we started at the latest hour in consequence of Fanny's having a bad headache – the length of the lake is accomplished by the Packet in about an hour & a quarter – and a delightful sail it is – at the landing place at the head of the lake there are allways [*sic*] plenty of hackney carriages which bring one on here in ten minutes – there are the finest Walnut trees here that I have ever seen

¹ It is difficult to decide whether the first letter is a J or Y.

September 2. Friday

Lauterbrunnen

After breakfast this morning all our party (with the exception of Moggridge and Fanny who was not well enough to venture out) took a voiture and came here in about 2 hours & a half – of there was nothing to be seen here the drive up the valley is worth coming a long way to see – but as it is the scenery here is really magnificent. After seeing the Staubach fall which I do not think much of, I walked up the valley of Lauterbrunnen to within about 2 miles of the Schmadribach falls – I should recommend any body staying here to take the same course for as yet I have not seen any scenery ere to compare to that near the head of the valley for wildness & grandeur –

September 3. Saturday

Grindelwald –

At 9 oclock this morning Mary & I set off to come here over the pass of the Wengern Alp, leaving Papa & Mama at Lauterbrunnen from whence they intended to return to Interlaken, and to rejoin us here tomorrow – Mary rode and I walked – the first part of the ascent is very steep and otherwise the pass is generally good – the road winds under the Jungfrau the Monch and the Eiger, and the view of these fine mountains rising almost precipitally above one is more splendid than I had formed any idea of – at about 1 oclock at the Auberge on the Wengen Alp we made a halt of from an hour to an hour & a half to rest the horse, and we took advantage of that time to make sketches & to dine – so soon as we had done we resumed our march and arrived here at a quarter past 5 oclock

September 5. Sunday

Grindelwald –

Till about two oclock today we did not go out much but occupied ourselves with making out our sketches of yesterday at that time Papa arrived by himself and gave but a poor account of Fanny – after dining we went down to see the lower Glacier, which quite answers my expectations – When Papa arrived he ordered rooms for Mr Mrs & Miss Vivian whom he had met at Interlaken and when we returned from the Glacier they were that moment arrived. They then went down to the Glacier and Mary & I accompanied them in the evening We arranged our plans which were that Papa will return to Interlaken tomorrow and the Vivians with Mary & myself will go over the Grand Sheidek to Meyringen –

September 6. Monday

Grindelwald

It has rained without ceasing all day, so that all our party have remained here to day and intend to go over the Grand Sheidek tomorrow –

September 7. Tuesday

Meyringen

This morning at 8 oclock leaving Papa at Grindelwald we began the ascent of the Grand Sheidek the rest of the party rode and I walked – in our way we saw the upper Glacier of Grindelwald which I think is much finer than the lower – we rested a few minutes at a cottage on the top of the pass, and the view of the

Wetterhorn Eiger &c as very fine – for a great distance over the top of pass we passed through Snow with which this and all the surrounding hills were covered, as what was rain the day before in the valleys was snow at any height – on the descent to Rosenlany the view is the finest I have yet seen in any part of Switzerland at Rosenlany we saw the Glacier and waterfalls near there which are well worth seeing – from there we continued the descent (which was very steep) and in the way we saw the falls of Rechenbach [*sic*] which are the finest I have seen we arrived here at the Hotel at about 6 o'clock

September 8. Wednesday

Interlaken

We got up in good time this morning so as to have the day before us for sights, but it rained without ceasing till about 12 o'clock, which prevented our starting till that time then however we got two carriages of the country and drove down the valley to Brienz, and in our way saw the lower Reichenbach fall – a little before we arrived at Brienz we met Papa and Mama who had slept there and were on their way to Meyringen to meet us – they turned back with us, and we all returned here together (in a boat from Brienz,) seeing the Giesbach fall, but I do not admire it as much as the Reichenbach.

September 9. Thursday

Interlaken

This morning at 7 o'clock the Vivians set off for Berne – The day turned out rainy so that we were not able to go far from this place all day.

