

The Dillwyn Collection

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

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Hendrefoilan January

January 1. Sunday -

Mild. Wind high. S.W. mild driving rain -
a.m. remained at home. P.M. to Sketty and spent the afternoon there - home to dinner
at 7 P.M. -

January 2. Monday

Fine on the whole but wild & unsettled; Wind S.W.
a.m. to Swansea with Amy - P.M. rode with Bessie -

January 3. Tuesday

Wind S.W. Rainy - dark & gloomy -
Went out shooting in the afternoon with Harry.

January 4. Wednesday

Tolerably fine - Wind high. S.W.
Rifle practice with my Corps here - to Sketty about 5 P.M - home to dinner at 7. H
Thomas came here this evening for the Quarter Sessions adjourned from Cardiff -

January 5. Thursday

Gloomy - showery - Wind S.W. high -
a.m. at home writing & c P.M. Rifle shooting with H. Thomas -

January 6. Friday

Very fine. frost in the night. Wind N.I
Into Swansea with H.Thomas after breakfast to the adjourned Quarter Sessions - I
held the second court - finished by 3 P.M - & I then attended Parade at Burrows
Lodge

January 7. Saturday

Fine -
Had a party out here for Rifle practice - to Sketty at dusk - home to dinner at 7 P.M.
H. Thomas still with us -

January 8 - Sunday

a.m. threatening. P.M. rainy -
a.m. at home - P.M. at Sketty -

January 9. Monday

Fine - cold - Wind E. & NE -
H Thomas left us this morning - at 12 I attended a meeting of the Harbour trustees and
in the afternoon went up to the Works - to Sketty in my way home

Clemenstone

Jan^y. 10 Tuesday

Dark but fine on the whole - frosty -

At home in the morning - to Sketty at 1 P.M. & on to Swansea by 2 P.M. where I met Bessie & Minnie & we came on here - in the evening we went to a Ball at Bridgend -

Jan^y.11. Wednesday

Dark & gloomy - Wind E - no frost -

Went out shooting about here - in the evening we went to a fancy Ball at Merthyr Mawr

Jan^y.12. Thursday

Hendrefoilan -

Fine - thaw -

We returned home to day - at 6 P.M. I presided at a meeting of the Railway Benevolent Institution

Jan^y.13. Friday -

Thick & dark - otherwise fine -

Rifle practice with my Corps out here -

January 14 Saturday

Thick and foggy in the morning - fine in the forenoon - about 2½ P.M. heavy rain set in -

Rode into Swansea with Bessie in the morning home at 2 P.M. then out with Harry Rifle shooting -

Jan^y.15 - Sunday

Rain the whole day - mild -

To Sketty at 4 P.M. & spent the evening there

Rheola

Jan^y.16. Monday

Stormy - heavy occasional showers

Bessie Minnie & I came up here to day

Jan^y.17 - Tuesday

Fine.

I had a headache & did not go out -

Hendrefoilan

Jan^y.18. Wednesday

Wind S.E. & E. cold - rain in the afternoon -

We came home by the 11½ a.m - Rifle practice with my Corps. J.C.Nicholl came here

Gloucester

Jan^y.19 - Thursday -

Very fine. Mild -

Rifle shooting & c in the day with J Nicholl - came up here in the evening by Mail train - Nicholl accompanied me to Bridgend -

Hendrefoilan

Jan^y. 20. Friday -

Rain all day - fine in the evening - down here it was fine all day
I left Gloucester & went up to London by morning Express. Attended a S.W Board meeting & went to see Theresa - returned here by the late Express -

January 21 Saturday -

Heavy rain & high Wind from S.S.W in the morning - Occasional heavy storms through the day - Wind very high in gusts - W. cold.

At home in the forenoon - at 2 P.M. rode into Swansea with Bessie - home about 4 P.M. & then went down to Sketty - home to dinner at 7 P.M -

January 22.Sunday

Fine - wind high. W. cold -

To church after breakfast with Minnie Harry & Amy - afterwards to Sketty - Home about 3½ P.M out with Bessie & c -

London

Jan^y. 23. Monday

a.m. fine - rain at night -

Came up here by the day Express - lodgings at 7 Suffolk S^t

Jan^y.24. Tuesday

Unsettled but fine on the whole -

At 1 P.M - to the House of Commons & again at 4 P.M - House up about 7½ at the club in the evening -

Jan^y.25. Wednesday

Fine - Rain in the night

To the House at 12 - In the afternoon went to the Post Office general to see R.Hill on business - afterwards paid Bills & c

Jan^y.26. Thursday

Frost in then night - fine in the morning - rain set in in the afternoon and lasted till late at night -

Busy at the Club till it was time to go down to the House at 3 - as I had some things to do there early - House up soon after 8. I brought in my End. Schools Bill - To the club the rest of the evening -

Jan^y.27. Friday -

Unsettled. rain in the night - tolerably fine in the day -

Wrote letters & c after breakfast - at 11½ to Serjeants Inn - afterwards to Paddington - House at 5 PM. Club in the evening -

Hendrefoilan

Jan^y.28. Saturday -

Frost in the night - Thaw in the day & heavy rain in the evening -

I returned home by Express train to day

Jan^y.29. Sunday

Fine -

P.M. to Sketty -

Jan^y.30.Monday

Rain nearly all day

At 12 with Minnie to Sketty & then to Swansea home to dinner at 5 P.M. Harry left for Silsoe by Mail train

Jan^y.31. Tuesday

Very fine. Wind N.W. -

Busy planting all day except at 1 P.M. I went to Sketty - Mr Richards dined here - Bessie Minnie & Amy went down to call at Penrice

Feb^y.1 Wednesday

Fine. Sharp frost in the night - clear & cold all day

a.m. wrote letters & c - P.M. to Sketty and then out to Drill & Parade at Burrows Lodge -

Feb^y.2. Thursday

Fine. sharp frost -

a.m. writing & c in P.M. to Sketty & on to Swansea - to B Lodge about the letting it off & c -

Feb^y.3. Friday

Cold. Fine.

At 1 P.M. my corps came out for rifle practice -

Feb^y.4. Saturday -

Mild - threatening rain - dine on the whole -

About 11½ a.m - rode over to Penllergare with Bessie - back about 3 P.M. about here with George Edwin & c giving directions as to the plantations &c &c-

Feb^y.5. Sunday -

Fine - cold -

P.M. to Sketty - home to dinner -

London

Feb^y.6. Monday.

Fine cold - rain at night -

I came up here by Express train -

Feb^y.7. Tuesday

Unsettled

Commissions & C in the day - to the House at 4

Feb^y. 8. Wednesday

Unsettled -

House all day. Church Rate debate. I had a bad headache - I dined with A. Smith at 7 P.M -

Feb^y.9. Thursday

Fine - cold - Snow storm in the afternoon -

House at 4 - at 6 to Fishmongers Hall to dinner - House again at ½ past 10 -

Feb^y.10. Friday

Cold. sharp frost in the night -

Wrote letters. commissions & c - till 3 P.M. - when I went to Lord Granville with a deputation from Aberavon. to the House in the evening

Hendrefoilan

February

Feb^y.11. Saturday -

Cold - snowy in the forenoon fine in the afternoon -

I returned home by the Express train to day -

Feb^y.12 - Sunday -

Fine - Sharp frost

a.m. to church with Bessie & Minnie

P.M. to Sketty - home to dinner

Feb^y.13. Monday

Sharp frost - fine - Therm^f 26. in the night

To the works after breakfast - to a Harbour meeting at 12 - to Sketty in the afternoon & in the evening to a dance at Mrs Biddulphs with Bessie & Minnie -

Feb^y.14. Tuesday

Fine - sharp frost - Therm^f in night 24.

About here - to Sketty in the afternoon -

London

Feb^y.15. Wednesday

Thaw in the day

I came up here by Express train

Feb^y.16. Thursday

Rain in the night - fine on the whole in the day -

Commissions & c in the day - House at night -

Feb^y.17. Friday

Fine - wind N.E. slight frost in the night -

To meeting of S.W Directors at noon - afterwards called on Theresa - House at night

Feb^y.18. Saturday

Fine - cold -

Paid Bills & c - dined with Alderman Solomons.

