

## The Dillwyn Collection

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

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**JANUARY 1842**

- Saturday 1                      Barometer at Sunrise 32 - Weather mild as for the last week but a heavy drizzling Rain nearly all day- Drove expecting to see DelaBeche at Burrows Lodge in the afternoon but he did not arrive till nearly Dark -
- Sunday 2                        Barometer 32 - & the same Wet mild Weather continued- The Rain in the morning stopped all of us except Moggridge from going to Church & I read the Service to the Family -
- Monday 3                        Bar<sup>f</sup> 31- Weather mild & fine in the morning & became frosty towards night- Dined at Burrows Lodge to meet DelaBeche & Logan –
- Tuesday 4                        Bar<sup>f</sup> at Sunrise 30.5- Self registering Thermometer in the night fell to 26- Walked in the afternoon to Swansea when M<sup>rs</sup> D. overtook me & brought me home- Lewis, Bessie & DelaBeche dined with us -
- Wednesday 5                    Bar<sup>f</sup> at Sunrise near 30<sup>2</sup>- Thermometer in the Night 27.5 but the Thermometer of a M<sup>f</sup> Holland placed horizontally in a more exposed situation at Swansea fell to 26, & in the night before to 24- Capt & M<sup>rs</sup> Lindsay - M<sup>rs</sup> Webber - Miss Webber Miss C. Jones- Arthur Jones jn<sup>r</sup> - Capt Geo Mansell RN & M<sup>f</sup> Logan dined with us- Miss D. & Moggridge went to a New Years Ball of which Lewis & Harry Vivian are Stewards
- Thursday 6                        Bar at Sunrise 30<sup>3</sup>- Therm<sup>f</sup> in the Night 27.5- Thawed slightly in the sun- The Moggridges returned home after a Visit of 6½ weeks- Walked with Miss Mary to call at Hill House -
- Friday 7                         Bar 30.5- Therm<sup>f</sup> 32- M<sup>rs</sup> J M Traherne & her Niece Miss Nicholl came to dine & sleep here on the way to Penrice- Miss D. took Miss N. for an hour to what is called the Childrens Ball at Singleton -
- Saturday 8                        Bar 30,55- Therm: 25.5- After Luncheon Miss Traherne & her Niece went on to Penrice- I walked to Swansea & M<sup>rs</sup> D. brought me home- At Swansea I saw J M Traherne arrive by Mail on his way to Penrice & he dined & slept at Burrows Lodge -
- Sunday 9                         Bar 30.3 – Therm. 24.5- The two Mary's went to Church. Froze in the Sun allday -
- Monday 10                        Bar<sup>f</sup> about 30.2- Therm 24.5- M<sup>f</sup> & Lady Charlotte Talbot arrived to dinner & we afterwards all went to Vivians annual Ball- My dear Mary

- remained there only half an hour or less & the remainder of the party much later -
- Tuesday 11 We all got home from Vivians Ball at 5- Bar<sup>f</sup> 30- Snowed n the night & the Thermometer fell to 28 - but it thawed in the morning- The Talbots left us about 4 -
- Wednesday 12 Bar<sup>f</sup> 29.5- Therm. lowest in the night 34- Drove by Swansea with M<sup>ts</sup> D. to Penllergare, this being the Birth day of our dear John, & spent 2 or 3 hours there- A cold easterly Wind & a gentle thaw -
- Thursday 13 Bar<sup>f</sup> 29.7- Therm 35- Heavy Rain or Snow all day - the former predominated in the morning & the latter towards Evening- None of us stirred out -
- Friday 14 Bar<sup>f</sup> 29.65- Therm 30- Gentle thaw all day- Drove in the morning to Swansea, & M<sup>ts</sup> D. brought me home in the afternoon- M<sup>ts</sup> G. Jenner arrived on a Visit, & Miss Forman also dined & slept here
- Saturday 15 Bar 30. Therm<sup>f</sup> 29- Remained at home- Day fine with thaw & one Shower.
- Sunday 16 Bar 29.7- Therm 31- The two Mary's went to Church -
- Monday 17 Bar 30.2- Therm 36- A white Frost- As it was not expected till next Week the news of our dear Emma's safe delivery of a Girl much surprised us & M<sup>ts</sup> D. & M<sup>ts</sup> Jenner who had already ordered the Carriage to make a call at Penllergare immediately drove there- I walked to attend a Harbor Meeting at Swansea, & Fan brought me back as far as Singleton in her Carriage- John's Carriage took Miss Mary to remain at Penllergare- A fine day -
- Tuesday 18 Bar 30.4- Therm 36- Weather very mild but a Cold confined me chiefly to the House- Mary & M<sup>ts</sup> Jenner drove over & brought an excellent report from Penllergare -
- Wednesday 19 Bar 30.5- Therm 35- A very fine day- M<sup>ts</sup> D & M<sup>ts</sup> Jenner went to Swansea & I remained at or about home -
- Thursday 20 Bar 30.3. Therm 35. Fine day- M<sup>ts</sup> D & M<sup>ts</sup> Jenner drove to the Mumbles & I remained about home- As Lady Mary & Miss Talbot arrived on Tuesday Even<sup>g</sup>. at Penllergare Miss Mary returned to us in the afternoon -
- Friday 21 Bar 30.2. Therm 38- Drove with M<sup>ts</sup> Jenner to shew her the Royal Institution & while there we were joined by Capt Smyth who had arrived from Cardiff & returned to Sketty with us- The Re<sup>vd</sup> J M & M<sup>ts</sup> Traherne also arrived on a Visit -

