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

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DIARY OF LEWIS WESTON DILLWYN - VOLUME XXII

Commencing January 1 1838

JANUARY 1838

- Monday 1 I attended a Harbor Meeting at Swansea & soon after 2 Lewis & I drive his hack Chaise to dine at Cowbridge & sleep at Cardiff
- Tuesday 2 Lewis qualified at the Quarter Sessions as a Meeting [sic], & after having recd my report respecting a Lunatic Asylum, Lewis & I got into the Mail (which was 2 hours after its usual time) & reached home to dinner at ¼ before 8
- Wednesday 3 Lewis & Mr Moggridge went on a Visit to Penrice Castle. Mr & Mrs D & I dined with the Iltid Thomas's at Hill House
- Thursday 4 Drove on various Business to Swansea. Capt & Mrs Wheatley, Mr & Mrs Iltid Thomas, Mr & Miss Delabeche. T E Thomas, Harry Vivian & Col Morgan dined with us.
- Friday 5 Walked to the Pottery in the morning, & Mary drove in in the afternoon & brought me home in the Phaeton
- Saturday 6 I did not leave home all day. Mr Moggridge & Lewis returned from their Visit to Penrice. The two Marys drove for a Call on Mrs Tennant & also St Helens
- Sunday 7 Remained at home all day. The two Mary's, Mr Moggridge & Lewis went to Church
- Monday 8 I walked to Swansea to attend a Harbor Meeting. The Moggridges returned from their long Visit to Burrows Lodge & I came home with Mrs D in the Carriage. Severe Cold has at last set in
- Tuesday 9 The two Mary's drove to see Fan & I afterwards walked to the Sands with Miss D. Began to fill the Ice House. Thermometer 22 & the Calla Ethiopica which I placed in the Pond by the Rock Work in April 1836 - first [?] shewed symptoms of my Injury

Wednesday 10 Molly & I took a Walk & called on the Dele Beches at Lilliput

Thursday 11 Molly & I took a Walk & after having called at Parkwern we came round by the Sands home

Friday 12 This being our dear **Johns** birthday I went with Mrs D in the Phaeton & Miss D on Horseback to spend a couple of hours at Penllergare & Lewis went to dine & sleep there

Saturday 13 Went with Mary in the Phaeton & Miss D on Horseback in the afternoon to Burrows Lodge & found Fan very unwell in bed

Sunday 14 Since Monday the Weather has been unusually Cold & the Thermometer varying from 18 to 26. I did not go out, but Mary went to see Fan who was better, & Miss D & Lewis to Church

Monday 15 A slight cold in the Face kept me at home allday. Mr & Lady C Talbot came to dine & sleep here & Mr & Miss Delabeche, R Mansell & Fred Hickey also dined with us

Tuesday 16 Talbot & Lewis walked & Miss Mary accompanied Lady Charlotte in her Carriage to Swansea, from where the Talbots went on to Margam. Mrs D & I followed them to see Fan in the Phaeton, & my two Mary's walked back with me to Sketty

Wednesday 17 Drove after Breakfast to penllergare, & from there with **John to a Meeting** regularly convened for the purpose at Llangafelach, where a commutation of the Great & small Tithes of the whole Parish was agreed on for 1050£. I got home just in time for Dinner

Thursday 18 R Mansell breakfasted here & Delabeche & his Daughter came soon after. The Genl went with Lewis to his Laboratory about noon, & Delabeche left his Daughter with Mary till he called for her in the Evening

Friday 19 Mary & I walked to Swansea in the morning & I attended a Harbor Meeting, & a Meeting for commuting Swansea Tithes. Mrs D in the afternoon arrived in the Phaeton to see Fan & we all three walked back to Sketty to Dinner

Saturday 20 **John drove to see us** & with the two Marys walked to call on Capt Hickey & to the Skating Pond belonging to the Water Works

Sunday 21 Not well. The two Mary's & Lewis went to Church. The thaw has begun this morning after having lasted from the 8th & since that day the Thermometer has varied from 16 to 26 at Sketty. Mr Capel Miers told me that on Friday soon after 10, his Thermometer hanging out of Doors at

Drumnar [?] stood at 1, or 31 degrees below the Freezing point of Fahrenheit

- Monday 22 Drove with Mary for an hour to Swansea & attended a Harbor Meeting
- Tuesday 23 Not well. Took some Calomel & did not stir out. The Frost has again become very sharp
- Wednesday 24 Weather remarkably cold. Walked with the 2 Marys to call at Lilliput
- Thursday 25 A heavy Snow
- Friday 26 Snow fell heavy last night & it is rather dep on the ground. My dear Mary very unwell & confined all day to her Room
- Saturday 27 Frost still severe. At 2 reached Swansea & found Delabeche, **John** & Lewis at Lewis's new Laboratory in the Pottery. remained there an hour & a half & returned home to Dinner
- Sunday 28 Snow still thick on the ground, notwithstanding a slight thaw at midday. My dear Mary still unwell tho' better, & only Miss D & Lewis went to Church. In the afternoon Lewis walked to call at Lilliput. Read to the Family at home as usual
- Monday 29 A thaw at last. My dear Mary still unwell & I only took a Walk in the neighbourhood
- Tuesday 30 Drove for an hour to Swansea in the afternoon. About 10 at night my dear Mary was seized with something like Pleurisy so that I at once sent for Mr Bird who arrived at ½ past 11. The Frost, after a very short thaw, set in as hard again as ever
- Wednesday 31 Mrs D better but in bed all day

FEBRUARY

- Thursday 1 Mary better but did not leave her Room
- Friday 2 Mary better & she went into the morning room
- Saturday 3 Mary still confined upstairs
- Sunday 4 Lewis & Miss D went to Church. Frost continues very unusually severe. Lewis & I in the afternoon walked to call at Lilliput. Mary after Dinner came down to the Drawing Room for an hour or two

Monday 5 Drove to Swansea & attended a Turnpike & Harbor Meeting. Agreed to purchase Tyllwyd for 1350 & the third of the Knapp for 400

Tuesday 6 Weather continued bitterly severe & I remained all day at home

Wednesday 7 It snowed last night, but a Thaw had begun in the morning early. Remained allday at home to cleanse & rearrange my Deeds & make some alterations in the Muniment Room

Thursday 8 Remained at home employed chiefly as yesterday. Republished my Will

Friday 9 Drove with Miss D to Swansea & attended a Town Council. I walked back with Mr Delabeche & Miss Delabeche retd with Mary

Saturday 10 The Frost as sharp as ever but Mary for the first time since her illness ventured in the close Carriage to visit Fanny & I accompanied for an hour to Burrows Lodge

Sunday 11 Frost very severe & ground covered with Snow. Miss D & Lewis went in the carriage to Church & walked. In the afternoon Lewis & I walked to call on Delabeche

Monday 12 A pain in my back & I remained at home. Mary went in the close carriage to spend an hour with Fan

Tuesday 13 Frost still severe & I didnt leave home

Wednesday 14 Weather very stormy & severe. Walked to call on Col Jones & Capt Hickey. The Carriage took Lewis at 10 to a Ball at Swansea & he slept at Burrows Lodge

Thursday 15 Stormy with Snow & Frost & I did not leave home

Friday 16 Weather remarkably severe & I remained at home

Saturday 17 Ground covered with Snow till breakfast time when a thaw began but it again froze in the Evening. Mary & I in the afternoon drove for an hour to Swansea