Feb^y.19 Sunday

Unsettled -cold -

In the Club & my lodgings all day -

Feb^y.20. Monday

Unsettled - cold -snow storms -

To a S.W. Directors meeting at 2 P.M. then to the House - debate on going into Committee on the Budget - home about 1 a.m. -

Feb^y.21. Tuesday

Fine on the whole slight frost

To the House at 4 - dined with H Vivian at ½ past 7. To the House again at 10 -

Feb^y.22 Wednesday

Fine -

Club in the morn^g - at 12 moved my quarters to 10 Arlington S^t - Deputation to Board of trade at ½ past 1 P.M - House at 2 - at 6 went to Paddington to meet Bessie who came by the Express -

Feb^y. 23. Thursday -

Fine - cold

To the Club after breakfast - Bessie went out in a carriage - in went to the Queens Leveè at 1 P.M - Walked out with Bessie afterwards -

Feb^y.24. Friday -

Cold - fine -

To the Club after breakfast - at 12 with Bessie up to Paddington - She went to Therasas house & I attended the ½ yearly meeting of the S. Wales Shareholders at the Great Western Hotel - afterwards back here with Bessie - I then went to the House to get a "night pair" as I have a bad attack of Influenza & there us a great Government Division on the Budget -

Feb^y.25. Saturday -

Fine. cold -

To the Club after breakfast - back here at 10 P.M. Out with Bessie in the afternoon -

Feb^y.26.Sunday

Rainy on & off -

I went to the Club about 2 P.M. home the rest of the day - Bessies cold is now bad - mine better -

Feb^y.27. Monday

Fine on the whole - cold - Gale of Wind. Rain in the night.

Went with Bessie about various commissions &c To the House at night -

Feb^y.28. Tuesday

Fine - wind still high -

About with Bessie & c to the House at night -

Feb^y.29 - Wednesday

Fine -

To the House at noon back at 3 P.M. & went with Bessie up to Paddington - to call on Theresa & - we purpose to go home tomorrow & called to see if Emmy who is staying with her sister would accompany us -

Hendrefoilan

March

March 1. Thursday

Slight Showers but fine on the whole -

Bessie & I returned by Express train - we called at Sketty on our way out here

March 2. Friday -

Very fine -

J.D.L & J Nicholl came over here this morning - J.D.L. went on to Sketty & c - J Nicholl remained here to see me respecting my comment on his proposing to Minnie - this I gave if he can shew me it will be all right as to Money Matters - he will come here again on Saturday week - - at 1 P.M. I went into Swansea with him & he left by the 2 P.M. train - H. Bruce came here by the Express train & I drove him out in the Dog cart - we called at Sketty in our way

March 3. Saturday

Stormy & unsettled -

Into Swansea with Bruce after breakfast he went to Neath - I was engaged in Swansea till about 3 P.M - I then went up with my Corps to the practice ground at Notts garden - home to dinner - Bruce returned about 9 P.M.

March 4. Sunday

Fine -

To Sketty to Lunch - home at 3 P.M. and then out with Minnie -

London

March 5 - Monday

Fine -

Bruce & I left Hendrefoilan this morning & came up here by Express train - I have a room at 7 Suffolk S^t - To the House at night -

March 6. Tuesday

Unsettled - cold & raw - Heavy rain at night

About various arrangements for the volunteer Leveè & c - to the House at night

March 7. Wednesday

Cold & raw - rain & snow in the morning -

Attended the Volunteer at ½ past 1 - My officers went with me - at 7½ dined with Talbot at the Albion where he gave a dinner to the Volunteer officers of Glamorganshire - about 52 attended - Afterwards to the Speakers Leveè

March 8. Thursday

Cold & occasional flurries of Snow -

At 10½ with Richards to the Jermyn S^t Museum to see Smyth about N. Welsh Gold ores - thence we went to the city to Clay & Gilmans, Dodges, & Rothschilds, all about argentiferous & auriferous ores - To the House at night -

March 9. Friday

Cold - fine on the whole - snowy -

To Paddington after breakfast - To the House at night - Division at 1½ a.m. on Horsmans [?] Motion - home at 2 -

Hendrefoilan

March 10. Saturday

Snow at night - Thaw in the day rain in the afternoon -

I came here by Express - Bruce accompanied me - J. Nicholl joined us at Bridgend - arrived here about 5 P.M -

March 11 - Sunday

Fine -

J Nicholl Minnie & I went to Church after breakfast. & afterwards I went to Sketty - Talbot came to us to dinner to stay for the assizes [?] -

March 12. Monday

Unsettled - cold rain in the middle of the day - fine at night -

Bruce left us this morning - I went into Swansea with Talbot & him after breakfast - we found that the Grand Jury will not be sworn till tomorrow - Talbot returned home in the afternoon & I remained for the Sheriffs ordinary - Talbots 2 daughters came to us to day - J Nicholl proposed to Minnie to day and was accepted by her - I heard this upon my return from the Sheriffs ordinary

March 13. Tuesday

Cold - fine -

Into Swansea after breakfast - Talbot laid up with a bad cold & could not accompany me - Sworn in on the Grand Jury at 12. I am Foreman - dined with the Judge

March 14 - Wednesday

a.m. Threatening. P.M heavy rain & snow

Grand Jury at 10. we finished about 2½ PM then home - my corps out practising here. Went to see them with Franklen & Theodore - we had a large dinner party (volunteer officers in uniform) in the evening & a dance afterwards.

March 15. Thursday

Showery but fine on the whole -

Bessie very unwell & in bed all day - The Franklens left us today Talbot still poorly but better - in the afternoon practised rifle shooting with Theodore & Nicholl - afterwards to Sketty -

March 16. Friday

Fine -

The Talbots left us in the afternoon - I went down to Sketty with Nicholl Minnie & Amy at 3½ P.M.

London

March 17. Saturday

Fine on the whole -

I came up by day express

March 18 - Sunday

Rain in the morning. fine the rest of the day -

In the club writing & c all day except in the afternoon I went to call at the H. Jones s -

March 19. Monday

Fine

Wrote & c after breakfast - then up to see Phelps about my Will & Minnies settlement
- To the House in the evening - home about ½ past 1 a m.

March 20. Tuesday

Fine -

At the club in the day - House in the evening Ballot Division

March 21. Wednesday

Fine -

In the House all day - My End^d Schools Bill came on - in the evening I dined with
Augustus Smith¹ -

March 22. Thursday

Tolerably fine -

Up to Paddington at 12 - called at Theresa - meeting of Comm^s of G.W.R & S.W.R
respecting assistance to the Brazilian Steampacket Line - at 2 P.M. Then to the House
with Bruce

March 23. Friday -

Rain nearly the whole day

At the club & c - in the day - House at night -

Hendrefoilan

March 24. Saturday

Showery but fine on the whole

I came down by Express train -

March 25. Sunday

Fine - except some showers in the morning Wind W. high & cold -

To church after breakfast with Minnie Amy & Nicholl - I afterwards went down to
Sketty - home at 3½ P.M & out with Bessie & Amy about the grounds & c

London

March 26. Monday

Fine but cold - Wind N.W.

I returned here by Xpress train - to the House at night -

March 27. Tuesday

Cold - Wind N.W. dry except slight showers

Called on Mrs Bateman &c House in the evening

March 28. Wednesday

Fine - cold

To the House at 11. At 12 - Debate on Church Rates. lasted all day

¹ Augustus Smith of Ashlyn's Hall & Tresco, Isles of Scilly. Born 1804. Magistrate and deputy
Lieutenant. Creator of the gardens at Tresco. Augustus Smith was a banker and in 1834 the Duchy of
Cornwall leased the isles to him. The family still owns Tresco.