- Saturday 22 Bar 29.7- Slight Frost- Busy with Capt Smyth in putting up a Equatorial- John Traherne very unwell & attended by D<sup>f</sup> Bird- M<sup>f</sup> & M<sup>ts</sup> Vivian, - Capt George Mansell. & Lewis & Bessie joined our dinner party -
- Sunday 23 Bar. 29.5- Therm 28- Most of our party went to Church.
- Monday 24 Bar 29.7- Therm 28- Drove with Capt Smyth about setting up a Transit Instrument at Swansea intending to walk back but it rained so hard towards Evening that we returned in a Fly -
- Tuesday 25 Bar 29.55- Therm 34- I drove with Capt Smyth to Penllergare & ret<sup>d</sup> to Dinner- John, Lewis & Bessie, M<sup>f</sup> Holland & J G Jeffreys dined with us- In the Evening Capt Smyth went with Lewis & Bessie to sleep at Burrows Lodge on his way home- The Evening cloudy & not favorable for the telescope- A large & strongly marked Halo round the Moon -
- Wednesday 26 Bar 29.25- Therm 36- Night stormy with very heavy rain- Bar in the afternoon fell nearly 29.2 & the Storm was so violent that a House was blown down in Fisher St- M<sup>f</sup> & M<sup>ts</sup> Traherne, Miss D. & myself drove to the Royal Institution & there was such a Hurricane that we were glad to get back in safety- D<sup>f</sup> Williams (son of the Vicar of Llangafelach) dined & slept here -
- Thursday 27 Bar 29.7. Therm 37 - A very fine day- M<sup>ts</sup> Jenner & D<sup>f</sup> W<sup>ms</sup> left us towards noon- M<sup>ts</sup> Traherne & M<sup>ts</sup> D. drove to Swansea & Traherne & I took a Walk to Black Pill -
- Friday 28 Bar 29.85- Therm 34- Towards Evening the Trahernes left us to spend one night at Singleton on their way to Penllergare -
- Saturday 29 Bar 30.15- Therm 32.5- Bessie took me in her Carriage to Swansea where I remained 2 or 3 hours & M<sup>ts</sup> D brought me back -
- Sunday 30 Bar 30.35- Therm 31-5- M<sup>ts</sup> D. not being well enough to go out I read the morning Service to most of the Family at home.
- Monday 31 Bar 30.2- Therm 31 with a thaw at Sun rise- Soon after Breakfast I drove with M<sup>ts</sup> D. to Penllergare & found the infant very unwell & in rather a precarious state- She had been christened yesterday by the name of Sybella- Miss D & I dined at Singleton.

<b>FEBRUARY</b>
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- Tuesday 1 Bar 30.2. Therm 32.5- A Summer day- Miss Mary rode with Lewis & Bessie to Penllergare, & from there to dine & sleep at Burrows Lodge- In

the afternoon I merely took a drive to Swansea & back with M<sup>ts</sup> D- The report from Penllergare rather more favorable.

- Wednesday 2 Bar 30.2. Therm 41- Accounts from Penllergare no better & we should have gone there if the Road had not been so bad as to be nearly impassable, & M<sup>ts</sup> D suffered from the jolting on Monday- I took a drive to the Mumbles with her -
- Thursday 3 Bar 30.45. Therm 44- Calm. a drizzling Rain till the afternoon- Rec<sup>d</sup> early very improved account of the Baby from Penllergare- In the aft. drove with M<sup>ts</sup> D to Swansea & back without stopping- Lord James Stuart, M<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>ts</sup> Seymour, M<sup>ts</sup> & Henry Vivian & T E Thomas dined with us -
- Friday 4 Bar 30.5- Therm 43- This morning we received the unexpected intelligence that the Baby at Penllergare died at ½ past 11 last night, & M<sup>ts</sup> D & I drove to Penllergare- Returned home to Dinner -
- Saturday 5 Bar 30.3. Therm 30- A coldish East wind but the Therm<sup>f</sup> throughout the day was about 35- Except that Miss Mary rode over & brought a good account from Penllergare we remained about home -
- Sunday 6 Bar 30.2. Therm 30- None of us went out & I read the Morning Service at home -
- Monday 7 Bar 29.9. Therm 30- I drove over with M<sup>ts</sup> D. & to vote for a **proprietary** [?] Trustee attended a Harbor Meeting for a few minutes- Dear Fan & her Boy both unwell- From Swansea we drove to Penllergare & M<sup>ts</sup> D. saw Emma of whom altogether she made rather a favorable report- Called again on Fan on our way home to Dinner- Miss D. went to dine & sleep at Hill House in consequence of M<sup>r</sup> Smiths absence from home -
- Tuesday 8 Bar 29.9. Therm 31. A wet day- In consequence of dear Fans being very unwell, M<sup>ts</sup> D. went over soon after Breakfast & I drove to Swansea in the afternoon & brought her back -
- Wednesday 9 Bar 29.75- Therm. 36- Having heard of our dear Fans having been seriously attacked by the Croup she went to Swansea soon after breakfast & remained till Evening- I remained about home- Miss D. changed her Quarters from Hill House to attend on Fanny -
- Thursday 10 Bar 29.9. Therm 41- After breakfast M<sup>ts</sup> D went to Swansea & found Fan rather better- I walked over in the afternoon & we came home together -
- Friday 11 Bar 29.85- Therm 41- Drove to Breakfast at Burrows Lodge & from thence in Lewis's Carriage with Lewis & Moggridge to attend the Baby's funeral in a Vault adjoining the new Chapel at Penllergare- it