September 10, Friday

Interlaken

At about 11½ o'clock this morning Moggridge & myself began to ascend the Rieclergrah [?] mountains which are situated on the north side of the Lake of Brienz; in about two hours we arrived at the top and walked along the range till we came to the Tanuk peak which is nearly over Brienz – we did not get to the summit of it as it was covered with clouds – as we returned along the range the clouds lifted off the mountains and we had a splendid view of all the Oberland Alps – the ascent and descent are both very fine but the way we went was only practicable for foot passengers and not very easy for them – On the whole we were well repaid for our walk by the view and I should recommend anyone (who is able) to spend a day in seeing these mountains – in the forest I saw a large black woodpecker which appeared to have some red about the head, and as far as I could see the under feathers of the tail were white – we returned to our hotel here at about a quarter to seven o'clock this evening

September 11. Saturday

Thun –

We dined to day at 1 o'clock at Interlaken and afterwards came on here by the ½ past 3 o'clock Steamer – the weather was cloudy and the lake did not appear to advantage

September 12. Sunday

Berne

As it rained all morning we remained at Thun – till two o'clock when it cleared up and we came on here to the Falcon Hotel. We walked out to the Cathedral the doorway of which is very handsomely carved and is well worth seeing –

September 13. Monday

Berne –

To day the weather has continued stormy and has prevented us from seeing or doing much out of doors (except shopping) all day –

September 14. Tuesday

Berne

The weather has continued unsettled which has again kept us within reach of the covered streets – we went to see the Museum of Swiss Birds – in the evening Mary & I went on to the ramparts and saw the Bears and Deer, but nothing else as all the mountains were quite hid by the clouds – the glass is rising this evening and it looks as if the weather was gradually getting settled –

September 15. Payerne

We left Berne this morning at 9½ OC. And came on here through Freybourg where we dined – the road passes over the new wire suspension Bridge, which of itself is worth coming a long way to see – at Freybourg we also heard the Organ which is a new one and is reckoned [*sic*] to be the third best in the works. it is certainly the finest I have ever heard – the distance from Berne to here is about 27 miles –

September 16. Thursday

Lausanne

We started at about 9½ or 10 o'clock this morning from Payerne and at about 12 we arrived at Moudon [*?Mouclon*] where we stopped to rest the horses and dined – at two we came on again and arrived here in about 3 hours – the drive from Moudon is very fine, as you get a good view of the Diablerie, Dens du Midi and other ranges of Mountains – here we are quartered at the Lion D'or, where we have very comfortable apartments looking out to the Lake. The scenery here is finer than I had expected –

September 17. Friday

Lausanne

To day we have been employed here in making out sketches, shopping, calling &c – and in the evening Moggridge & myself walked to a nunnery garden just outside the town where I purchased some Carnation seed –

Sept 18. Saturday

St Maurice

This morning at a littler past 9 OC. We left Lausanne and came on here through Vevey [*check LWD*] & Roche on *Elseveay* [*check LWD*] [*ink very feint*]. We the Castle of Chillon, which is a better looking building than I had expected from what I had heard of it – on this side Roche we saw among some walnut trees a black Squirrel which is the second of that color I have seen –

September 19. Sunday

Orsieres

At about 9 o'clock this morning we left St Maurice and came on to Martieny, and on the way saw the Pissevâch waterfall which is the finest I have seen – at Martieny the rest of the party turned back intending to go to Chamouny along the south side of the Lake of Geneva, and I came on here (with a guide) on foot; and intend to go over the Col de Ferret the Col de Seigne and the Mountains [*difficult to decipher this word*] and to join the rest at Chamouny on Thursday – The road from Martigny runs up a narrow valley, some parts of which are very fine – as far as this, it is the Road to the Grand St Bernard but here the road to the Col de Ferret and that separate – From Martigny here took me about 3 hours & a half, they call it three leagues.