March 29. Thursday

a.m. Rainy. P.M. Fine. mild - rain at night

At noon went with H Vivian to the Commissioners of Lunacy respecting the plans of the Glamorgan County Asylum - at 2 P.M up to Portland Place to call on the Bonham Carters - House at 4 - dined with the club & to the House again - home about 2½ a.m -

March 30. Friday

Fine -

Harry joined me at ½ past 10 a m - at 12 we went up to Paddington to Therasas. thence I went to a meeting of the S.W. Directors - to the House at 4 P.M. Harry joined me there - back to our lodgings about 11 P.M

Hendrefoilan

March 31. Saturday

Rainy -

Harry & I returned by Express train to day - J C Nicholl & his brother Stephen joined us at Bridgend & returned with us -

April 1 - Sunday

Wind High W - fine -

To Church after breakfast - thence Harry & I went to Sketty - Home about 3½ PM

April 2. Monday

Fine -

Went with S Nicholl to the Works. back here about 1½ P.M - then out about - & down to Sketty before dinner - Bruce came to us this evening -

April 3 Tuesday

Fine -

Into Swansea after Breakfast to Quarter Sessions - Bruce & Nicholl with me - Home at 5½ P.M. & shot with rifles with Bruce & J T Clark who dined here afterwards

April 4. Wednesday

Very fine -

Bruce left us after breakfast & I went down to Sketty - back at 12½ & had some rifle practice with Nicholl - In the afternoon into Swansea with Harry for Drill & Parade -

April 5. Thursday

Fine & bright. Wind high. E -

To the works after breakfast & remained there all day. called at Sketty in my way home

April 6. Friday

~~Very~~ fine but overcast -

We went to church (it being Good Friday) after breakfast. I then went to Sketty - about here in the afternoon - J & S.Nicholl left us this evening

April 7 - Saturday

Very fine in the day - Wind W - overcast & threatening towards night -

I rode over to Penllergare with Bessie after breakfast - back about 3 P.M & then into Swansea with Harry to drill & parade -

April 8. Sunday

Grey & dark in the morning - wind high W.S.W. rain in the afternoon -
I went down to Sketty about 4½ PM - home to dinner

April 9. Monday

Occasional heavy storms of hail - cold Wind W.
Into a Harbour meeting at 12. Home to dinner

April 10. Tuesday

Fine. Wind N cold. slight showers of hail -
Over to Penefody with Harry - we fished up to Penllergare - back to dinner

April 11. Wednesday -

a.m. fine. P.M. rainy -
At 2 P.M met my corps at Whitby Garden & marched out here for Rifle practice - J & S Nicholl came to us today -

April 12. Thursday

Cold - Wind E.
Into Swansea & there all day on Harbour business - S Benson & Col & Mrs Benson came to us today to stay till Saturday - We had a party to dinner

April 13. Friday

Fine on the whole - cold -
About here - Rifle practice in the afternoon with the 2 Bensons Captⁿ Young & S Nicholl

April 14. Saturday

a.m. Threatening and some rain. P.M fine -
The Bensons left us this morning - I then rode up to the works - back about 3 P.M - at 4 P.M went with Harry to drill into Swansea

April 15. Sunday

Very fine - cold at night but hot & bright in the day
I wrote letters in the morning - went to Sketty at 2 P.M. back here about 5 P.M.

April 16. Monday -

Very fine -
Attended a Harbour meeting at noon - in the evening attended a meeting of the Ragged School Soc^y

April 17. Tuesday

Fine - cold -
a.m. at home & to Sketty with Essie - P.M rode with Bessie & walked about here -

April 18

London. Fine but cold - wind N

Came up here by Express -

April 19. Thursday

Very cold frequent sleet & Snow -

To the War Office - wrote letters & c & in the day - to the House at night - later home at 2 a.m -

April 20. Friday

Cold - some snow showers but on the whole tolerably fine -

After breakfast went to Kilburns 222 Reg^t S^t to be photographed - **PHOTO EXIST ?**
at 3¼ p.m. to the Standing Order Com^{ee} at the House on the Harbour Bill - a late sitting at the House -

April 21. Saturday

Cold. Showers of Snow &c

Up to Paddington & c - wrote letters at the Club

April 22. Sunday

Unsettled - cold - Snow showers -

In the club all day

April 23 Monday

Not so cold as yesterday more rain - which was heavy & continuous at night -
Bessie Minnie & Nicholl & Harry came up to day to 1 Albermarle S^t where I have taken rooms - in the morning I moved up there & then went down to the House - about 8 P.M. came up to see them & then returned to the House - home about 1½ a.m.

April 24 Tuesday

Snow & rain the greater part of the day

I had a bad headache and remained in till 3½ P.M - I then went down to the House back about 9 P.M headache still bad -

April 25. Wednesday

Fine -

up to Kilburns & then to see Lord Ripon on business of my Corps - to the House at noon - home at 6 P.M. In the evening we went up to Tea at Chapmans where Mrs Nicholl has got rooms

April 26 - Thursday

Fine - cold.

a.m. about with Bessie &c At 4 P.M to the House - home about 1½ a.m -

April 27. Friday

Fine - cold -

~~To the club~~ after breakfast - ~~back at 11 am~~ & up with Bessie & Minnie to Cavendish Square where I left them - accompanied a deputation to the Home Sec^y at 1½ respecting the Census. then on to the House - 3rd reading of the Church Rate Bill - home about 1 a.m.

April 28. Saturday

Fine -

Out with Bessie & Minnie to Cavendish Square at 11 a.m - where I left them till 1 P.M. & executed some commissions - at 1 I returned for Bessie & we went to the Private view of the Water Colour exhibition - Minnie Miss Nicholl & J. Nicholl went out together - Home in the evening -

April 29. Sunday

Very fine. bright & Warm.

In the afternoon we all went to the Zoological Gardens, Phipps accompanied us & Talbot Bertha & S. Nicholl joined us there - In the evening we dined with Talbot -

April 30. Monday

Very fine -

About in the day - to the House in the afternoon respecting the Swansea Harbour Bill - debate in the evening - home about 1½ a m -

May 1. Tuesday

Fine - Bright

a.m. went to see Phelps respecting Minnie's marriage settlement afterwards on to the City - to the House about .P.M - gave evidence on the Swansea Local Board Bill - at the House at night -

May 2 - Wednesday

Fine. Wind rather cold -

Day sitting at the House - In the evening dined with Sir J & Lady Trelawny - Bessie & Minnie with me

May 3. Thursday

Fine - bright - Wind high & rather cold -

About with Bessie shopping & c after breakfast - To the House in the evening -

May 4. Friday

Fine - bright & hot -

a.m. to the War office & over the Houses of Parl^t. with J. Nicholl - at 1 P.M. I went up to see Phelps and afterwards went out shopping with Bessie - To the House in the evening -

May 5. Saturday

Cold E. Wind - bright Sun -

About with Bessie to the New Water Colour Exhⁿ shopping & c We dined with the Franks s - Harry joined us this afternoon & remains till Monday -

May 6. Sunday

Wind very cold - bright -

In the P.M. we all went to the Zool. Gardens - in the evening we drank tea at 3 Cavendish Square

May 7. Monday

Fine - Wind still cold - rain at night & weather milder

To the Club & c in the forenoon - in the afternoon with Harry to the City - back here at 4.P.M. Harry returned to Silsoe by the ¼ 7 train & I went to the House - Debate & Division on Wine Licences Bill - home about ½ past 1 a m.

May 8. Tuesday

Much milder - showery -

About with Bessie in the day - to the House at night. Repeal of Paper Duties Bill - Division about ¼ to 2 a.m. then home

May 9. Wednesday

Very fine - slight showers - Warm

To the club & House after breakfast - at ¼ 1 P M with Minnie to the Photographers - In the afternoon about with Bessie -

May 10. Thursday

Rainy all day

Bessie Minnie & Nicholl left by Express today - I moved to 7 Little Ryder S^t laid up at night with a bad headache

May 11 Friday

Rainy till the afternoon - it then cleared up -

To the House at 11½ to the Swansea Bill Committee room - then to Paddington to a meeting of the S W. Directors - To the House in the evening -

May 12. Saturday

Mild Wind S.W. Heavy & continuous rain all the afternoon and evening - a.m. to the War office. wrote letters & c PM at my lodging & the club -

May 13. Sunday

a.m - Threatening for rain - mild. P.M - very fine

In the afternoon I went up to the Zool - Gardens with H. Thomas

May 14. Monday -

Unsettled. Mild growing weather - fine on the whole -

To the House & c -

May 15. Tuesday

Showery - mild - Wind S.W.