unfortunately rained in torrents all the morning- On the coffin was inscribed - Sybella Dillwyn Llewelyn died February 3. 1842. aged 18 days- It was near 2 when we got back to Burrows Lodge, & soon after M<sup>rs</sup> D. brought me home in the Phaeton -

- Saturday 12 Bar 29.85- Therm 43- My dear Mary has a very bad cold, & we did not go out.
- Sunday 13 Bar 30.1. Therm about 40- M<sup>rs</sup> D's cold rather better- It rained very hard all the morning & I read the Service to the Family- In the afternoon I drove to Swansea & brought Miss Mary home after nearly a Weeks absence in nursing- Fanny better but still very unwell -
- Monday 14 Bar 30.4. Therm<sup>f</sup> 36- John & Miss Talbot spent a couple of hours here- Miss D. rode to Swansea & brought an improved Acc<sup>t</sup> of Fan -
- Tuesday 15 Bar 30.45- Therm 36- Drove early with Miss Mary to bid good by to the Trahernes who had been spending two days at Burrows Lodge, & I then returned home- Fanny being very unwell M<sup>rs</sup> D went over in the afternoon & Miss Mary remained with her Sister till late in the Evening & came back in a Fly- A drizzling Rain all the afternoon -
- Wednesday 16 Bar 30.55- Therm 41-- Miss D. went in early & M<sup>rs</sup> D. in the afternoon to see dear Fan who continues very unwell & languid- Weather very fine- Miss D. has a bad Whitlow on one of her Fingers -
- Thursday 17 Penllergare Bar.30.5. Very mild – Lady Mary & Mast. Johnny came from drove to see to spend a few hours here & in the afternoon my two Mary's Fan who is a little better – a very fine day-
- Friday 18 Bar 30.4- Therm 38- Walked to Swansea where by appointment I met Lady Mary Cole & Miss Talbot, & took them over our Royal Institution- Returned home to Dinner with M<sup>rs</sup> D- Fanny a little better-
- Saturday 19 Bar 30.4 Therm 34- My two Mary's visited Fan who is a little better -
- Sunday 20 Bar 30.1 Therm 37.5 Went with M<sup>rs</sup> D to Swansea Church- Miss D. walked there & remained to watch our dear Fan & sleep there -
- Monday 21 Bar 29.7 - Therm 41- After breakfast drove to an adjourned perambulatory Quarter Sessions, for making a new County Rate, this day & tomorrow being appointed for Swansea Hundred- Bicheno walked home with me in the Evening -
- Tuesday 22 Bar 29.7 Therm 31.- Drove in to an adjourned Sessions with M<sup>f</sup> Bicheno at 11, & we walked back to Dinner -

- Wednesday 23 Bar 29.4. Therm 34.- Drove to an adjourned Q Sessions with Bicheno at 11, & we walked back- These session did not adjourn in time to allow us to dine with the Sheriff & meet the Judge.
- Thursday 24 Bar. 29.2. Therm 37.- Drove to attend the adjourned Sessions at 11 & having finished by 2 Bicheno went on to an adjournment at Bridgend, & I returned home- If so disposed this Q Sessions Engagement would have prevented me from attending the Grand Jury at the Assizes which met in Court at 12- Fannys Boy who came here 2 days ago became so ill in the afternoon that M<sup>rs</sup> D sent for D<sup>r</sup> Bird -
- Friday 25 Bar 29.5 Therm 36- Fanny continues ill at Swansea & little Weston very ill here- I drove over with M<sup>rs</sup> D for half an hour to see the former- M<sup>r</sup> Moggridge came over both to Breakfast & to Dinner -
- Saturday 26 Bar 29.4 Therm. 31- Weston very ill so as much to alarm us & D<sup>r</sup> Bird in the afternoon applied leaches to the Temples which when he came again in the Evening was found to have had a favorable effect- I in the afternoon went with John in his Carriage to Swansea, & returned with Miss Mary who had been spending the Day with her Sister- Early in the afternoon there was a violent Snow Storm -
- Sunday 27 Bar 29.35. Therm. 34- Violent Storm in the morning with a very high Tide which broke up & injured the Rail Road & way to the Mumbles- Thundered about noon- Weston very ill & the Doctor attended him 3 times- Miss D. to watch her Sister of whom the report is rather favorable- I went to dine with the Sheriff (Lucas of Uplands) & expected to have met the Judge (Maule) but he was too unwell to come -
- Monday 28 Bar 29.6. Therm 37.5- Morning fine - rained hard in the afternoon- Little Weston still very ill, & Fanny also- Miss Mary went early to the latter, & I drove for M<sup>rs</sup> D. to see her for a few minutes in the afternoon- D<sup>r</sup> Buckland was to have come to us but went to Burrows Lodge instead -