Sunday 18 The Frost continues. Miss D & Lewis walked in the morning to Swansea Church, & I read both the morning & Evening Service to the rest of the Family at home

Monday 19 Wind at E & the Frost less severe. Miss Delabeche came on a visit to us, her Father having gone to Town

Tuesday 20 Drove to Swansea for a couple of hours & attended a Harbor Meeting. My dear Mary accompanied me. Rawleigh Mansell dined with us

Wednesday 21 Remained allday at home

Thursday 22 Remained all day at home. The Frost gone at last, tho' the Wind is still Eastward

Friday 23 Fan very unwell & Mrs D drove to Burrows Lodge. Miss Delabeche & Miss D had walked to Swansea, & as it rained hard returned in the Carriage

Saturday 24 Mrs D again drove to see our dear Fan who continues very unwell

Sunday 25 The rest of our party went to Swansea Church in the morning & I read the Evening Service to the Family

Monday 26 Much unwell & I did not go into Dinner

Tuesday 27 Much unwell & again I practised abstention

Wednesday 28 Fan still unwell & Mary continues to visit her daily. Lewis & the two young Ladies walked to Caswell Bay. R Mansell & Howell Williams dined with us

MARCH

Thursday 1 Weather so fine that Mary went into her Garden for the first time since her illness, & Miss D & her friend Miss Delabeche went to visit Fanny. Vivian who has returned to Town for 2 or 3 days called on me in the morning, The Judge entered Swansea for the Assizes but neither I or any of Talbots friends went to dine with the Sheriff on account of his scandalous partiality at the Election

Friday 2 Mary drove me after Breakfast to Swansea, & then went on with the two young Ladies to spend the day at Penllergare. I attended the Grand Jury, but was not well enough to dine with the Judge, & walked home to Dinner

Saturday 3 Drove with Mrs D to Swansea early, & attended the Grand Jury till about 4 when I walked home. Miss Kitty Jones, W Llewelyn (the Doctor), G Llewelyn [sic] of Baglan, Capt Warde & Geo Morris dined with us

Sunday 4 Rained so hard that none of us went to Church & I read both the morning & Evening Services to the Family at home. In the afternoon walked with Lewis to call on T E Thomas who has met with a bad accident

Monday 5 Remained all day at home

Tuesday 6 Remained all day at home

Wednesday 7 Remained all day at home

Thursday 8 Not half well & remained all day at home. Being Miss D's Birthday we had Mrs Faredell [?] to sing in the Evening

Friday 9 Not half well & remained at home. Miss delabeche closed her Visit to us & returned to Lilliput

Saturday 10 Drove to attend a Harbor Meeting

Sunday 11 My dear Fanny much unwell & none of us except Lewis & Mary went to Church

Monday 12 Miss Delabeche who had been with Mary to take a Singing Lesson at Swansea dined & slept here. Lewis as our Forebut went to Penllergare

Tuesday 13 All the rest of us went to spend 2 or 3 days at Penllergare but I was too unwell to accompany them

Wednesday 14 Still unwell but drove to join our Family at penllergare

Thursday 15 Too unwell to enjoy myself as I should otherwise have done in our delightful Crich [?] at Penllergare

Friday 16 Still unwell, & leaving only Miss D behind we returned home form Penllergare

Saturday 17 Still unwell & remained allday at home

Sunday 18 All except myself went to Church in the morning & I read the Evening Service to the Family as usual

Monday 19 Drove for an hour to Swansea & attended a Turnpike Meeting

Tuesday 20 Mary accompanied me as far as Burrows Lodge, & I drove to witness confidentially an Experiment at Morriston for abating Injurious effects of Copper Smoke

Wednesday 21 Not well, & I did not leave home all day. Miss Delabeche came in the morning to take a Singing Lesson with Miss D & she dined & spelt here

Thursday 22 Not well. Drove for an hour to attend a Harbor Meeting. Miss Delabeche remained with us

Friday 23 Being still unwell I sent for & have put myself under the care of Mr Bird

Saturday 24 Some Medicine proscribed by Mr Bird confined me at home. Miss D who yesterday returned to Lilliput again joined our party as her Father remains in London

Sunday 25 Mr Bird came again & Urged on me the necessity for submitting to a course of medicine for a week or two. The two Mary's, Miss Delabeche & Lewis went to Church in the morning, & I read the Evening Service to the Family. Mrs D after Church stopped with Fan who is very unwell & Mr Moggridge walked home with me to Dinner

Monday 26 Mr Birds Medicine confined me to home

Tuesday 27 Better & in the afternoon Drove John Traherne to the Mumbles on Business occasioned by the Death of Mrs Montgomery whose corpse I saw

Wednesday 28 Mr Birds Medicine again kept me at home

Thursday 29 Drove to spend an hour with Lewis in his Laboratory. Miss Delabeche left us in expectation of her Fathers return

Friday 30 Drove for an hour to Swansea. John Traherne who is to be followed by his Wife tomorrow came to us from Penllergare on a Visit

Saturday 31 Very unwell & did not leave home. Mrs Traherne arrived in the afternoon

APRIL

Sunday 1 Very unwell & far from better. Mr & Mrs Traherne, the two Marys & Lewis went to Church

Monday 2 Very unwell. The Trahernes went sketching to the Mumbles Castle with the two Mary's. Mr & Miss Delabeche dines with us

Tuesday 3 My dear Mary on her way to breakfast fell down stairs, & it was at first feared that she had broken her arm, but Mr Bird who arrived immediately pronounced it to be nothing more than a violent strain. The Trahernes left us & returned in the afternoon to Penllergare

Wednesday 4 My dear Mary confined allday to her Bed by the accident & I continue very unwell

Thursday 5 As I got better I submitted to be cupped near the knape [sic] of the neck & Mr Bird took away about 14 oz of Blood. It made me very uncomfortable all Evening. Marys arm very bad but she got into the Morning Room

Friday 6 None the better for any of the Develries that I have submitted to. We are out of luck & my dear Mary's wrist is very bad

Saturday 7 Both Mary & I remain with much amendment

Sunday 8 Lewis & Mary went to Church in the morning & in the afternoon Lewis went with Mr Delabeche to Landilo, & Miss D came to stay with us during their absence

Monday 9 Tho' much too unwell I drove after breakfast to attend a Jury for settling disputed claims on the Taff Vale Rail Road & was lucky to find a sufficient number without me. John returned with me to Sketty. Lewis & Mr delabeche arrived to Dinner, & the former had walked most of the way from landilo, tho' very ill, & tho he laid up he continued obviously very ill all the Evening

Tuesday 10 This morning Lewis's illness was accounted for, & the Measles broke out all over him. Mary is better, but I am still very unwell & confined by strong Medicine to the House

Wednesday 11 On acct of Lewis illness & Mr D Edwards having gone to London I drove to the Pottery tho' far from well

Thursday 12 Better in the morning & I drove to a Town Council & to the Pottery

Friday 13 Again confined by strong medicine to the House. Lewis so much better that he came down to breakfast. It being good Friday Miss D went to Church

Saturday 14 Drove for a few minutes to the Pottery. Mary for the first time since her Accident came down Stairs & ventured on a short walk in the Garden

Sunday 15 All of us invalids rather better. Miss D went to Church & Miss Delabeche walked here to accompany her

Monday 16 All in the Hospital better. I drove in the afternoon on Lewis's behalf to the Pottery

Tuesday 17 Again drove as yesterday to Swansea for half an hour

Wednesday 18 Drove for an hour to Swansea & on my return took Delabeche home

Thursday 19 Drove to Swansea & as President of the Scientific & Literary Institution took the Chair at a general meeting of the Subscribers. The Moggridges it being their Wedding day dined with us. Lewis went out for the first time since the Measles

Friday 20 Drove to Swansea & attended a Harbor Meeting

Saturday 21 Drove to Swansea & attended a Meeting of the Committee for building a Museum

Sunday 22 My dear Mary still suffers much from the effects of her Accident & her wrist was today more painful than usual. Having taken Calomel last night I did not quite the House & only Lewis & Mary went to Church. I read the Evening Service to the Family

Monday 23 Drove for an hour to Swansea

Tuesday 24 Other strong Medicines & the taking of Calomel every night has made me very weak, & I did not go out. Mary's arm still very bad, & Leaches were again applied this afternoon

Wednesday 25 Better but only half well. Did not leave home.