To the city in the P.M. & the House in the evening

May 16. Wednesday

Mild. overcast -

To the House at 12 - House up about 2½ P M - I then called at Cavendish Square executed a few commissions

Hendrefoilan

May 17. Thursday

Heavy rain in the morning; fine in the afternoon -

I came down by Express train -

May 18. Friday

Very fine -

Down to Sketty after breakfast - then about here - over to Penllergare with Bessie in the afternoon - Major Hume came here this evening - to inspect Volunteer Corps -

May 19. Saturday

Very fine

Up to the Works & to the town in the day - at 3 P.M - rode into Swansea with Major Hume - he inspected mine Grenfells & Vivians corps. Some of the officers & c dined here in the evening to meet him - J.C. Nicholl returned here in the afternoon -

May 20. Sunday

Very fine -

I went down to Sketty at 1 P.M. back here about 3½ P.M and about with Bessie the children & Major Hume -

London

May 21. Monday

Very fine. hot & bright -

I came up here by Express train - J Nicholl and Major Hume accompanied me - to the House at night -

May 22. Tuesday

Fine. hot -

After breakfast to Jenkins & Phelps, then on to call on Talbot - thence to the War office & to the House at 4 P.M - House counted out about ½ past 7.

May 23. Wednesday

Very fine -

No House to day as it is the "Derby day" - in the evening I dined with Talbot -

May 24. Thursday

Fine -

Wrote letters & c after breakfast - House in the afternoon & at night -

May 25. Friday

Overcast but fine -

To Jenkins & Phelps after breakfast - then to Paddington & called on Theresa - S.W.R Directors meeting at 1 & afterwards walked down to Piccadilly with Talbot House in the evening. Harry joined me -

May 26. Saturday

Hendrefoilan

Rain in the night & morning. Heavy showers through the day - Wind very high in the afternoon. W.S.W.

Harry & I returned here to day by Express -

May 27 Sunday

Cold. Wind W. rain in the evening -

To church with Bessie & the Children in the morning - afterwards I went to Sketty - home about 3½ P.M. and about here with Bessie - J. Nicholl came here in the evening -

May 28. Monday

Showery - cold. Wind W. & W.N.W -

To Swansea & the Works. home about 4 PM J Nicholl left us to day

May 29. Tuesday

Fine on the whole

About here in the day - John came here & c in the afternoon I rode with Bessie to call on the Grenfells -

May 30. Wednesday

Fine - rain at night -

About here & to Sketty in the morning - in the afternoon I rode into Swansea to receive Mrs Nicholl & the Miss Talbots who came by Express train - then out here - Mr Phelps also came & saw to the execution of the Settlements & c on Minnie's Marriage - he returned at once We had to dinner our own party viz Mrs Nicholl Miss C Nicholl & Iltid Nicholl & the Miss Talbots - and J.C. Nicholl & his "best man" J.Iltid Nicholl of London who are staying at Sketty -

May 31. Thursday -

Heavy rain all day -

At 11. We all went to Sketty Church where J.C.Nicholl met us & was married to Minnie by Welby assisted by E.Nicholl. **PICS** Afterwards we returned here & gave a Wedding breakfast - the 1st 3rd 4th & 5th Glamorgan Volunteers Corps turned out on the occasion & lined the way up to Church & through the village they afterwards came here & were inspected by Talbot - the Bride & Bridegroom went down to Penrice (which is lent them by Talbot on the occasion) after breakfast. In the evening we had a dance here

June 1. Friday -

Showery - fine at intervals -

Our party broke up to day - I went down to Sketty in the afternoon

June 2. Saturday

Wind E & NE. Rain in torrents the whole day -

I went into Swansea to drill & c about 4½ P.M. calling at Sketty on the way

June 3. Sunday

a.m. rainy & unsettled - fine in the P.M Wind S W

To Sketty at 1 PM - back here about 4 P/M/

London

June 4. Monday

Fine on the whole - Wind S.W. it does not look settled -

I came up here by Express train to day

June 5 - Tuesday -

Unsettled - cold - showery

To the House (Swansea Harbour Committee) at 12 - then up to Paddington - Home again in the evening & c - House counted out at 8.

Hendrefoilan

June 6. Wednesday

Showery - rain in the night. - Wind SW. cold

I returned home by Express train to day - We were to have gone to Margam for Theodores coming of age - the party is put off however on account of Susan Franklens death -

June 7. Thursday

a.m. showery - P-M. very fine -

To Sketty after breakfast - P.M. about here

June 8. Friday

overcast but no rain -

To Sketty & Swansea with Bessie. P.M about here with Bessie - Nicholl & Minnie came here from Penrice this evening -

June 9. Saturday

Rain all day

To Sketty in the afternoon -

June 10 - Sunday

Fine on the whole

To church a.m - then to Sketty - home in the afternoon & about here with Bessie & Essie

London

June 11 - Monday

Showery but fine on the whole

Harry & I came up here to day by the day express - To the House at night

June 12 - Tuesday

Heavy rain till about 3½ P.M. when it cleared up -

About with Harry in the day - He left for Silsoe at ¼ to 7 P.M. I attended a meeting respecting the Census Bill at 7 at Freemasons Hall. Home afterwards -

June 13. Wednesday

Fine. Wind high. W -

To the House in the day & made some calls - In the evening I dined at Maurieys [?] with Nicholl & Minnie

June 14. Thursday

Fine on the whole - showers in the morning -

Wrote letters - went to Privy Council office, went to see Minnie & c in the day - 3 P.M. attended a meeting at Fendalls as to the Census. House in the evening - home between 1 & 2 a.m - -

Hendrefoilan

June 15. Friday -

a.m - stormy - frequent & heavy rain - fine P.M. in the afternoon
I returned home by Express train -

June 16. Saturday -

a.m. very fine & hot. Wind N.E. P.M. overcast & threatening - some rain about 7
P.M to 8½ -

About here with Bessie in the forenoon - In the afternoon o Sketty and on to Swansea
at 6. To Notts garden where my corps mustered for target practice - home at 9½ P.M.

June 17 - Sunday

Occasional heavy storms with Thunder in the afternoon

To Sketty at 1 P.M - back about 4 P.M. & about here with Bessie & c

London

June 18. Monday -

Fine.

I returned here by Express train - to the House in the evening -

June 19. Tuesday

Rain nearly all day

Day sitting in the House - again at night I dined with the Merles.

June 20. Wednesday

Rainy at intervals

To the House at 12 - to the Levee at 1. again to the House at 3½ P.M - at the club & c
in the evening -

June 21 Thursday

Unsettled. frequent heavy rain -

In the day I made some calls & c To the House home at ¼ to 4 -

June 22 - Friday -

Showery but fine on the whole - threatening & some rain in the evening -

To Paddington Directors meeting at 1 P.M. then to the House - dined with the
Biddulphs

June 23. Saturday

Dark & threatening but except a shower inn the middle of the day, no rain -

I went to see the Volunteer review by the Queen in Hyde Park **?HAVE PICTURE** -
Theodore Talbot accompanied me

June 24. Sunday

Tolerably fine -

I had a bad headache all day. in the evening I dined with Augustus Smith -

June 25. Monday

Heavy rain in the morning - very heavy rain again at night -

To the War office &c - To the House at night -

June 26. Tuesday
Unsettled. Wind high.
To the City in the day - To the House at night

Hendrefoilan

June 27. Wednesday
Pouring rain all day
I returned home by Express -

June 28. Thursday
Unsettled wind high - W & W.S.W.
To Sketty after breakfast with Essie - in the afternoon I walked with Amy to Penllergare - home to dinner at 7.P.M.

June 29. Friday
Rather unsettled - fine on the whole
About here & to Sketty -

June 30 - Saturday
Very fine -
To Sketty after breakfast - About here afterwards - To drill in the evening - Bessie & Amy came in with me -

Gloucester

July 1. Sunday -
Very fine -
To Sketty Church after breakfast with Bessie Amy & Essie. I went to Sketty Hall afterwards - about at Hendrefoilan in the afternoon - we dined at 5 P.M. & I afterwards came on here by Mail train

London

July 2. Monday
Fine -
I came up here from Gloucester by early Express at 1 P.M. Went to Wemblewood [sic]common with Hallam² (who is selected from my corps to shoot at the great rifle match) to the National rifle match I got back to Town about 8 P.M. & dined with Talbot - to the House again at night -

July 3. Tuesday
Very fine -
To the House in the day - & again at night - House counted out about 8½ P.M.