September 20 Monday –

Cormayeur

This morning at 5¼ o'clock I left Orsieres and came on here over the Col de Ferret – the morning was very foggy and I was not able to see much of the scenery till I arrived at the Fierret which is about 3 leagues from Orsieres – there there is a chalet at which I breakfasted and rested for rather more than an hour – I then came on and the clouds had partially cleared away so that I could see some of the mountains about which appeared to be very fine – at about 11 o'clock we came to the highest parts of the pass which were covered with snow; and for about 2 hours and a half we had to walk through it; at an [*ink very feint in this passage*] average depth of about 1 foot & three quarters though in some places it was upwards of three feet deep. for the whole time we were passing through the snow it was snowing fast which did not render so [*?*] the more agreeable [*sic*] - on the descent from the Col we stopped for half an hour at a Chalet and got some bread & milk – afterwards we resumed our march and arrived here at about a quarter to 5 o'clock – the whole distance is a little more than 10 leagues – From the top of the Col to this place the fog cleared off and I saw the valley very well and found it quite as beautiful as I had expected – I am lodged here at the Ange which appears to be a very comfortable hotel –

September 21. Tuesday

Chapui –

At 6¼ o'clock this morning I left Cormayeur intending to have reached Nant Bourant to night. The path I took passes over the mountains from which the peak of Cramont rises – it was a fine morning and the view of the range of Mount Blanc was splendid, though I was not able to see the top of the mountain itself on account of the clouds which covered it – from the Cramont range I descended to the valley of the Alle Blanche along which I passed for some distance and then began the ascent of the Col de la Seigne which is rather a long one – before I had ascended any great distance I came to a small lake surrounded by mountains quite covered with Snow almost to the waters edge – about an hour and a half walk from the lake brought me to the Snow which I passed in about two hours – and after that the descent was easy and quick – I arrived here at about a quarter to four o'clock, which was too late to pass the Bonhorne to night as it would be dark before I passed the Snow – the inn here is a miserable chalet situated in a

miserable village – nobody lives here in the winter as the snow is too deep –
from Cormageur here the distance is as near as I make out nearly 8 leagues –

September 22. Wednesday

Chamouny

I left Chapui this morning at about 6 o'clock and began the ascent of the Bonhorne at once and in a little more than an hour I reached the snow over which I had to pass a long way but as it had froze hard on the mountain in the night it was hard enough to be in good order for walking upon – and by walking very fast on the ascent and half running half sliding down, I got over the whole of the Snow on an hour and a half – I then made the best of my way to Nant Bourant where I arrived in 3 hours and 3 quarters from the time of my leaving Chapui – I stopped at Nant Bourant to rest and refresh myself for $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour and then came on to St Gervais in about 4 hours, there I again rested for $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour – and again resumed my march on here which lay over the Forclas hill which commands a fine view of the Valley – I arrived here at 7 o'clock, having walked altogether to day about 13 Leagues. I am at the Hotel D'Angleterre here which is a very comfortable Hotel as far as I can yet judge –

September 22 [sic]. Thursday

Chamouny –

As it was a very fine morning at about $\frac{1}{4}$ 9 oc I walked up to the Montanvert at which I arrived in an hour and a half – I remained up there some time making sketches &c - & then came down again – the descent took me not quite an hour to accomplish – in the evening a note arrived from Papa saying that they were detained at St Martin, by a return of Fannys attack on her chest and that they would not be likely to leave St Martin for some days –

September 23 [sic]. Friday

Chamounix

This morning at about ten o'clock as Mr Glennie a gentleman is staying at our hotel was going to walk to St Martin, I accompanied him – we had gone about 12 miles when I met Papa & Mama on their way here, I then turned and arrived here soon after them –

September 24 [sic] Saturday –

St Martin

A note from Moggridge this morning having brought a bad account of dear Fanny Papa & Mama returned there at once, and I set out on foot – the distance is about 18 miles and took me 6 hours to walk –