Thursday 26 Mr Delabeche went with Lewis to Penllergare & Miss D came here

Friday 27 As Lewis had gone from Penllergare to see some Fossil trees of which 4 have ben discovered in situ in Ystradgwnlais, & as Mr D Edwards still remains in London I drove in the afternoon to the Pottery

Saturday 28 Lewis & Miss Delabeche came from Penllergare to breakfast here, & returned home in the Evening leaving Miss D to follow him tomorrow

Sunday 29 Lewis & the two young Ladies went to Church, & I read the Evening Service to the Family at home

Monday 30 Drove in the afternoon with Miss Mary for an hour to Swansea

MAY

Tuesday 1 Again took Calomel & did not leave home

Wednesday 2 Drove in the afternoon to attend a Museum Committee

Thursday 3 I had not for a long while before felt myself stout enough to go so far, but as it is our precious little Theresa's Birthday I drove with Miss Mary to spend a couple of hours at Penllergare. Mr W & Miss Beach had arrived there on a Visit the day before

Friday 4 Drove to Swansea & attended a Town Council

Saturday 5 Not well & did not go out. Mr S Benson & Mr & Miss Delabeche dined with us & the latter slept here

Sunday 6 Lewis, Mary & Miss Delabeche went to Church. I did not leave home

Monday 7 Again took Calomel, & could not keep an Appointment at Swansea

Tuesday 8 Weather delightful but did not leave home

Wednesday 9 Weather very fine & sultry. It being our dear Fans Birthday the Moggridges spent the Day here & the Delabeches joined our party at Dinner

Thursday 10 I am still weak & otherwise at last hearty. Did not leave home

Friday 11 Drove to Swansea & attended a Town Council

Saturday 12 I have left off Doctors Stuff & my strength is now returning; I did not leave home. The delightful weather of the last 5 days has found the Season forward remarkably. John brought over my precious Pet Theresa & left her on a Visit to us for a few days. The first cuchery [?] which I have seen this Year I sent to Vivian

Sunday 13 Lewis, Mary & I, accompanied by Miss Delabeche went to Church at Swansea, & I read the Evening Service as usual to the Family. Having heard that two Turkish Noblemen, with Col Devedas [?] appointed by Government to be their Chaperon [sic] had arrived at Swansea I called on them after Church, & they had yesterday accepted an Invitation from Lewis to dine with me tomorrow

Monday 14 Drove to Swansea to attend a Harbor Meeting & afterwards convicted John Harvey of stripping the Bark from Mr Vivians Hollies & sent him for 2 Months to the Tread Wheel. Hamed Effundi (his Friend being too unwell to accompany him) Mr & Miss Delabeche & Rawley Mansell dined with us. Lewis by jumping over a Slate had severely sprained his ankle [sic] & 18 Leeches which Mr Bird had directed to be put on, prevented him from joining our party

Tuesday 15 John & Emma came over & took our pet Theresa back to Penllergare. In the afternoon I drove on Lewis's behalf as he was unable to leave home, to the Pottery

Wednesday 15 Lewis drove in the Phaeton to the Pottery. I did not leave home

Thursday 16 The two Turks Hamed Effendi & Sahib Effendi called & n lunched with us

Friday 18 Drove to hold with John a Petty Sessions at Llangafelach. Mr W Beach & his Aunt Miss Beach, arrived on a Visit to us

Saturday 19 Rained very hard with hardly any intermission throughout the Day. Mr & Miss Delabeche joined our party at Dinner

Sunday 20 Mr & Miss Delabeche with Lewis & Mary went to St Mary's Church. Weather very bad

Monday 21 Mr & Miss Beach & Mary drove at 7 to see Oystermouth Castle & the two former left us on a Visit at Coedriglan about ½ past 11

Tuesday 22 Having but a poor account of our dear Fan, Mary for the first time since her Accident ventured in the Carriage, & paid her an hours Visit at Burrows Lodge. John & Emma & our three Grand Chicks arrived on a Visit in the afternoon

Wednesday 23 Walked through the Arboretum at Singleton & among other Plants killed by the severe winter I noticed Quercus tinctoria, Carolineanun, Bannistan, & virens Berberis heterophyllum, Juniperus phonicea & Pittosporum coria. John & Emma drove to spend the morning at Penrice & Mr & Miss Delabeche joined our Dinner party

Thursday 24 Walked to call on Hickey, & my strength is so far from having returned that even this tired me

Friday 25 Walked over the Singleton Gardens with john & Emma

Saturday 26 My precious Grand son has this day compleated his second year, & a finer Boy never was seen. Lewis having yesterday received her Fathers Consent this morning made a proposal for marriage to Miss Delabeche, & the offer was accepted to the satisfaction of all parties

Sunday 27 Much unwell & did not go out. John & Emma, Lewis & Mary went to Church & I read the Evening Service to the Family at home

Monday 28 Much unwell & did not go out. Lady M Cole & Miss Talbot were to have joined our party on Thursday when they put off the Visit till today & have again disappointed us. Mr & Miss Delabeche dined here

Tuesday 29 My dar Mary, tho' unfit for it moved after Dinner to sleep at Burrows Lodge, & will remain there till after Fans approaching confinement

Wednesday 30 I drove on some Business to Swansea tho' I am still far from well, & the plagy [sic] headache seems again to have beset me. Miss Delabeche came to Breakfast & spent the whole day here. My dear Mary came to dine with us & returned at Dusk to Burrows Lodge

Thursday 31 Still very unwell, but drove in the afternoon to a Horticultural Show. Mr & Miss Delabeche dined with us

JUNE

Friday 1 My dear Mary paid is a Visit from Burrows Lodge, & her Maid, most unfortunately has been so much hurt by a tumble, that it was necessary to bring & leave her here to be nursed. It is the more unlucky for Mary's arm has for the last 2 or 3 days been encreasingly painful, & not relieved by another application of Leaches yesterday. Miss Mary rode to call at the Gnoll & Lewis dined with his Cara at Lilliput

Saturday 2 Drove to attend the Council Meeting of the Philosophical & Literary Institution. My dear Mary returned to dine with me & went back to Burrows Lodge in the Evening

Sunday 3 Miss Molly, Lewis & I went to St Mary's Church & Miss Delabeche came from Lilliput to accompany us & spent the afternoon here