July 4. Wednesday
Very fine on the whole - overcast in the afternoon with some misty rain about 6½ P.M.
At the House all day

² J W Hallam. At the event Hallam did not win and Jenkins, of Capt John Dillwyn Llewelyn's corps was presented with a silver watch, subscribed for by both L L Dillwyn's and John Dillwyn Llewelyn's corps. The event was reported on the Cambrian.

July 5. Thursday

Very fine -

To the House at 1 P.M - remained there till 2 a m

July 6. Friday

Fine -

To Paddington (S W Directors meeting) at 1 P.M. To the House at night -

Hendrefoilan

July 7. Saturday

Fine. hot.

I came home by Express train - H. Thomas came here

July 8 - Sunday

Very fine - hot & bright

To Church after breakfast with Bessie Amy & Essie - I afterwards went to Sketty & in the afternoon walked about here & c

London

July 9. Monday

Fine -

I came up here by Express. to the House at night

July 10 Tuesday

Overcast - cold - threatening

Day meeting at the House - again there at night

July 11. Wednesday

Fine -

At the House all day. Census Bill debate - dined with Crum Ewing in the evening -

July 12. Thursday

Fine

In the day at the House and again there at night

July 13 Friday

Fine

To the House & writing & c at my lodgings in the day - House at night -

Hendrefoilan

July 14. Saturday -

Rain in the morning - fine in the day - Wind S.W.

I came home by Express train -

July 15 - Sunday

Fine -

To Sketty at 1.P.M. remained there till 4 P.M. then home - met Mr Richardson on Rifle Corps matters. Afterwards about the grounds with Bessie Amy & Essie.

London

July 16. Monday -

Fine till I got up to Pangbourne - when it rained heavily - here it has rained all day - fine in the evening

I came up here by Express - to the House at night

July 17. Tuesday

Fine -

At the House all day and again at night

July 18. Wednesday

Fine - eclipse of the sun between 2 & 3 P.M. rain at night

At the House in the day - dined with Gaskell. [?]

July 19. Thursday

Unsettled -

Paid Bills & c in the day - to the House at night

July 20. Friday -

Unsettled - frequent heavy showers -

Attended a S.W. Directors meeting at Paddington - to the House at night -

July 21. Saturday

Heavy rain in the forenoon - fine in the afternoon -

In the afternoon I went to Silsoe to see Mr Ferguson & Harry - back at 8 P.M.

July 22. Sunday

Frequent heavy rain -

In the afternoon I went to Tottenham to call on my Aunt Mrs Bevan

July 23. Monday

Rain the whole day - heavy & continuous

In the afternoon I had a tooth taken out by Mr Underwood - at night at the House -

July 24. Tuesday

Dark & threatening - cold - no rain -

To the House in the day, and again at night home about 3½ a.m -

July 25. Wednesday

Fine - but cold -

To the House at 12 - in the evening I went in to a party at Sidney Herberts -

July 26. Thursday

Very cold - no rain

To the House at 12 - in the afternoon made some calls executed commissions & c. To the House again at night

July 27. Friday

Fine -

To the House at Noon - at 2 P.M. Harry joined me at my lodgings & we went out to execute some commissions - To the House again at night

Hendrefoilan July 28. Saturday -

Rather unsettled - we had slight rain in London in the morning - as we came down there was a good deal of rain from Gloster to Newport - fine the rest of the way - here it has been fine all day -

We returned home by Express train - called at Sketty Hall on our way out - got here about 5½ P.M.

July 29. Sunday

Fine - fresh & cool -

We all went to church in the morning & afterwards I went to Sketty - home about 4½ P.M. and about here with Bessie & the children -

July 30. Monday

Fine (very)

To the Works at 11 - then to the Regatta - dined at the Ordinary

July 31- Tuesday

Fine - showery in the evening -

To Sketty after breakfast - about here in the afternoon

August 1. Wednesday

Fine in the day - rain set in about 8½ PM.

To the works in the morning (Bessie rode with me). - Harry & ~~Frede~~ [sic] attended drill & Parade of our Corps in the afternoon Bessie & Amy came with us -

London

August 2. Thursday

Overcast & threatening - some rain in the afternoon

I came up here by Express train - To the House at night - debate on National defences.

August 3. Friday

Overcast - Rain in the afternoon and evening -

To the House at 12 - & to Paddington (S.W. Board) at 1.P.M. House again at night -

August 4. Saturday

a.m. rain early - threatening all the forenoon - Fine in the afternoon and evening -

Called on Phelps s & executed some commissions wrote letters & c - went to a party at Sydney Herberts in the evening -

August 5. Sunday

Tolerably fine - gray [sic] & cold -

At the Club & c -

August 6. Monday

a.m. gray & cold. P.M. - driving rain at intervals

At noon attended a meeting of the Liberal party at Lord Palmerstons in Downing S^t - then to the City - again to the House at 4. - home about 3 a.m.

August 7. Tuesday

Fine

To the House at 12 - at 2 went to Phelps s & c & to the House again at 6 - home about ½ past 1 a.m.

Hendrefoilan

August 8. Wednesday

Rain nearly the whole day - it cleared off a little in the afternoon -

Went to the House at 12 - at ¼5 P.M. returned here by the evening Express, the H Thomas s & Col & Mrs Benson are staying with us

August 9. Thursday

Threatening & dark but tolerably fine on the whole -

We all went to an Archery meeting at Duffryn & remained for a dance in the evening - home about 3 a m -

August 10. Friday

Rain nearly all day

I went to Sketty after breakfast - home in the afternoon - the Gulstons & G Morris s dined with us.

August 11. Saturday

Tolerably fine - some showers in the forenoon -

The H. Thomas s & Benson & Col & Mrs Benson left us this morning - about here with Bessie in the afternoon - In to drill with Harry at 6.P.M.

August 12. Sunday

Fine

To church after breakfast & then on to Sketty - remained there till about 3½ P.M.

John & Jack joined me there and returned with me here on their way home - Out with Bessie till dinner time -

August 13. Monday

Fine -

To the Annual Harbour meeting at 12 - Afterwards to Jenkins & Richardsons offices & on various matters - home at 5½ P.M - calling at Sketty on the way -

August 14. Tuesday

Fine -

To Bridgend by express train to a meeting respecting the County Lunatic Asylum - back by the down Express

August 15. Wednesday

a.m. Fine - P.M Pouring rain. cold. Wind E -

About here in the morning - in the afternoon with Essie to Sketty - & in the evening I drove in to Swansea for Parade

August 16. Thursday

Wind high. showery

After breakfast I went to Mr Richards s on business - thence to Sketty & home in the afternoon about here with Bessie & the children

August 17. Friday

Unsettled -

To Sketty in the afternoon & about here the rest of the day -

August 18 - Saturday

Heavy & frequent rain -

In the afternoon I marched out some of my Corps here and exercised them in Skirmishing with Black cartridge - & with Ball at the Target -

August 19. Sunday

Rainy - Wind S.W. thick & frequent sea fog -

To Sketty in the afternoon - back here about 4 P.M & then out with Bessie -

August 20 Monday

Cold - fine on the whole - slight showers -

To Sketty in the morning - In the afternoon I rode with Bessie to Caswell -

August 21. Tuesday

Fine.

About here all day -

August 22. Wednesday

Stormy. heavy rain in the forenoon

Into Swansea to the Police court at 1 PM. back here at 4 - & again into Swansea with Harry to Parade

London

August 23. Thursday

Dark & unsettled - heavy rain at night -

I came up by Express train -

August 24. Friday

Heavy rain nearly all day

Attended the S. Wales Railway C^{os} half yearly meeting - to the House in the evening - counted out about 7½ P.M. & then to the club to dinner

Hendrefoilan

August 25. Saturday -

Heavy rain all day - Wind S.W. -

I returned home by Express train -

August 26. Sunday

Tolerably fine -

To Sketty & about here in the afternoon

August 27. Monday

Heavy occasional showers. fine in the intervals -

To Landore after breakfast & then to Swansea back here at 2 P.M - & rode with Bessie to the Mumbles & c - about here afterwards -

August 28. Tuesday

Fine ion the forenoon - about 3 P.M. heavy & continuous rain set in from the S.E. which lasted all day

I had a Rifle match here this afternoon between 6 selected shots of my Corps & 6 of the Penllergare Corps -

August 29. Wednesday

Fine on the whole - occasionally overcast and threatening but no rain

To Sketty after breakfast - back here about 3 P.M. & about grounds - at 5 into Swansea for Parade with Harry - Bessie & Amy came with us -

August 30 - Thursday

Fine - but wind very high (a gale) S.W.