September 25.[sic] Sunday

St-Martin

Moggridge and myself today ascended the Varens mountain which rises directly above this place, and from which there is a fine view of the range of Mount Blanc – we did not get higher however than to the foot of the highest peak as the mist came on very thick – this evening on the whole dear Fanny appears t be better –

September 26.[sic]Monday

St Martin

Took a walk with Mary after breakfast to the Nant D'Apenas which is about 2 or 3 miles from here – it is rather a handsome fall – its height *[sic]* is 800 feet –

September 27. *[sic]* Tuesday

Chamounix

Brought Mary here in a charaban as the weather is fine we arrived at about 4½ o'clock – she was much pleased with the pass of Pelissier, which I think is one of the finest small passes I have seen –

September 28. Wednesday

St Martin

This morning at 8 o'clock Mary & I ascended the Montanvert and had a delightfully fine morning – we went on to the Mer de Glace, so say we had been there but the view is not finer than from the chalet above – we returned from the mountain to Chamounix at about 1 o'clock, & dined there – afterwards we took a charaban and made the best of our way here where we arrived at about 6 o'clock –

September 29. Thursday

St Martin

Fanny has been much better all day than she has been for some time – Moggridge took a walk up the valley behind Salenche where he saw some very fine scenery – for my own part I have got a cold and did not go out much –

September 30 – Friday

St Martin

The weather has been rainy & unsettled all day & none of our party wet to any great distance from the house – Fanny continues to get better –

October 1. Saturday

St. Martin

Not much doing here – Fanny still better – My cold keeps me in –

October 2. Sunday

St Martin

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October 3. Monday

St Martin

Rain all day again – no going out –

October 4. Tuesday

St. Martin

Fine day – Fanny well enough to go out a little in the carriage – I walked with Mary to the Nant D'Arpenas – Moggridge has snow got a bad cold –

October 5. Wednesday

St. Martin

A fine day again – in the morning I went out fishing but caught nothing – on the afternoon went for a walk to a village called Domenci and from thence had a fine view of the range of Mont Blanc and the Varens –

October 6. Thursday
Bonnaville –

Between ten and eleven oc this morning I set off from St Martin to walk here – before I reached Cluse the carriages passed me & Moggridge left them and joined me – the distance here from St Martin is 18 miles and the scenery for the whole way is splendid.

October 7 Friday
Geneva –

I came on here with the carriages this morning, as the valley is not so interesting as it was above – on the way we saw **missletoe** growing on a willow –

October 8. Saturday -
Geneva

We went to see the plan of Switzerland which is very large and interesting in the morning, & afterwards walked about the town –

October 9. Sunday – Geneva

There is an English protestant church here – to which we went this morning –

October 10. Monday
Gex –

This morning we resumed our journey and drove here which is situated about 10 miles from Geneva at the foot of the Jura Mountains – on the way we stopped to see Ferney the residence of Voltaire –

October 11. Tuesday –
Morex

Our road today has been over the Jura mountains – the ascent from Gex is very fine and commands a splendid view of the Range of Mont Blanc and all the mountains about – The scenery of the Jura themselves or at least that part we have passed over is dreary and uninteresting, and by no means picturesque – at Rousse all our luggage was strictly examined by the officers of the French Douanes - -

October 12. Wednesday
Poligny –

We have travelled all day again over the Jura – the scenery of which has rather improved – to come from Morex here in consequence of the hills has taken us 8 hours – this place is at the foot of the mountains on this side as Gex was on the other

October 13. Thursday
Dijon

We started from Poligny this morning at about 9½ OC – and arrived here at 6 – the principal town we have passed through was Dole which appears to be a large place –

October 14. Friday

St Seigne –

This place is about 14 miles from Dijon and we came on here this afternoon after having spent the morning seeing the Museum &c there –

Oct 15 Saturday

Tonnère

On our road today there has been very little to interest us – we noticed **missletoe** growing on the Lime and **Wich** Elm –