<b>MARCH</b>
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- Tuesday 1 Bar 29.4. Therm 42- Drove with M<sup>rs</sup> D as far as the House of Correction to meet Henry Thomas, & about an hour afterwards I returned with M<sup>rs</sup> D to Sketty- My dear Fan & her Boy both continue very ill- I went to a late Dinner at Singleton where I met Buckland etc -
- Wednesday 2 Bar 29.6. Therm 37- A very stormy wet day- After breakfast M<sup>rs</sup> D. went to our dear Fan who continues very ill- In the afternoon I drove there in Johns Carriage & returned to Dinner with M<sup>rs</sup> D- Little Weston not any materially better -

- Thursday 3 Bar 29.95. Therm 48- Much alarmed by the situation both of our dearest Fan and of her Boy- In the morning I took M<sup>rs</sup> D. to Swansea where I left her, & again went to bring her back in the Evening -
- Friday 4 Bar 30. Therm 42- Drove in the morning with M<sup>rs</sup> D to Swansea & found our dear Fan no better- Met Henry Thomas at the House of Correction respecting the Emigration of James Davies & his Wife- returned home - with M<sup>rs</sup> D to Dinner- Little Weston rather better -
- Saturday 5 Bar. 30.1 Therm. 35- A Fine day- M<sup>rs</sup> D. went over after Breakfast & found our dearest Fan so ill that she remained all day & night with her- In the afternoon I drove over with John to Swansea & returned with the Judge in his Carriage- Vivian - Jenner of **Wenvoe**, Henry Thomas & Jones of Fonmon also dined here- Maule slept here
- Sunday 6 Bar 29.9. Therm 35- Miss D went in the Phaeton to Swansea after breakfast & M<sup>rs</sup> D came over to us for a couple of hours leaving our dear Fan very ill- Maule left us about noon for the Assizes at Haverfordwest.
- Monday 7 Bar. 29.6. Therm 41- After breakfast drove in to Cambrian place, from where I brought M<sup>rs</sup> D for a couple of hours, & then took her back- Dear Fan a little better & so is Weston but both are lamentably weak -
- Tuesday 8 Bar 29.5. Therm 42.5- After a most fortunately short Labor of only  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an Hour my dear Fan was this morning at  $\frac{1}{4}$  before 6 delivered of a fine Boy - & considering her severe illness is getting on beyond our expectations- Drove over with Miss Mary (whose Birthday it is) & left her to remain with her Mother, & brought back M<sup>rs</sup> Moggridge Sen<sup>r</sup> to take charge of Weston- Towards Evening I again drove for half an hour to see after M<sup>rs</sup> D & found all going on comfortably -
- Wednesday 9 Bar 29.6 Therm 37.- Went to bring over M<sup>rs</sup> D for a couple of hours, & when she went back Miss D. & M<sup>rs</sup> Moggridge sen<sup>r</sup> returned to Sketty -
- Thursday 10 Bar. 29.6 Therm 36- After Breakfast I took M<sup>rs</sup> Moggridge back to Swansea- attended a Turnpike Meeting & M<sup>rs</sup> D. went with Emma to Sketty- I returned with John to Sketty & again in the Evening took M<sup>rs</sup> D back to attend on our dear Fan who continues in a sadly debilitated situation -
- Friday 11 Bar 29.9 Therm 39- Dearest Fan very ill, & both my Mary's remained to spend the night with her- In consequence of a bad report from the D<sup>r</sup> I drove in with Miss D. after Breakfast- Brought M<sup>rs</sup> D to spend a couple of hours at Sketty & took her back to Swansea
- Saturday 12 Bar 30.1 Therm. 35.5- Miss D. arrived early in Lewis's Carriage to bring a somewhat better Acc<sup>t</sup> of my dear Fan- I drove her back & brought M<sup>rs</sup>