Monday 4 Drove to attend a Harbor Meeting, & afterwards settled a strike of Stricks Colliers to the satisfaction of both parties. Drove my dear Mary back & she returned to Burrows Lodge in the Evening. The Delabeches dined with us

Tuesday 5 Drove in the afternoon about dear Fan, & brought Mary back with me but she returned in the Evening (with Miss Hewson who had spent the afternoon here) to Burrows Lodge. Lewis & the Delabeches spent the day at Penllergare & did not come away till late

Wednesday 6 My dear Mary again came over early in the afternoon & returned to Burrows Lodge in the Evening. Mr & Miss Delabeche, S Benson & Mr Gutch dined with us. For planting done this day see p 109 [Appendix]

Thursday 7 Mary came to dine with us & returned in the Evening to Burrows Lodge

Friday 8 Drove over early to see our dear Fan & to attend a Harbor Meeting & Town Council. Mary returned with me & went back as heretofor to sleep at Burrows Lodge, in the expectation that Fan's confinement is very near

- Saturday 9 Mary again came over & drove back in the Evening as heretofor. The Delabeche's dined with us
- Sunday 10 Heavy Rain. Went with Lewis & Miss Mary to Swansea intending to go with them to Church, but I remained & read the Service to Mary & Fan at Burrows Lodge. I read also the Evening Service to the Family at home
- Monday 11 Weather very wet. Drove to Swansea & brought my dear Mary (whose arm still continues very bad) back to Sketty with me, but she did not stop Dinner with us
- Tuesday 12 Drove again to Swansea & again found our dear Fan in the Drawing Room, contrary to every body's expectation. Mary came back with me & returned immediately after Dinner to Burrows Lodge. delabeche went to London in the morning. Miss D dined & slept here
- Wednesday 13 Drove to attend a Town Council. Brought Mary back in the afternoon & she again returned to Burrows Lodge in the Evening. Lewis accompanied Miss Delabeche on a Visit to Penllergare
- Thursday 14 Mary again came to Sketty in the morning & returned early in the afternoon. After paying a Visit to Fan I drove Polly to dine at Penllergare, & we jolted home across the Cocketts in the Evening
- Friday 15 As Grandmama did not arrive as usual, Mary & I drove over early in the afternoon & found Mr Bird in attendance on our dear Fan. We came back for an early Dinner at Sketty, & returned before 6 to Burrows Lodge where we remained till 9 & cane home with an assurance that tho' the progress of her confinement was slow that everything went on quite favorably
- Saturday 16 Molly & I drove in after an early Breakfast, & found that our dear Fan since 5 had been very bad, & it was not till about 20 mins past 7 in the Evening that shew as delivered of a whacking Boy. Considering this unusually protracted suffering she appeared remarkably well, & Molly [&] I returned home soon after 9
- Sunday 17 Drove after an early Breakfast with Miss D to Swansea. John & Lewis soon afterwards reached Burrows Lodge & I went with them & Mr Moggridge to Church. I dined alone & Miss Mary returned in the Evening. Read the Service to the Family as usual
- Monday 18 Rained all day in Torrents. Miss Mary went in the morning to Burrows Lodge, & remained there. Hearing a poor account both of Mrs D & Fan I drove over to enquire in the afternoon, & as Lewis remains with his Dulcinee at Penllergare I dined & spent the Evening alone

- Tuesday 19 Drove after Breakfast to Burrows Lodge where I found my dear Mary with 24 Leaches on her Shoulder which with the remainder of her Arm is still very painful. I drove to Penllergare in the afternoon & home after Dinner
- Wednesday 20 Drove to Swansea. Found all in the Straw well, but my dear Mary much otherwise. Dined & spent the Evening alone
- Friday 22 Drove over to spend an hour with my dear Mary at Burrows Lodge, & we grieved to find that her arm arising from her Fall was still very bad, & that she is not yet able to take a Drive. Returned to Sketty in the afternoon & spent the Evening alone
- Saturday 23 Drove in to see my dear Mary who is still confined to her Room. Afterwards dined at D Tennants to meet his Brother of Glasgow, Logan etc
- Sunday 24 Drove to Swansea & went to Church with Miss Mary & Moggridge. Dined at Glanmor
- Monday 25 Drove to attend a Meeting of our Scientific Building Committee & its prevented me from joining the Penllergare Party in attending the first of Dr Warwicks Lectures. My dear Mary still very unwell & I brought her back int he afternoon to dine & sleep at Sketty
- Tuesday 26 Dined at 4 & then drove my dear Invalid back to remain at Burrows Lodge. At 7 I took the Chair as President at the anniversary of the Belb [?] Society, & it was past 10 when I got back to Sketty
- Wednesday 27 Drove to Swansea. Miss Mary rode with a Penllergare party who had attended Dr Warwicks Lecture to Penllergare & after having dined there brought her back to Sketty
- Thursday 28 Drove Miss Mary to stop with her Sister at Burrows Lodge & brought Mrs D back to Sketty. Her shoulder is a little better. The Penllergare party came over to bid me good by
- Friday 29 Drove Mrs D after breakfast to Burrows Lodge & at 11 embarked in the Bristol Steamer, & soon after 9 reached Clifton. Quartered at the Bush in bristol
- Saturday 30 Left Bristol by the Regulator Coach at 7 & soon after 8 reached Hatchetts Hotel, where in the Dover Street Department I had prearranged Quarters - by a little after 9 I got to the Athenaeum & remained till past 12, & met Delabeche, Buckland, Sheury [?], Stokes, Theodore Hook & many other Friends

JULY

- Sunday 1 Went to consult Dr Sims about my dear Mary's arm. Made various Calls.
Dined at the Athenaeum
- Monday 2 Attended to various Business. Dined at the Athenaeum
- Tuesday 3 The Ditto of yesterday
- Wednesday 4 Variously engaged. Dined at Hudson Gurneys
- Thursday 5 Spent the morning with R Brown at his House & at the British Museum.
Dined at the Athenaeum
- Friday 6 Weather so hot that I declined visiting. Went on Business to the City &
dined at the Athenaeum
- Saturday 7 Spent the morning at Robt Browns & the afternoon at the Linnean
Society. Dined at the Athenaeum
- Sunday 8 Went in the morning to Delabeches apartments in the regents Park, then
to call on Dr Sims & etc. When going to St James Church in the
afternoon Dr Frank seduced me to the Zoological Gardens where I
strolled about for 2 hours & then walked to dine with Delabeche at 7 at
the Athenaeum
- Monday 9 After calling on Dr Sims I reached the Linnean Society soon after 10 &
remained there till about 4. Drove to dine at Sir James Souths, where I
met Sir James Brisbane & a large & pleasant party & spent the Evening
delightfully in the Observatory. Walked back at midnight with Sir Js
Brisbane, Col Rowen & etc
- Tuesday 10 My dear Lewis arrived by Mail early this evening & I went after
Breakfast & spent most of the day at he Linnean Society. We dined
together at our Hotel when Lewis went to the Opera & I being much tired
to sleep
- Wednesday 11 Spent 3 or 4 hours at the Lin Society & having declined further Visiting Lewis &
I dined at Hatchetts. We had intended to get to the Play but the Weather
was too sultry
- Thursday 12 Busy in executing various preparations for leaving Town tomorrow &
again spent about 3 hours at the Lin Society. Mr R Brown [?Bevan] &
Professor Don dined with us. Weather very sultry