About here in the day with Bessie & Essie - in the evening at 5 oclock I drove into Swansea to meet Mr Ferguson who was to have come by the Ilfracombe packet - I found however that the packet could not leave Swansea this morning on account of the weather & he would therefore have no means of crossing - home to dinner at 7 PM -

August 31. Friday

Fine -

Down to Sketty with Essie in the morning - back here at ½ past 1. & about here in the evening -

Sept^f. 1. Saturday

Very fine - Wind E - bright & hot -

To Swansea after breakfast - back here at 1½ calling at Sketty in the way - about in the afternoon with Bessie Amy & Essie - Harry went over to Penllergare to shoot with Johnny -

Sept^f.2. Sunday

Fine -

To the farm with Bessie after breakfast about our cows as the pulmonary murrain has again broken out among them - at 12½ I went to Sketty, back again here about 3½ P.M -

Sept^f.3. Monday

Fine -

I conducted a shooting match of my Corps at Notts Garden for the purpose of classifying the Corps for a match -

Sept^f.4. Tuesday

Glass rising - overcast in the morning - fine in the afternoon - Wind N.N.W -

I went to New Milford to a S W Directors meeting by the train which leaves Swansea at 8 a.m - Bessie Miss Askewald [?] Amy & Harry accompanied me - at 2 P.M - Talbot took us and a party in his yacht to see the Haven - the Great Eastern is now there having just arrived from New York and the Western division of the Channel

fleet is also there - it consists of 9 Line of Battle ships & 2 Frigates - altogether it was a very fine and animated sight, the day was fine and we enjoyed the expedition throughly [*sic*] - we returned by the 6.30.PM train and got home about 10½ P.M.

Sept^f.5. Wednesday

Overcast - Glass N.W. glass steadily rising -

a.m. out shooting with Harry P.M. about here with Bessie - at 6 into parade with Harry -

Sept^f.6. Thursday

Fine.

Into Swansea - to Sketty & c - Mr Cayley **PICTURE** & his 2 sons came to us to day - We have a party to dinner

Sept^f.7. Friday

Fine - hot

About here in the forenoon - in the afternoon to Notts ground to rifle practice of my Corps. Mr Cayley Jun^f. came with me - also Amy & Harry -

Sept^f.8. Saturday -

Fine - but dark and lowering in the afternoon -

I drove Mr Cayley & his Son to Penllergare

Sept^f.9. Sunday

Cold & threatening - some rain in the morning - Wind E. dark -

To Church & then to Sketty - about here in the afternoon

Sept^f.10. Monday

Fine - Wind E -

Into Swansea in the afternoon, home afternoon & about here We dined at Parkwern in the evening to meet the Cayleys who left is to day

Sept^f.11. Tuesday

Fine - Wind E.

Into Swansea in the morning & up to the Works. home in the afternoon & about here

Sept^f.12. Wednesday

Fine. Wind N.E.

I went into Swansea by 11 a.m. & remained out here with my Corps. We had a match here for prizes -

Sept^f.13. Thursday

Fine - but cold & threatening in the evening - Wind S.SE. & to S.W - high

Wrote letters after breakfast then to Sketty & on to Swansea & the works - in my way home met Moggridge to look at a Rifle Range for our Corps.

Sept^f.14. Friday

Wind high. S.W - cold - rain in the night -

To Sketty in the forenoon - about here in the afternoon - I had a Sketty party of volunteers for rifle practice -

September 15. Saturday

Fine but cold - Wind N.W.

To Sketty after breakfast - about here the rest of the day -

Sept^f.16. Sunday

Rainy

At home till 4 P.M . & then to Sketty

Sept^f.17. Monday

Rain with but little intermission all day - Wind S.W. in the forenoon - in the afternoon it got up to N.W. and became much colder - in the evening the rained [*sic*] ceased

At 1 P.M. I went in to attend drill - in consequence of the weather however there was a small attendance - & I broke it off & returned home -

Sept^f.18. Tuesday

Fine -

To Sketty in the morning. About here with Bessie & Essie in the afternoon -

Sept^f.19. Wednesday -

Fine

At home & at Sketty - at 5 P.M. I went in to Parade - Harry left for Gloucester en route for Silsoe by the Mail train & the Corps accompanied me to the station to see him off.

Sept^f.20. Thursday

Rainy in the afternoon -

I had a bad headache & remained in till about 5 P.M. when I went down to Sketty with Amy - back by ½ past 6.

Sept^f. 21. Friday

Fine

I went to attend a Sale of Stock at Maesgwynne near Llanboidy - back by the Mail train -

Sept^f. 22. Saturday

Rainy & unsettled in the morning fine in the afternoon -

I wrote till 12 - & then rode up to the works - back via Swansea by 4 P.M. Fanny Sarah & Weston spent the afternoon & dined here

Sept^f. 23. Sunday

Fine - rain in the night & early morning -

To church with Bessie & c after breakfast - then to Sketty with Amy - home in the afternoon & about here

Sept^f.24. Monday

Fine on the whole but showery

Drilled a Sketty Squad of volunteers at ½ past 6. wrote letters & c after breakfast - into Swansea to drill at 4. & marched the corps to see the new range -

Sept^f.25. Tuesday

Fine -

Attended a Sale of Stock at Treventy near S^t Clears - home by Mail train -

Stackpole

Sept^f.26. Wednesday

Fine -

Came here with Bessie on a visit to Lord & Lady Cawdor **PIC**

Sept^f.27. Thursday

Fine -

Went with the Peels of Taliaris **PIC** who are also staying here, to see the great Eastern - In the morning walked with Lord Cawdor & Bessie to see his farm -

Sept^f.28. Friday

Fine. wind E. cold - high -

a.m. went with Bessie to Stackpole **PIC** head - in the afternoon I went out pike fishing - caught one -

Hendrefoilan

Sept^f.29 - Saturday

Fine -

We returned home to day - I had a drill of the Sketty Squad at 5 P.M. Warrington Smyth came here this evening to stay [?]

Sept^f.30 - Sunday

Fine -

We all went to church - afterwards I went to Sketty - home in the P.M. & about here with Bessie, Smyth, & the children

October 1 - Monday

Fine -

Sketty Squad drill at 6½ a.m - wrote letters & c after breakfast - in to Company drill in the afternoon W.H. Smyth went up to Ystalyfera & returned here to dinner -

Oct^f. 2. Tuesday

Rather unsettled but fine in the P.M -

Smyth left us to day I accompanied him to Swansea at 1 P.M - called at Sketty on my way back

Oct^f.3. Wednesday

Fine -

I went to Margam by Express train - & back at 4. then to Parade & marched with my Corps to meet Grenfells Vivians & Franciss at Maesteg House³ for Battalion drill -

Oct^f.4. Thursday

Fine -

Into Swansea at 12 - home in the afternoon - Richardson dined here

³ The Grenfell Home

October 5. Friday

Wind very high. S.W. threatening & dark - there was nor rain to speak of however I went down to Whitlands to look at some cows & bought one - returned to Landore by 2¼ P.M - & went to the works - to Swansea at 4 - & home at ½ past 6.

Margam

Oct^r.6. Saturday

Mild - foggy & damp - Wind W.S.W. calm -

Into Swansea at 12 - at 2 P.M. came on here with Bessie & Amy for the County Volunteer review which is to take place on Monday in the Park here -

Oct^r.7. Sunday

Hendrefoilan

Rainy in the morning - fine in the P.M.