- D. for a couple of hours to Sketty- Again took her back & brought Miss D. home- A very fine day -`
- Sunday 13 Bar 30.05. Therm 40- Drive Miss D in & she remains to assist in the watching at night- Brought M<sup>rs</sup> D back & again took her to Swansea in the afternoon- By her desire I saw my dearest Fan & the sight greatly disturbed me
- Monday 14 Bar 30.2. Therm 44- Drove after breakfast to Swansea & found my dearest Fan in a very alarming state- Brought M<sup>rs</sup> D. to Sketty for ¼ of an hour in the afternoon- Dined at Burrows Lodge & came home with Miss D. at ½ past 8.
- Tuesday 15 Bar 30.4 Therm 41- Miss [D] went to her poor Sisters after an early breakfast, & I followed before 11- A consultation between D<sup>r</sup> Howell & D<sup>r</sup> Bird, & our anxiety as to the result has[?] not abated- I took M<sup>rs</sup> D. to Sketty for half an hour, dined at Burrows Lodge, & went home at 8 leaving Miss D. again to sit up -
- Wednesday 16 Bar 30.3. Therm 47- Drove to Swansea- Brought M<sup>rs</sup> D back for a couple of Hours- Again took her to Cambrian Place & returned alone to Dinner- My beloved Fans situation makes my Heart ache.-
- Thursday 17 Bar 30.1.5 Therm 39- doubting whether my dearest Fan cold be alive I started soon after 7 for Burrows Lodge- At ¼ before 11 for a few minutes I saw my precious Sufferer & a doubt whether I should again see her alive overcame me- At ½ past 11 I drove with M<sup>rs</sup> D. for an hour & a half to Sketty - returned with her to Swansea- dined at Burrows Lodge & at ½ past 8 came back with Miss Mary that she might have one quiet nights rest -
- Friday 18 Bar 29.8. Therm 42- Took Miss D. to Swansea after an early breakfast, & as delighted by a somewhat improved Account of our dearest Fan- Brought M<sup>rs</sup> D. back for a couple of hours, & returned to dine alone -
- Saturday 19 Bar 29.7. Therm. 39.- Drove over early after breakfast & brought M<sup>rs</sup> D. back for a little more than an hour when we returned to Swansea- About 5 my beloved Fan became alarmingly worse & I remained & slept at Burrows Lodge- Some snow fell just after breakfast & the Evening very wet & stormy -
- Sunday 20 Bar 29.65. Therm 40- My dearest Fan continued in a very precarious state, but has not had any return of the faintness which so much alarmed us yesterday- I drove M<sup>rs</sup> D. for an hour at Midday to Sketty, took her back to the sick Chamber & returned to dine alone at home.
- Monday 31 Bar. 30.1. Therm 38- Mary came over on Horseback to breakfast with a somewhat improved Account of our dear Fan & I took back in the

Phaeton soon after - Brought M<sup>ts</sup> [D] over to Sketty for a couple of hours, & Miss D. returned with me to Dinner -

- Tuesday 22 Bar 30.3. Therm 36- Miss Mary returned early from Swansea- About 11 I drove in & brought M<sup>ts</sup> D. back to Sketty for an hour & a half - & then took her back again- Very unwell from a bad ache which has I believe been brought on my distress & anxiety on our beloved Fannys account -
- Wednesday 23 Bar. 30.25. Therm 34- Miss Mary rode over to breakfast & soon [?] after I drove her back- At noon I brought M<sup>ts</sup> D. to spend an hour here & Emma accompanied us- I dined at Burrows Lodge & Miss D at 8 returned with me to Sketty.
- Thursday 24 Bar 30.3. Therm 33- Miss M went back on Horseback early to Swansea- I drove over twice as usual & brought M<sup>ts</sup> D to spend 1½ hours at Sketty- The appearance of my beloved Fanny a little more favourable.
- Friday 25 Bar 30.2. Therm 31- Drove to Swansea as usual to bring M<sup>ts</sup> D. for about an hour to Sketty, & in the afternoon brought back Miss D to dine & take a nights rest here- The D<sup>ts</sup> have reported a continued improvement during the last 48 hours & now give us some hope of our dear Fans recovery -
- Saturday 26 Bar 29.8. **Therm 38** [?] - Miss Mary went early on horseback & about noon I drove to Swansea & brought M<sup>ts</sup> D back as usual & she spent more than 2 hours at Sketty- Took her Back & M<sup>ts</sup> Moggridge returned to dine with me- dear Fans improvement is progressive.
- Sunday 27 Bar. 29.8 Therm 34.5 - Drove over as usual & brought my dear Mary back for 3 hours- Took her back & Miss Mary returned with me to dine & sleep here- Dear Fan not quite so well, but the Doctors report on the whole is very favorable- I have traversed the Road from Sketty to Swansea or back 82 times in the last 3 Weeks
- Monday 28 Bar 29.7. Therm 44- Took Miss Mary to Swansea after an early breakfast- brought M<sup>ts</sup> D back about noon & after accompanying back to Swansea at ½ past 4 returned home alone- Our dear Fan continues to improve -
- Tuesday 29 Bar 29.9. Therm 43- Drove at 11 to Swansea & brought M<sup>ts</sup> D. back- After remaining 1½ hours at Sketty I took her to Swansea, dined at Burrows Lodge & brought Miss D home in the Evening- In the Evening I saw my dear Fan & found her looks greatly improved -
- Wednesday 30 Bar 29.85. Therm 39- Drove in with Miss D. & brought M<sup>ts</sup> D back- About 4 we again trundled to Swansea & found our dear Fan so much better that M<sup>ts</sup> D. after an absence of 24 days returned to dine & sleep at home -