- Friday 13 Executed various errands when Lewis & I started in the Monarch Coach & after being boiled all night by the Heat of the Weather. It was at 11 this morning that I consulted Dr Sims about Mrs D. he was then in bed & very ill but I had no idea that he was at all alarmingly so
- Saturday 14 At 3/4 past 8 reached Bristol & breakfasted at the White Lion; at 10 we embarked on board the Bristol Steamer where we met Delabeche, & after an unusually bad & stormy passage I reached Swansea a little after 9. Lewis had been dreadfully sick & Mr delabeche took him on shore at the Mumbles & from Lilliput drove him home. I also was much unwell & the Journey was altogether very comfortless
- Sunday 15 The youngsters went to Church & I, not being at all recovered from the Sea sickness remained at home with my dear Mary who I found unwell. I read the Evening Service to the Family
- Monday 17 I drove for a couple of hours to Swansea, & attended a Meeting of the Building Committee of our new Royal Institution. John & Emma & their 3 youngsters arrived on a Visit to us
- Tuesday 17 Mary took a drive towards the Mumbles & I remained all day at home. Mr & Miss Delebeche dined with us
- Wednesday 18 Drove with E to Swansea & called on Count Brunner & Count h Hoyos
- Thursday 19 Walked with John & Lewis to a Meeting of the Guardians of the Poor at Swansea & Mary brought me back in the Carriage
- Friday 20 Walked with John to a Meeting of the Building Committee of the Royal Institution. Came back in the Carriage. Count Brunner & Count Hoyos, two Austrian Noblemen of high Rank & Mr & Miss Delabeche dined with us
- Saturday 21 Drove in the afternoon with Mary for an hour to Swansea
- Sunday 22 This mornings Post brought us the disastrous & distressing intelligence of the Death on Thursday Evening of my highly & much respected Friend & Brother in Law Dr Sims. he caught a prevailing Low typhis[?] Fever by attending on the Poor at the Hospital, & tho' all was done that could be done by the incessant attention of his medical Friends, he fell a Victim to his Humanity. The youngsters went to Church & I read the Evening Service to the Family as usual
- Monday 23 Emma drove me to Swansea in the Phaeton, & I there attended a Harbor Meeting, & gave notice of a motion for abandoning the present Harbor Bill which is carried on in a manner that is far from satisfactory. Walked home

Tuesday 24 Walked to Swansea with John & Lewis & with John I attended another Meeting of the Building Committee & Mrs D brought me home in the Carriage. Dined with John & Lewis at Vivians to meet the Austrian Counts Brunner & Hoyas

Wednesday 25 Took a walk to call on Sir Jo Morris, Eden & A Jones

Thursday 26 This is the day appointed for the Funeral of Dr Sims. I drove in to attend a Committee of the Harbor Trust

Friday 27 I remained all day at home. R Mansell & Mr & Miss Delabeche dined with us

Saturday 28 Drove in the afternoon with Mary to Swansea & walked back with John

Sunday 29 My dear Mary much better & accompanied all the rest of our party in 2 Carriages to Church. In the afternoon I walked to call at Lilliput, & read the Evening Service to the Family

Monday 30 I remained all day at home. As her Father is gone to Devonshire Miss Delabeche returned to us

Tuesday 31 The Ditto of yesterday

AUGUST

Wednesday 1 I should have finished Haymaking but soon after breakfast it unexpectedly began to rain & rained hard all day. Swansea Boat Races & Horticultural Show. Drove in the afternoon to Swansea to bring John back

Thursday 2 It cleared a little soon after breakfast but was a bad day for the Boat Races. Drove in to attend the building Committee for our new Institution. John & Emma went to the Ball & to see a display of Fireworks on the Burrows. Lewis & Miss Mary also went & the latter was chaperoned by Lady Morris

Friday 3 Walked with John. Called at Singleton & attended a Meeting of the Town Council & etc. Returned home with Miss Delabeche in her Fathers Carriage

Saturday 4 Remained all day at home, not being well

Sunday 5 Not being well I remained all day at home. All the rest of our party went to Church & Miss Delabeche as her Father came back last night returned to Lilliput. I read the Evening Service as usual

Monday 6 Unwell & drove with Mary to Swansea where I attended a Harbor Meeting for 5 hours which brought on a violent headache

Tuesday 7 Much unwell & remained all day at home. Mr & Miss Delabeche dined with us

Wednesday 8 Unwell & remained allday at home

Thursday 9 Drove with Mrs D in the afternoon for a couple of hours to Swansea

Friday 10 Drove with Miss D to meet a Deputation of the Scientific Institution, & agreed to sit to young Francis for my Portrait. Weather very bad

Saturday 11 Drove with Mary about noon to Swansea & attended a Meeting of the Harbor Trust & of the Royal Institution Building Committee. A family party assembled at 5 at Burrows Lodge, & went to the Christening of my Grand Son, Matthew Moggridge. Jo Moggridge represented by Lewis was one Godfather, I another & Molly Godmamma. Lewis Molly & I remained to dine with the Delabeches & etc & got home before 10

Sunday 12 Weather so bad that none of us went out & I read both the morning & Evening Services to the Family

Monday 15 Walked to Swansea to attend an Institution Building Committee & walked nearly all the way back till Emma overtook me in her Carriage near home. The Delabeches dined with us

Tuesday 14 Remained allday at home

Wednesday 15 Emma drove me to Swansea in the morning, & again drove in about 5 to take me back to Sketty

Thursday 16 The Wedding day of our beloved Lewis. With one of our Chariots for Mr & Miss Delabeche he went at ¼ before 10 to Lilliput, & Mrs & Miss D & I in our Carriage, & John, Emma & little Theresa in another went to meet them when the processions was joined by Mr & Mrs Moggridge. The Ceremony took place soon after 11 at St Mary's Church & we then proceeded to Sketty accompanied by Mr Ennis of Ennis a Cornish Friend of Delabeches. The Bride & Bridegroom after lunch went to Penllergare. We had a merry Dinner Ball for the Servants & etc, I am happy in the Prospect

Friday 17 John, Emma & the Youngsters left us in the morning for Lanelay on their way either to Clifton or Cheltenham & we have engaged to follow them next week. Mary & I drove for a couple of hours in the afternoon to Swansea