October 16 – Sunday

Sens

Our road has continued through a flat uninteresting country almost the whole day – This appears to be a large town and the Cathedral a very handsome one –

October 17. Monday

Fontainbleau

This morning we went to see the Cathedral in which there is a splendid monument (by Coustou) to the father of Louis 16th – after seeing this we came on here by a road which runs for several miles through the forest – when we arrived here as we had time we went to see the gardens of the palace –

October 18. Tuesday

Paris –

We went this morning to see the Palace of Fontainbleau, and were well repaid for the time it took – Some of the Tapestry there is the finest I have ever seen – we arrived here late this evening and found Meurices Hotel quite full, upon which we came on to the London Hotel in the Place Vendome where we are very comfortably lodged –

October 19 Wednesday –

Paris –

In the day we went out to see sights and in the evening I went with the Vivians to the French Opera – I was disappointed with the singing but the orchestra was very good –

October 20. Thursday Paris –

Went over to the Louvre – evening Italian opera

October 21 – Friday

Sights again to day – among others Notre Dame Church in which the Altar piece (by Coustou) the subject of which is the Descent from the Cross, is I think by far the finest piece of sculpture I have ever seen – In the evening Mary & I went to the] *[unreadable]* Théâtre Gumnaise *[?]*, where we joined the Vivians –

October 22 Saturday –
Sights today were the Jardin des plantes and the Gobelin Tapestry manufacture – in the evening Mama & Mary went with me to the Italian Opera which was Norma

October 23. Sunday
Paris

We went to the English Protestant Church in the Rue St Honore this morning – in the afternoon we went to see the Hotel des Invalids –

October 24 – Monday
Paris –

Shopping all day today – in the evening Moggridge & I went to a concert room in the Rue St Honorè where we heard some very good music - -

October 25. Tuesday
Chantilly

On the road from Paris we passed through St Dennis and went over the church in which are the tombs of almost all the French Kings – it is altogether a fine building –

October 26. Wednesday
Bretuil –

This morning early Moggridge & I on foot & the rest of our party in a carriage went to see what is called the castle of Queen Blanche, which is situated in the forest about a league from Chantilly – we found it to be a great take in, as the castle is quite pulled down, with the exception of a very small part, which was repaired & furnished by the Duke of Bourbon for a sort of Rendezvous for the hunting parties, and which now looks like a citizens summer house – from Chantilly we came on here in about six hours –

October 27. Thursday
Amiens –

As the distance from Bretuil here is only about 20 miles we arrived about 1 o'clock, which allowed plenty of time to see the town and Cathedral – I was not able to go as I had hurt my knee, but all the rest went and were much pleased –

October 28. Friday –
Bernay

We started directly after breakfast and arrived here about 4½ Oc – the distance is 7½ posts - the principal town we passed through was Abbeville –

October 29. Saturday
Boulogne

Our road to day lay through Montreuil which is a strongly fortified place – besides this there was nothing to interest us – last night and all day to day it has froze hard and all the pools of water are covered with ice – this evening about 5 O'clock it began to rain which soon turned to snow – and for upwards of an hour we had a heavy fall so that the ground is covered some inches deep with it –

October 30. Sunday

Boulogne

Storms of Snow and Hail all day – there was a good deal of wind on the channel which prevented our crossing.

October 31. Monday

Dover

Still cold and snowy – We however made up our minds to cross which we did in the government Packet Arrow there was a heavy roll in the channel which made about everybody ill more or less – I for a wonder was not ill the whole way – we did not get in here much before 5 o'clock having been nearly 4 hours on the passage –

November 1. 1836 –

Sittingbourne

We came from Dover here to day in about 4¼ hours – about here the Snow is still lying on the northern slopes –

November 2. 1836

London –

We arrived at about 4 o'clock this evening, at Gordons Hotel and thus ends our wandering in strange countries –

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