Thursday 31 Bar 29.7 Therm above 40- A Messenger brought us an excellent report of Fan in the morning, & M<sup>rs</sup> D was content with driving over in the afternoon for about ¼ of an hour- I accompanied her -

**APRIL**

Friday 1 Bar 29.45. Therm 43- Not well & remained about home- M<sup>rs</sup> D in the afternoon drove to Swansea & brought back a good report of Fan who remains under the care as head Nurse of Miss Mary.

Saturday 2 Bar 29.75. Therm 39.5 - Drove in the afternoon with M<sup>rs</sup> D. for 2 or 3 hours to Swansea -

Sunday 3 Bar 29.95 Therm 33.5 A thick Snow fell about 7 or 8 this morning- M<sup>rs</sup> D set out for Church but in the way was overtaken by a heavy hail Storm, & she went to Fanny's & I at Burrows Lodge for a couple of hours.

Monday 4 Bar 30.3. Therm 34- Walked to Swansea & attended a Harbor Meeting- returned home with M<sup>rs</sup> D in the Phaeton to Dinner -

Tuesday 5 Bar 30.4. Therm 34- Not well - M<sup>rs</sup> D drove to spend the afternoon with Fan who continues to be slowly convalescent -

Wednesday 6 Bar 30.25. Therm 34.5 - Not well- took 4 of Sir James Smiths Pills- M<sup>rs</sup> D went to spend the afternoon with Fanny.

Thursday 7 Bar 29.95. Therm 43. Not well. M<sup>rs</sup> D. spent the afternoon with Fan.

Friday 8 Bar. 30.05 Therm 40- Weather Summerlike- M<sup>rs</sup> D. on her way to see Fan called at the Hill House & thus far I accompanied her & walked back -

Saturday 9 Bar 30.3. Therm 38.5 - remained about home- M<sup>rs</sup> D spent the afternoon with Fan

Sunday 10 Bar 30.4. Therm 36 Drove with M<sup>rs</sup> D to Church & called first of Fan whose recovery gets on very slowly.

Monday 11 Bar. 30.3. Therm 36.5 M<sup>rs</sup> D. as usual drove to spend the afternoon with Fan who[se] recovery does not progress as we had hoped it would do -

Tuesday 12 Bar 30.2. Therm 36 - M<sup>rs</sup> D. as usual went to Swansea in the aft. to Swansea & brought M<sup>rs</sup> Moggridge Sen<sup>r</sup> to dine & sleep here- My dear John & Emma who returned yesterday from Coedriglan & Merthyr Mawr spent an hour with me

Wednesday 13 Bar 30.1 Therm 36.5 - M<sup>ts</sup> D. drove as heretofore to Swansea & took M<sup>ts</sup> M with her -

Thursday 14 Bar 31.1 - Therm 37 A cold E. Wind & slight frost in some places for the last 4 days- Drove with M<sup>ts</sup> D to Swansea & returned to Dinner -

Friday 15 Bar 31.25. Therm 37.5 - Drove with M<sup>ts</sup> D to Penllergare & from thence by Swansea home.

Saturday 16 Bar 31.5. Therm 37.5 - Very unwell & I took 4 of Sir J<sup>s</sup> Smiths Strong Pills- M<sup>ts</sup> D. drove to see Fan in the afternoon -

Sunday 17 Bar 30.25. Therm 42- Neither of us very well- M<sup>ts</sup> D went in the morning & spent a couple of hours with Fan whose continued convalescence delights us -

Monday 18 Bar 30.25. Therm about 38. Drove with M<sup>ts</sup> D in the afternoon for 2 hours to Swansea -

Tuesday 19 Bar 30.2 - Therm 37 - Not well- Busy in preparing to go to London for the purpose of supporting Lewis's Election at the Athenaeum- M<sup>ts</sup> D. in the afternoon drove as usual to see Fan -

Wednesday 20 Breakfasted at home at 5. & set off in the Cwmry Coach- Took up John at Cowbridge- were set down at the Nursery Grounds at **Durethan** [?] Down where we remained nearly 2 hours, & then walked & arrived to dine at the Royal Hotel, ---[?] Clifton where it was near ½ past 8

Thursday 21 In the morning we looked about for a House to suit Lewis at Clifton- Started by Rail Road at 11, & soon after 5 occupied the Quarters we had bespoke at Hatchetts Hotel- Dined at the Athenaeum with Sir E. Wilmot & Rob<sup>t</sup> Brown.