- Saturday 18 I remained all day at home & the two Mary's went to visit the Bride & Bridegroom at Penllergare
- Sunday 19 The 2 Mary's & I all that remain of our large party, went to St Mary's Church, & I read the Evening Service to the Family
- Monday 20 Drove to Swansea on Lewis's behalf to forward his purchase of the Glamorgan Pottery. Dined at Singleton to meet Sir Rufain & Lady Anna Maria Donkin & etc
- Tuesday 21 I am 60 this day & cannot contrive to feel sufficiently thankful to the Almighty for the numberless Comforts with which I am surrounded. Drove in early to attend as a President the Annual Meeting of the British & Foreign School, & the examination of the Boys which altogether lasted 3 hours was very satisfactory. I afterwards went in for a short time to Robt Seys Lecture on Botany & then walked home. Fan came over to dine with us
- Wednesday 22 As a compliment to the Stewards, of whom John (represented by Mr Moggridge is one) I drove to the Race Dinner for which I waited an hour & a half & then as the Weather was terribly bad I declined to wait any longer & drove home again. Fan dined with us
- Thursday 23 Busy in preparing to leave home. Drove for an hour to Swansea
- Friday 24 The two Mary's about ½ past 10 started on their route for Lanelay. At 12 drove as President to a large public Breakfast given by the Building Committee & about 2 walked in procession & laid the first stone of the Royal Institution. It was accompanied by a Royal Salute of 21 Guns, the Ringing of Bells, the Cheers of a vast Multitude & a prayer by Dr Hewson. Fan drove over to dine with me at Sketty
- Saturday 25 Drove to Swansea & got into the Monarch Coach at 5. Reached Chepstow before 3, & at ½ past 6 my two Mary's joined me from Lanelay
- Sunday 26 We all went to Chepstow Church, my old Friend Bishop Coplestone looking very ill. Started soon after Church, & at 7 joined the Penllergare Family at the Plough. Cheltenham
- Monday 27 Remained at Cheltenham. Went to the Zoological Gardens & etc
- Tuesday 28 Sent my Butler as a precursor, & John & Emma drove for a look out at Malvern. My party followed, & then it was determined as we procured two capital Houses that we shall remain for 3 Weeks. John & Emma went back to Cheltenham & will bring over the Children tomorrow
- Wednesday 29 Lounged about Malvern which is a stupid place

Thursday 30 Walked with the two Marys to the Top of the Hill which commands an extension of Herefordshire, Shropshire & etc. John, Emma & the Youngsters arrived in the Evening at their new Quarters called 'the Lodge'

Friday 31 We all went up & round the Sugar Loaf & John & Molly left us awhile & ascended the Worcestershire Beacon. Mrs D ascended on a Donkey & walked back & Emma & the other Youngsters occasionally walked & rode on other Donkeys

SEPTEMBER

Saturday 1 The two Mary's, Emma, John & I in 2 Carriages drove & spent as couple of hours at Worcester. Saw the Cathedral & etc.

Sunday 2 The owner of 'the Lodge' which is Johns House gave us 3 sittings in her Pew at Church, in which it is difficult to find to room[?], & so we divided our attendance - John, Emma & Miss D went in the morning & Mrs D & I to Evening Service

Monday 3 My dear Wife has this day compleated her 62nd year & as usual it was made a bit of a Jubilee. We all went Children & all in two Carriages to Malvern Wells & little Malvern & etc & the whole party dined with us

Tuesday 4 We went to the top of the Worcestershire Beacon (1500 above Sea Level). Emma & I walked all the way. Mrs D rode on a Donkey nearly to the Summit, & walked back. Theresa & Johnny had a donkey on which they alternately rode. Near the Summit we met John & Miss Mary returning form a long ramble to the head of the Herefordshire Beacon & etc

Wednesday 5 Weather from being very fine has changed to stormy & we only walked to the Chalybeate[?] Spa & about the Village. We dined with John & Emma at 'the Lodge'

Thursday 6 Weather very showery. Again walked to the Chalybeate Spa & afterwards to see the Tank at North Malvern

Friday 7 A wet day & we could only take short walks between the Showers. Mary dined at her Brothers

Saturday 8 We all in two Carriages went to Little Malvern & there visited the celebrated Malvern Oak, then ascended & took a walk on the Herefordshire Beacon where there are striking remains of an old Encampment, & returned home by the Wych

- Sunday 9 We all went to Church in the morning. In the afternoon Mrs D & I walked to the Top of the Sugar Loaf & such is her improvement that it did not fatigue her
- Monday 10 Little Theresa not being quite so well John & E took her to see Dr Baron at Cheltenham, & will not return till tomorrow. With the two Mary's I walked in the morning, to the Common y Malvern Links, & in the afternoon to the Summit of the Worcestershire Beacon. Mrs D rode on a Donkey nearly all the way up & walked back
- Tuesday 11 John & Emma returned from Cheltenham about ½ past 12 & in the afternoon on 3 Donkies for the occasional use of Mrs D & the children we all took a long ramble on the Hills
- Wednesday 12 Emma, Mrs D & I went in a Carriage over the Wytch to the Foot of the Herefordshire Beacon, & met John & Miss Mary who had walked there. We then ascended to the Summit of the Beacon & to that of an adjoining Hill, & after a ramble of 2 hours rejoined the Carriage & drove home
- Thursday 13 John too unwell to go out, & our rambling party on the Hills consisted of only the two Mary's & me
- Friday 14 Not being well I took some Calomel & did not walk in the morning. In the morning the two Mary's rambled in the Hills & in the afternoon Mrs D took another Ramble with me
- Saturday 15 We all went to Worcester where Mr Addison a Surgeon at Malvern m,et us to show us the Museum of Natural History, & on our return John & I stopped to see the Gardens of Mr Williams about a Mile on this side of the City & it was near 7 when we got back
- Sunday 16 John, Emma & Miss D went to Church in the morning & I went in the afternoon with Mrs D & Emma. In reading DeleBeches Geological Researches a Circumstance relating to the Cohesion of mineral particles occurred to my recollections which I have entered at p.111
- Monday 17 Busy in preparing to return home all the morning & in the afternoon Miss D took a long walk with John & Mary & I our farewell ramble on the Hills
- Tuesday 18 Left Malvern about 11 & drove through Easton Park to Ledbury & Hale[?] Ross. From there we for a couple of hours visited Goodrich Court & Goodrich Castle, & reached Monmouth to dine & sleep before 7
- Wednesday 19 Drove after breakfast to Ragland & spent about 2½ hours at the old Castle. From there went to Abergavenny where we at once hired a light Carriage &

drove 11 Miles to the ruins of Lantony Abbey. Got back to Abergavenny at 7

- Thursday 20 Drove after breakfast to Merthyr, where we staid 2½ hours & showed Crawshays Works to Miss D. We then went on [to?] the Lamb & Flag in Cwm Neath, with the intention of sleeping there & visiting the Water Falls tomorrow, but every Bed was occupied, & so we were obliged to proceed to Neath. The Inn there was full & so we reached home at 10 o'clock
- Friday 21 Drove with Mary in the afternoon for a couple of hours to Swansea
- Saturday 22 Early in the afternoon Mr, Mrs & Miss Janson arrived on a Visit to us
- Sunday 23 Weather very wet. The others went to Church in the morning, & I read the Evening Service to the Family at home
- Monday 24 Rained vexatiously the whole day, so that I could not take the Jansons to see anything out of doors
- Tuesday 25 I walked with Mr Janson to Swansea & Moggridge took him to see the Havod Copper Works & I afterwards shewed the Pottery to him & Miss Janson. John, having left his Family at Lanelay, came to us & the Moggridges dined here
- Wednesday 26 Our party, myself only excepted, drove to spend the day at Penllergare & returned to Dinner
- Thursday 27 Mr & Mrs Moggridge came to Breakfast, & the former went to shoot with John & I returned with Fan to attend an Institution Meeting at Swansea. The Jansons & two Mary's went to the Mumbles. Moggridge dined with us
- Friday 26 Mr Janson & I walked to Swansea & back. Revd T Morris & Capt Hickey dined with us
- Saturday 29 We all spent the day at Penllergare & returned home to Dinner
- Sunday 30 Being no Carriage room for me I remained at home & all the rest of our party went to Church & I read the Evening Service to the Family at home