I left Margam about 12 - & came home to arrange about my Corps going to the review - also to send my horse to Margam as I shall have to command the Battalion - Bessie & Amy remained at Margam

Margam

Oct^r.8. Monday

Fine -

I drilled a Sketty squad of volunteers at Hendrefoilan at 6½ a m - after breakfast into Swansea & brought my Corps over here to a review of the Glamorganshire Volunteers in the Park - they numbered about 1850 - and were reviewed by Col Raymond & Talbot - the force was commanded by Col^l. R Bruce - after the review was over I marched with my men to Port Talbot station & saw then into the train & then returned here -

Oct^r.9. Tuesday

Hendrefoilan

Cold. Wind N.W. fine on the whole -

Returned here by Express train this afternoon with Bessie and Amy - I had a bad headache

Oct^r.10. Wednesday

Rain the whole day

I attended a Corporation meeting at 11 a.m. respecting a rifle range for my Corps on the Corporation grounds - I again went in to Parade in the evening

Gloucester

Oct^r.11. Thursday

Showery

Drill at Hendrefoilan at 6½ a.m. into Swansea at 121 to a County finance meeting - home afterwards with J D.L & Bruce - I came on here en route to London by the Mail train

London

Oct^r.12. Friday

Fine. cold - sharp frost

Came up here by Express train. arrived about noon & attended a Board meeting of the S Wales Directors - afterwards to the War office -

Hendrefoilan

Oct^r.13. Saturday

Rainy

I returned home by Express train -

October 14. Sunday

Fine on the whole

We all went to church in the morning - then I went to Sketty. About here in the afternoon. H. Allen dined with us.

Oct^r.15. Monday

Driving rain all day - Wind S.W.

Drill here at 6½ a.m. after breakfast I went into Swansea & with a squad of my Corps kept the ground for the inspection of the artillery Militia - home at 1 P.M. in the evening dined at the Mess of the said Art^y. Militia. H. Thomas came here this evening -

Oct^r.16. Tuesday

Fine on the whole -

Attended Quarter Sessions - we had a party to dinner - the officers of the Art^y. Militia

October 17. Wednesday

Tolerably fine -

At home in the a.m. at 3 P.M. attended a Dock meeting - Parade afterwards -

October 18. Thursday

Pouring rain from S.W. nearly all day -

At home - out with Bessie before dinner

Oct^r.19. Friday

a.m. Misty & unsettled - P.M. driving rain & mist. Wind S.W. high -

After breakfast I went in to meet Captⁿ Mytton the officer sent to inspect the new range for my Corps and I accompanied him to it - He afterwards came out with me here & remained to dine & sleep -

October 20. Saturday

Fine.

Captⁿ. Mytton left this morning at ½ past 6. After breakfast I went in to Swansea - back here about 4 P.M. & drilled my Sketty recruits till dinner time -

Oct^r.21. Sunday

Overcast and threatening but no rain Wind S.E.

At home and about here all day in the afternoon out with - Bessie Amy & Essie - My Mother is staying at Caswell - -

October 22. Monday

Threatening but fine on the whole

From 7 to 6 a.m. drill - 10 a.m. - walked down to Caswell to see my Mother - back here at 2 P.M. - In the afternoon had a company drill & rifle practice here

Oct^r.23. Tuesday

Very fine - mild & bright -

To the works after breakfast - into Swansea at 1 P.M. & then home - & about with Bessie -

Oct^r.24. Wednesday

Showery -

About here in the day - In the evening I went into a dinner at the Mackworth Arms given to the officers of my Corps by the members -

London

Oct^r.25. Thursday

Fine in the day - rain in the evening -

I came up here by Express train - to the club in the evening

Oct^r.26. Friday

Showery & unsettled

Attended a meeting of the S W Directors, went to the War office & c -

Hendrefoilan

Oct^r.27. Saturday

Fine in the day showery in the evening -

I returned home by the late Express -

October 28. Sunday

Misty rain the greater part of the day - very mild - Wind - variable light -

At 12 I walked down to Caswell with Amy to see my Mother - we returned about ½ past 4 P.M. -

October 29. Monday

Very fine -

7 to 8 a.m. drill here - after breakfast into Swansea where I was engaged till 3 P.M.

about the extension of my Corps. I had to see the different gentlemen to are to be [sic] the new officers &c - at 3 P.M. I went with Richardson to the new Rifle range - home to dinner -

October 30. Tuesday

Fine - Wind E

Attended a meeting at Neath at 11 a.m. for the establishment of a County Association for giving prizes for rifle shooting - returned about 2½ & walked with Moggridge to the new Rifle range and thence home -

October 31. Wednesday

Fine - foggy -

At home in the morning writing letters & c - about here planting & c afterwards till 3½ P.M. when I went into Swansea to Parade - home at 7¼ P.M.

November 1. Thursday

Fine. calm. Wind N.E.

To Bryn Green at 7 a.m. to drill a squad - after breakfast I went to Penygraig our new Rifle range to meet Glasbrook, and we measured the distances, fixed the site for the Targets & c - home at 1½ & about here with Bessie & Essie - Amy & Miss Oschwald went over to Penllergare-

November 2. Friday

Very fine -

Into Swansea in the forenoon - in the afternoon out shooting over the hill. Amy with me -

Nov^f. 3. Saturday

Fine. Wind E.N.E. rather high overcast in the forenoon. clear in the afternoon

Into Swansea after breakfast to attend a Dock meeting - back to lunch - in the afternoon I had a party rifle shooting - at 5 P.M - the Sketty squad drilled here -

Nov^f.4. Sunday

Fine -

To Church after breakfast - afterwards to Sketty. home at 3½ & walked with Bessie about here & afterwards with Amy on the sands.

Merthyr Mawr

Nov^f.5. Monday

Fine -

Drill here at 7 a.m. to Swansea at 12 - at 2 came on here with Bessie -

Hendrefoilan

November

Nov^f.6. Tuesday

Gray & cold - but fine.

We returned from Merthyr Mawr this afternoon - Henry Thomas came to us to day - He & Bessie dined at Singleton. I had a bad headache and remained at home.

Nov^f.7. Wednesday

Fine. cold -

Parade at 4 P.M. about here in the day

Nov^f.8. Thursday

Fine. cold -

Into Swansea in the day - Lady Beach & her daughters & the Penrices & Benson came to us today -

Nov^f.9. Friday

Fine -

Rifle shooting with Penrice all day

Nov^f.10 - Saturday

Fine -

The Penrices & Benson left us to day - Lady Beach & her eldest daughter & Bessie & Amy went down to 3 cliffs bay in the afternoon - I shot with rifles with Evan Davies & 3 of his pupils - afterwards had a drill here -

Nov^f.11 Sunday

Fine -

Went to church with my Corps, at Swansea to escort Richardson the new Mayor there - In the afternoon I walked to Caswell with H.Thomas back to dinner at 7 P.M.

Nov^f.12. Monday

Fine -

Lady Beach & her daughters left us to day - Amy & I then went over to the new Rifle range to meet Glasbrook thence home - I was laid up with a headache in the afternoon & evening -

Nov^f.13.Tuesday -

Threatening - rain came on in the afternoon - dark & gloomy all day. Wind S.E -

Into Swansea after breakfast - thence up to the works with Bath & Mr Davy (of the firm of A. Gibbs & C^o) - In the afternoon I met the Talbots & S Nicholl who came to us, at the Station & drove out Talbot & Nicholl with me in the Dog cart - his daughter went in the carriage -

Nov^f.14. Wednesday

Heavy rain set in from S. about noon & lasted the rest of the day

My Corps came out today for a presentation of cups & c - I went in for them & returned to Swansea with them afterwards -

Nov^f.15.Thursday

Fine on the whole - wind W.S.W.

All our party left us today - H Thomas after breakfast & the Talbots & S. Nicholl by the 2 P.M. train - in the forenoon I shot with Talbot with rifles - at 1 P.M I drove him & Nicholl on to the train - about here in the afternoon

Nov^f.16. Friday

Showery

In to Swansea - executed various commissions - At 3 P.M. out to Sketty - home to dinner - Mr Richards dined here -

Nov^f.17. Saturday

Occasional heavy cold showers of hail & sleet - Wind N.W.

About here in the day - planted & c at 4³/₄ P.M. I had a squad out to drill & afterwards went to Sketty -

Nov^f.18. Sunday

Occasional cold showers - snow & hail - Wind N.W - bright & fine between the showers

To Sketty in the afternoon & about here with Bessie & A my -

Nov^f.19. Monday

Fine

Into Swansea in the afternoon calling at Sketty at 1 P.M - Over to see the new Rifle range - to Sketty again (with Amy who walked from Swansea with me) in my way home

London - 10 Arlington S^t.