Friday 22 Variously engaged- We dined at Hudson Gurneys -

Saturday 23 John & I started about Noon for Kew with Rob<sup>t</sup> Brown- Went first to West Park, Sir W Hookers residence & afterwards found him at the Gardens where we remained nearly 3 hours- John on his return called at the Chiswick Horticultural Garden & at 7 we 3 met at the Athenaeum with delaBeche to dine- Afterwards went to Soireès at Murchisons and Babbages.

Sunday 24 My fatigue kept me mostly in the House till one when I spent an hour at Rob<sup>t</sup> Brown's & in the afternoon a Hackney Coach took delaBeche, John & I to dine at Sir James Souths- D<sup>t</sup> **Paris** [?] took me in his Carriage to Hatchetts & the others of the Party walked home

Monday 25 (London)

Went on some Errands to the City- We dined with a few Friends at the Athenaeum & at the Ballot in the Evening Lewis was elected- Ayes 199 Noes. 1. -

Tuesday 26

We made divers calls &c & after an early Dinner John accompanied Professor Wheatstone to witness some magnificent Electro Magnetic Experiments at Clapham & did not return till late- I spent the Evening quietly at the Athenaeum as my Legs have not yet recovered from Saturdays fatigue -

Wednesday 27

My dear John appeared quite ill Noon when he surprisingly recovered, & we went by the Northern & Eastern Railway, & visited my Sister M<sup>rs</sup> Bevan at Tottenham- After spending an hour there we returned by the same Conveyance, & John went to the Zoological Gardens- We dined about 7 at the Athenaeum with DelaBeche, & visited the polytechnic Institution.

Thursday 28

W<sup>m</sup> Beach breakfasted with us, & I went with him & John to the British Museum, principally to see the Nest of the Bower Birds- John at one met Wheatstone at Kings College & I attended to divers Commissions- We dined at the Athenaeum with R Brown but I was much oppressed by a severe Cold which became bad about Noon, & John went to the Polytechnic, while I was glad to go early to Bed.

Friday 29

John & I left Town at ¼ past 10 by the Bristol Rail Road & reached our destination exactly at ½ past 2- DelaBeche who had left Town yesterday met us at the Terminus, & we dined at 6 at the House which Lewis has taken N<sup>o</sup> 5. Sion place, Clifton, & John & I slept at the **Boat [?]** Inn.

Saturday 30

My Cold tho' severe rather better & at 10 minutes before 6 we started by Mail- Left John at Cardiff to go to his Family at Lanylai [*sic*], & at 4 met my dear Mary at Moggridges- The latter still looks very poorly, & her recovery within the last few days has not made much progress -

<b>MAY</b>
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Sunday 1

Neither my dear Mary or I well, or went to Church but she drove over to see Fan-

During my late absence in Town the Wind here has continued Easterly without a drop of Rain, & my self registering Thermometer in a N. exposure has not been lower than 41- I believe that not a Drop of Rain has fallen at Swansea in April -

- Monday 2 Neither my dear Mary or I well enough to go out- The 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Daughters of Capt Smyth arrived on a Visit & Sir H DelaBeche on his way from London to Cornwall also came to dine & sleep here.
- Tuesday 3 There had been no Rain for several Weeks & some refreshing Showers fell today- DelaBeche & Miss D. on Horseback, & the 2 Miss Smiths in our Carriage went to Penllergare, & from thence the former went on to Cornwall- M<sup>rs</sup> D. went to Swansea & I being far from well remained at home- A M<sup>r</sup> Moss an American dined with us -
- Wednesday 4 My Cough very troublesome & I went only with M<sup>rs</sup> D. to shew Singleton Grounds to the Misses Smyth- About 5 our dear Lewis most unexpectedly arrived from Clifton, & brought the painful news that D<sup>r</sup> Riley suspects that Bessies Lungs are seriously affected & has advised that they go at once to London to consult Sir George Clarke - perfect Humbug -
- Thursday 5 Lewis walked to Swansea & it rained so hard that he returned in a Fly to Dinner -
- Friday 6 Miss Mary accompanied her Brother after an early breakfast & at 20 to 8 started from Swansea in the Mail for Clifton- I did not leave home, & M<sup>rs</sup> D took the Misses Smyths for a drive -
- Saturday 7 My Cough very troublesome & I did not leave home all day- M<sup>rs</sup> D. took a drive to Woodlands &c with Miss Ellen Smyth & Miss Josephine was - -[-?] as to be chiefly confined to her Bed -
- Sunday 8 Neither M<sup>rs</sup> D or I well enough to go near Church & Miss J Smith confined to Bed all day- I read the Morning Service as usual to such of the Family as remained at home -
- Monday 9 Tho my Cough was bad I drove in to attend an adjourned Q Sessions respecting a new County Rate for a couple of hours, & during my absence M<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> Moggridge came to take an early Dinner here as it is our dear Fans Birth day- In the afternoon John & Emma joined our party -
- Tuesday 10 In the afternoon M<sup>rs</sup> D. took the two Miss Smyths & left them at the residence of Capt Morgan of the Preventive Service who has engaged to take them in his Carriage to Cardiff
- Wednesday 11 I took a drive in the afternoon with M<sup>rs</sup> D. to the Mumbles.
- Thursday 12 Drove with M<sup>rs</sup> D. for 3 or hours [sic] to Penllergare- My Cough gets slowly better but at times is very troublesome -