OCTOBER

- Monday 1 The Jansons left us on their return home, in consequence of the continued illness of their younger Daughter, soon after Breakfast. Expecting from

their Letter that Lewis & Bessie would sleep at the Lamb & Flag in Cwm Neath, we drove off for Neath with the intent of going to Neath & of joining them in a Visit to the Water Falls tomorrow. We however met them near Morryston & all came back to Sketty

- Tuesday 2 Except that Mary & Bessie took a Drive we all remained at Penllergare
- Wednesday 3 Drove in the afternoon for a couple of hours with Mrs D to Swansea
- Thursday 4 Not being well I remained allday at home
- Friday 5 Unwell & did not leave home
- Saturday 6 The two Mary's took a drive to the Mumbles & in the afternoon I took a walk to Swansea & back & met Delabeche who returned last night & he dined with us
- Sunday 7 For want of room in the Carriage I staid at home & the rest went to Church & attended the Sacrament. In the afternoon I walked with Lewis & B to call on delaBeche
- Monday 8 Took a walk with Bessie round by Singleton & Parkwern. DelaBeche dined with us
- Tuesday 9 Walked in the afternoon to Swansea & returned in the Phaeton with Mrs D
- Wednesday 10 Took a walk in the wet Sands nearly to the Weirs with Polly [?Molly] delaBeche dined with us
- Thursday 11 Our party except myself went in the Carriage or on foot to Swansea, & I was disappointed by a walk to meet the pedestrians on their return as they had gone the upper road
- Friday 12 Hail Storms & very cold, & a long spell of fine weather appears to have closed. Drove with B to attend a Town Council, & she walked back with Lewis & Mary
- Saturday 13 Drove with Mrs D for an hour to Swansea & in the afternoon took a walk with her on the Sea Side. Mr DelaBeche & Mr Moggridge with is Friends Jeffreys & Toogood dined here
- Sunday 14 Rained hard nearly all day & I read both Services to the Family at home
- Monday 15 Walked with Mrs D for an hour & a half on the Sands in the afternoon. Lewis & Bessie dined at Capt Wheatleys, & I took meet [?sic] to meet Lord Bute & a large party at Singleton

Tuesday 16 Drove (with Mrs D) to meet the Chairman at the Mackworth Arms at 11, & went with him to the Quarter Sessions where I remained till near 6 & then dined with the Magistrates. Came home with Talbot & Lewis in a Carriage as far as Singleton & then walked

Wednesday 17 Drove to the Quarter Sessions at 10, & remained there till past 5 when I came home in a hack Chaise. Capt & Mrs Lindsey, Mrs A Webber, Col & Capt Morgan, Mr DelaBeche & Mr Moss dined with us

Thursday 18 Drive to the Sessions at 10, & remained till 4 when they closed. Walked home

Friday 19 Took a Walk to call at Glanmor. Mr Moggridge having gone for a few days to Monmouthshire Fan & the Baby came on a Visit to us

Saturday 20 Walked with Mrs D on the Sands

Sunday 21 Mrs D much unwell in the night & just as Fan & I were going to Church, she became so much worse from a sort of English Cholera that I at once sent for Mr Bird & he visited her twice in the course of the day

Monday 22 My dear Mary considerably better, but did not come downstairs. Walked on the Sands with Miss D. Capt & Mrs Wheatley, Mr & Mrs Iltid Thomas & Miss E Thomas of Bath, & Mr DelaBeche dined with us

Tuesday 23 Took a good Walk in the afternoon with Miss D on the Sands

Wednesday 24 Drove with Mrs D as far as the House of Correction which I inspected & walked home. DelaBeche dined with us

Thursday 25 Drove to Swansea with Mrs D & attended a Harbor Meeting from which Sir Jo Morris brought me home for it rained too hard for a walk. Lewis & Bessie went to spend a Week at Penllergare. delaBeche came in the afternoon & I drove him to dine at Parkwern

Friday 26 Weather bad & I only took a short walk in the Sands in the afternoon. Moggridge returned from Monmouthshire & came to us in the Evening

Saturday 27 Unwell & the Weather very bad but in the afternoon I drove in to attend a Building Committee of the Royal Institution, & another Meeting with regard to Bensons trickish proceedings respecting the Harbor

Sunday 28 Yesterdays exposure g ave me a Fit of Lumbago, (the first I ever had). Most of the Family went in the morning to Church, & I read the Evening Service to the Family. Night very stormy

Monday 29 Weather still bad, & the Lumbago still plagues me, but I am obliged by Business to drive into Swansea for ½ an hour. DelaBeche dined with us

Tuesday 30 Lumbago still troublesome, but better. Drove into Swansea to sit to young Francis for my picture at the request of the Town

Wednesday 31 Still unwell. Mrs D & Fan drove to Penllergare & I with Miss Mary for half an hour to Swansea

NOVEMBER

Thursday 1 Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D to give my Vote at the Election of the Town Council, & found from some informality [?] that it could not be held. Lewis & Bessie returned to us from their Visit to Penllergare & I went with them to dine at Iltid Thomas'

Friday 2 Drove into Swansea again to sit for my picture & attend a Harbor Committee

Saturday 3 A very wet day. The Moggridges returned home to Swansea

Sunday 4 Weather so bad that none of us went to Church & I read both the Services to the Family at home

Monday 5 Drove in the morning with Mrs D to attend a Harbor Committee.>As John had gone to the Cowbridge Hunt Emma with our Grand Chicks came on a Visit to us. DelaBeche dined here

Tuesday 6 Not being very well & the Weather bad I remained all day at home. For the purpose of fitting up Burrows Lodge, Lewis & Bessie left us to spend a few days there

Wednesday 7 Weather bad & I remained at home

Thursday 8 Drove with Emma in the close Carriage & attended a Special Harbor Meeting at Swansea

Friday 9 Drove with Emma & the youngsters to the Sea Shore from whence I walked to Swansea & after attending a Corporation I walked back. John returned for the Cowbridge Hunt, injured by a Fall just after Miss Mary & I had driven to dine at Singleton. Lewis & Bessie were to have to meet [?] us there but the latter was too unwell. The Wish for it as well as last Year was so yearned [?] that I had such difficulty in escaping from being Mayor

Saturday 10 John & Emma with their Youngsters returned to Penllergare & Mary who went to Swansea brought back a very poor account of Bessie & of Lewis's sufferings from Tooth ache

- Sunday 11 Weather very bad, but the two Mary's on acct of Lewis & Bessie being so unwell went to Swansea & brought a very improved report of both
- Monday 12 Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D to Singleton where we heard that John after reaching Penllergare from us on Saturday had found himself much worse - sent for Mr Gutch in Mr Birds absence, & after an application of 30 Leaches had been ever since in Bed
- Tuesday 13 Mrs D & I in the Carriage with Post Horses & Molly on horseback drove to Penllergare & found John no better
- Wednesday 14 As our old Phaeton had broken down, & could not be repaired in time only Lewis & Delabeche went to Penllergare & the latter drank Tea with us & reported a status quo
- Thursday 15 Mrs D drove to Penllergare, & Johns absess had been opened by Mr Bird. Lewis & Bessie returned to us from Burrows Lodge & Mrs Morse & her Son & DelaBeche dined with us
- Friday 16 Drove over with Mary & spent some hours at Penllergare & found John still in Bed but going on as favorably as could be expected after yesterdays operation. Miss Mary went on horseback & remained there as assistant nurse
- Saturday 17 Drove with Mrs D to Swansea & I walked back. Lewis paid a Visit to his Brother
- Sunday 18 Rained very hard, & I read the Service to the Family at home. Drove with Mary in the afternoon to see John & found that the wound had been opened by Mr Bird yesterday afternoon & a favorable progress is reported but he is still confined to his Bed. DelaBeche dined & slept here
- Monday 19 A very wet day. DelaBeche & Lewis breakfasted before daylight & started by Mail to purchase Furniture at bristol. I drove in the afternoon with Mrs D to Swansea & compleated my purchase of Middleton Powells property at Green Hill
- Tuesday 20 Drove round by Swansea with Mrs D to Penllergare & found John better & in the morning Room
- Wednesday 21 Weather bad. Remained allday at or about home. Lewis returned from Bristol by Mail to Dinner
- Thursday 22 Drove with Mrs D & Bessie in the close Carriage & attended a Town Council. Walked nearly all the way back till they overtook me