Nov^r.20. Tuesday

Dark & threatening - wind S & SE - cold & raw -

Came up here with Bessie by the day Express - We have come to look out for a house for the next season -

November 21. Wednesday

a.m. overcast & threatening. P.M. very rainy -

After breakfast I went to the city to the Colonial Bank about a Bill drawn on me by Mackinnon - back here about ¼ to 12 & went out with Bessie to look at Houses & c - She came in about 4 P.M. & I went to the War office - We dined at ½ past 6 -

November 22. Thursday

Very heavy rain in the night - fine in the day

Out with Bessie - looking at houses &c &c &c

Nov^r.23. Friday

Fine -

At 10½ a.m. with Bessie to 33 Upper Brook S^t by appointment to meet Mr Bunting - Thence I went to the Board of Health office & then on to South Wales Board meeting - Afterwards out with Bessie again - home to dinner at ½ past 6-P.M -

Hendrefoilan

Nov^r.24. Saturday

Dark & Gloomy. some rain in the afternoon - Wind E.

Bessie & I returned home to day by Express train -

Nov^r.25 - Sunday

Wind E.N.E cold & high -

To church after breakfast & then to Sketty - about 3 P.M. J.D.L. & Johnny came there & returned with me home - Amy & I walked part of the way back to Penllergare with them -

November 26. Monday

Wind - E. high. dark & raw -

Into Swansea after breakfast then up to the new range - home to dinner -

November 27. Tuesday

Wind E. gray & cold -

Over to Neath by Express train - called at Preswifa - back at 2 by a coal train to the Works - home by the new range & Sketty

Nov^r.28. Wednesday

Wind S.E. cold & raw - heavy rain set in about 5½ P.M.

About here in the day - in the afternoon I attended Parade of my Corps -

Nov^f.29. Thursday

Dark. Some rain in the day but not much. Wind-S.E in the forenoon - N.E. in the afternoon - It became much milder than it has been for the last few days, in the afternoon -

I had a bad cold & did not go out much till the evening - I then walked with Bessie & Amy down to Sketty -

Nov^f.30. Friday

Rainy in the night & morning - fine in the day. mild - Wind W.

Wrote & c in the morning - at 12½ went in the dog cart with Amy to Swansea. back about 4½ PM - We dined at 6. & at 7½ Bessie Amy & I went to a concert at the Town Hall in Swansea

December 1. Saturday

Heavy rain all day - Wind S.S.E

Remained in the House till 4 P.M. & then walked with Amy down to Sketty Hall -

Dec^f. 2. Sunday

Threatening & dark - no rain however to speak of till the evening - at night it set in.

To Sketty at 1 P.M - back at 3½ & walked with Amy on the sands - Bessie has a cold & did not go out

Dec^f.3 - Monday

Threatening in the forenoon & some rain Tolerably fine in the afternoon - Wind E -

To Mr Richards s after breakfast & then to Swansea to Sketty in the afternoon in my way home

Dec^f.4. Tuesday

Unsettled

Into Swansea - paid Bills & c & c

December 5. Wednesday

a.m. very fine. P.M. showery

About here in the forenoon - Into Parade in the afternoon -

London

December 6. Thursday

Heavy rain nearly all day - Wind S.S.E.

I came up here by Express train -

Dec^f.7. Friday

Unsettled -

To the War office & c. after breakfast & to the S. Wales C^o office at Paddington to a Board of Directors at 1 P.M - at the club in the evening

Hendrefoilan

Dec^f.8. Saturday

Unsettled & drizzling rain in the day - Heavy rain in the evening

At the club till 1.P.M. & then went to Mr Birchams [?] office in Parliament S^t respecting the S. Wales Bill - returned home by the night Express -

Dec^r.9. Sunday

Rainy in the forenoon - Fine in the afternoon

To Sketty & walked with Amy in the afternoon - Bessie had a cold & remained at home

Dec^r.10. Monday

Unsettled

Into Swansea in the afternoon - to Sketty on my way home

Dec^r.11. Tuesday

Mild - fine on the whole

About here & to Sketty -

Dec^r.12. Wednesday

Fine

About here in the morning - In the afternoon went to Sketty and thence at 3 P.M. on to Parade - Fanny at Sketty & with me into Swansea -

Dec^r.13. Thursday

Fine - sharp frost in the night. Wind N.E. - no thaw in the day in the shade -

To the Works directly after breakfast and back here at 1 P.M. the Willows party with the Yerberry [?] Moggridges, who are staying there lunched here - In the afternoon I went out with the gun with Amy over the hill -

Dec^r.14. Friday -

Wind N.E. cold & raw -

At home in the forenoon writing letters & c Out with Bessie in the afternoon - Mr Richards came out & remained to dinner -

Dec^r.15. Saturday

Fine on the whole. Wind N.W.

Down to Sketty with Amy after breakfast - In the afternoon I had some members of my Corps out here rifle shooting -

Dec^r.16.Sunday

Cold raw & unsettled - wind N.N.W. frequent though not very heavy rain - overcast - With Amy to church in the morning & then to Sketty - about here in the afternoon -

Dec^r.17. Monday

Sharp frost in the night - fine in the day - cold - Wind N.E.

Into Swansea after breakfast calling at Sketty in the way - met the Express train in the afternoon - Minnie & Nicholl came by it - Nicholl & I walked out together

Dec^r.18. Tuesday

Sharp frost - clear & fine -

At home - the Penllergare party & the Welbys came to call here at 1PM - In the afternoon I had some rifle practice with Jack & Welby - D.Harries & W James also joined -

Dec^r.19. Wednesday

Heavy Snow in the night - sharp & cold all day with occasional snow storms - Wind N - the snow remained all day on the ground without any thaw -
I had a bad headache & remained at home

Dec^r.20. Thursday

Sharp frost & some Snow in the night - very cold all day - bright and fine. Wind N.E.
Into Swansea to a Harbour meeting at 12 o'clock - called at Sketty in my way home in the evening - Nicholl and Minnie left us to day by the 2 P.M - train - Harry went out shooting -

December 21. Friday

Very sharp frost in the night. clear and fine all day - Wind N.E.
I went out shooting with Harry

December 22. Saturday

Very fine & bright - sharp frost all day - Wind N -
Into Swansea with Harry & Amy after breakfast - Bessie & Essie went in in the Dog cart - I walked back with them & we took Essie to the Xmas Market - In the afternoon I went down to Sketty with Amy

December 23. Sunday

Overcast - not so cold as yesterday but no thaw - Barometer falling - clear & fine at night - Wind in the day N.W - at night it got up to the N.N.W - again -
.To church in the a.m. with Harry & Amy & then to Sketty - About here in the afternoon with Bessie & the children -

Dec^r. 24. Monday

Very sharp frost in the night - very cold all day - bright & fine -
I went in to Parade at 12 o'clock & accompanied my Corps to inaugurate the new ground - We had 112 Rank & file out besides the officers Non com officers & Band -
I returned here by 7 P.M - All our party went to Merthyr Mawr for Christmas week and I shall follow then tomorrow

Merthyr Mawr

Dec^r. 25. Tuesday

Very cold -
To Sketty in the morning - remained there till 1 P.M. & then came here (to Merthyr Mawr) by the 2 P.M. train -

December 26. Wednesday

Very cold - Snow at night - drifting through the night -
Out Shooting in the day with Nicholl and Harry - At night we all went to a Ball at Dunraven **PIC**

Dec^r.27. Thursday

Very cold - Snow drifts very deep -
In the House in the forenoon In the afternoon I walked out with Mr Powell a gentleman who is staying here - there was a Ball here at night -

December 28 - Friday

Overcast in the day & not so cold as it has been - towards evening however the sky cleared & a very sharp frost set in -
About here - walked with Essie & c

Dec^r.29 - Saturday

Cold in the forenoon Mild in the afternoon - rain & steady thaw at night -
Went out shooting with Mr Powell & Harry

December 30. Sunday

Misty rain all day - very rapid thaw -
Walked out with a party in the afternoon

December 31. Monday

Misty & heavy rain - continued steady thaw -
Out in the afternoon with Bessie -

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