- Friday 23 Weather at last pretty fine. We were going to Penllergare but Polly [?] rode over & brought us a good account of John
- Saturday 24 Attacked just after I went to bed by a severe pain which was found a torpidity of the Liver & I took strong medicine & remained in the House all day. DelaBeche dined with us
- Sunday 25 Very unwell & Mr Bird gave me more strong medicine & I took nothing but some Sop [?] all day. Only Mrs D & Lewis went to Church
- Monday 26 Mr Bird found me considerably better but still very unwell. Mary drove with Bessie to Penllergare & brought far from a good account of our dear John. Lewis dined at Lilliput
- Tuesday 27 Weather dreadfully stormy & wet. Mrs D drove with Lewis & Bessie to a Concert at Swansea
- Wednesday 28 Weather dreadfully bad. Barometer about 28,35. Mrs D with Lewis & Bessie were compelled to go to Burrows Lodge to meet Kingston the Upholsterer from Bristol. I am better but still considerably unwell
- Thursday 29 Still unwell & went but little out. Mrs & Capt Morse, Mr Martin MP for Tewkesbury & Mrs Martin & Mr delaBeche dined with us. Mr Moggridge having gone to visit his Brother in Jersey, Fanny & the Baby came on a Visit to us
- Friday 30 Much unwell & remained at home. Lewis having suffered all night from the Toothach rode to Swansea before breakfast, & Mr Bird in vain endeavored to extract the offender. His mouth was terribly torn by the attempt & the upper part of the Tooth broke off

DECEMBER

- Saturday 1 Weather very bad but Business in the afternoon obliged me to drive with Bessie for an hour to Swansea
- Sunday 2 Bessie has this day completed her 19th Year. She went with Mrs D & Fanny to Church in the morning & I read the Evening Service to the Family
- Monday 5 Drove with Mrs D to Swansea & attended a Road & Harbor Meeting. DelaBeche dined with us
- Tuesday 4 Mrs D & Fanny drove to call on the Franklins at Penllergare, but I was too unwell to go with them

Wednesday 5 Remained at home. Mr Mrs & Miss Vivian, Lady Morris & her two Daughters, delaBeche & George Morris dined with us

Thursday 6 Drove with Mrs D to call on the Franklins at Penllergare & spent a couple of hours with my dear John who is much better

Friday 7 Drove to Swansea with Mrs D to sit again for my picture & attend to other Business. We returned home in our new Phaeton

Saturday 8 The Franklins lunched with us on their way from Penllergare to Penrice. Miss Mary who has been spending near a Month as a Nurse at Penllergare returned to us for a day

Sunday 9 We all except Fan went to Church in the morning & I walked back with Lewis & Miss Mary, & stopt & spent an hour at Singleton. I read the Evening Service as usual to the Family

Monday 10 Remained all day about home

Tuesday 11 Drove in to sit for my picture at 11, & at 12 attended a special Harbor Meeting to consider a proposal of Mr Chs Tenants, & took a lead in defeating it. Afterwards walked home with Lewis, & the Exertion gave me a bad head ache. I am getting old

Wednesday 12 Drove in to Swansea with Mrs D, & attended the Anniversary Meeting of the Savings Bank

Thursday 13 Remained about home. Dined at Capt Hickeys where I met Mr Chs Tennant & Mr & Rodney Eden

Friday 14 Walked to Swansea where I attended a Town Council, & returned with Mrs D in our Phaeton. Dined at Vivians & walked back with Lewis

Saturday 15 Remained all day at home. Vivian, DelaBeche, Capt Hickey & Charles Tennant dined with us

Sunday 16 Mrs D, Lewis & Bessie went to Church & I read the Evening Service to the Family

Monday 17 Remained all day at home. John brought Miss Polly after a long nursing absence at Penllergare to remain with us

Tuesday 18 Walked with Lewis to Swansea & Mrs D brought us back in the Phaeton

Wednesday 19 Mrs D & Bessie drove to spend the morning at Penllergare, Lewis & Mary rode to call at Penrice & I walked to pass the Quarterly accounts at the House of Correction. DelaBeche dined with us

- Thursday 20 Walked in to Swansea with Lewis, Bessie & Miss Mary & I attended a Horticultural Meeting & the Carriage brought Bessie & me back. Fanny's infant taken ill after Dinner & Mr Bird sent for. Did not get to Bed till past 12 when the Child was better
- Friday 21 Did not leave home except to drive to Singleton where I met Edham Bey one of the Ministers of the Pacha [sic] of Egypt & Dr Bowring. Fan's Baby better but still unwell
- Saturday 22 A sore throat kept me at home
- Sunday 23 The two Mary's went to Church, & the remains of my cold kept me all day at home. Moggridge came to us on his return from a Visit to his Brother in Jersey. I read the Evening Service to the Family as usual. Lewis as seems to be the custom on sundays dined at Lilliput
- Monday 24 I did not leave the House allday, tho' my cold is better
- Tuesday 25 All our party except dear Fan & I went to Church in the morning, & DelaBeche joined our Christmas Dinner. Just before Dinner the glad tidings arrived of the Birth of a Boy at Penllergare, & an excellent account of both Mother & Son
- Wednesday 26 A terrible wet day. Mr & Mrs Moggridge with the Baby returned to Swansea & dear Fan so unwell that her Mother accompanied her, instead of going to Penllergare as we had otherwise intended. Having a Haunch of Bedminton [?] Venison Mr Socket & DelaBeche dined with us
- Thursday 27 Mary & I in the Phaeton went to see Fan at Swansea & from thence drive to spend a couple of hours at Penllergare, where we found all in the straw going on wondrous well
- Friday 28 Drove with Lewis to hold a Petty Sessions at Llangafelach where we met John. Lewis walked back & I brought Bessie from Burrows Lodge to which she had walked
- Saturday 29 Weather very bad. Remained at home
- Sunday 30 Weather very bad & I read the morning & Evening Service to the Family
- Monday 31 Went with Mrs D, Mr & Mrs L D & Miss Polly to a fancy Dress Ball at Swansea, I, Mrs D & Bessie in plain Cloathes, Lewis in an old full Dress of the age of Ann or thereabouts & Miss Polly as a Bernese Lady

END OF DIARY

APPENDIX

Planted out in May

Physianthus albens against *Salix annarlars* by Rock Work

Dentria scabra in my own border

Bergamansia accoccinea [?] In the Border by Carnolata {?Cumairghamin]

Jan 2 planted out.