Friday 13 In the afternoon we drove to dine & sleep at Penllergare -

Saturday 14 John & I took an early breakfast to attend the Funeral of **M<sup>rs</sup> Wms** [?] of **Drymma** [?] where we arrived at 10 but owing to the Squabbles which exists in the Parish about building a new Church, the old Church has been shut up by the Vicar & it was past one before things were in readiness for the procession to set out- The Service was performed in Neath Church & then taken on to Cadoxton where as any access to the regular entrance of the Family Vault was refused, the Coffin was pushed through an underground hole which has been made in the side of the Vault to its last home -

Sunday 15 My Cough still very troublesome, & I read the morning [Service] to the Family with some difficulty -

Monday 16 It having been determined that on Whit Monday & Tuesday the Institution should be thrown open to the public I drove in after breakfast to superintend the proceedings- I think that full 5000 people of all sorts attended, & all were most orderly & appeared to be gratified

Tuesday 17 Again attended at the Institution where the Visitors were at least equally numerous & every thing went off equally well- Our dear Lewis & Mary who had landed from the Bristol Steamer at the Mumbles arrived soon after 7 -

Wednesday 18 Having been much fatigued by my two days attendance at the Institution I remained all day at home- The two Mary's took little Sarah to join her Mother at Penllergare where with M<sup>r</sup> Moggridge she is now on a Visit -

Thursday 19 My dear Lewis has this day compleated his 28<sup>th</sup> year- God bless him- He has this day left Burrows Lodge on Acc<sup>t</sup> of the necessity of his Wifes absence for a Year & subsequent residence in some higher situation, & it makes a sad break up of our happy domestic circle- I took a drive with M<sup>rs</sup> D in the afternoon & was unexpectedly turned back by a heavy Rain which was greatly wanted for the Crops

Friday 20 After Dinner I drove to attend a Council at the Institution, & Lewis remained to sleep at Burrows Lodge, preparatory for his return to Clifton by the Steamer tomorrow.

Saturday 21 My cough being still very troublesome I remained all day at home -

Sunday 22 Weather very Stormy & wet & I did not go out- The two Mary's went to Church in the morning & returned through a Tempest of wind & rain

Monday 23 I remained all day at home -

- Tuesday 24 M<sup>rs</sup> & Miss D. drove to Penllergare- DelaBeche came unexpectedly to dine & sleep here -
- Wednesday 25 DelaBeche left us soon after breakfast & I went on Institution & other Business to Swansea.
- Thursday 26 Drove in to attend or rather to assist in arranging for there was no one else to do it, the Horticultural, & it is so much neglected that I don't think there will be another -
- Friday 27 Cough still troublesome & remained all day at home
- Saturday 28 The two Marys drove to Penllergare & I remained at home -
- Sunday 29 Went with the two Mary's to Swansea Church & in the afternoon John & Moggridge walked over from Penllergare to spend an hour with us- A delightful day.
- Monday 30 Drove with M<sup>rs</sup> D. on various Business to Swansea for a couple of hours.
- Tuesday 31 Bicheno came to spend a couple of days here- Lewis also to complete his lamentable disposal of Burrows Lodge also arrived having landed from the Steamer at the Mumbles, just in time for Dinner- T E. Thomas & his Son, J G Jeffreys & M<sup>r</sup> Nicol dined with us -

## JUNE

- Wednesday 1 As President attended the Annual Meeting of the Royal Institution & Bicheno afterwards gave us a botanical Lecture -
- Thursday 2 Drove Bicheno to give a second botanical Lecture at the Institution & he afterwards went on to Penllergare.
- Friday 3 Drove over to Penllergare with M<sup>rs</sup> D. & at 12 at Johns new Church attended the Christening of Fanny's Baby who received the Name of John Traherne Moggridge- Mary & I spend [sic] most of the afternoon on or about the Lake & the Weather was so remarkably fine that we thoroughly enjoyed- J<sup>o</sup> Traherne who came for the purpose from Coedriglan & John were Godfather & Bessie represented by Emma, Godmother- It was 10 when we returned home -
- Saturday 4 Drove in the afternoon with M<sup>rs</sup> D. little Weston & his Nurse to the Mumbles where I procured Nicholas's Boat, & enjoyed a row to Bracelet Bay to see the Cavern under the Light House for upwards of an hour- It is 40 years this day since I first entered Swansea- Lewis & Miss Mary who



remained last night at Penllergare returned to packing at Burrows Lodge this morning & rejoined us at Dinner -

- Sunday 5 Lewis & Miss Mary walked & I accompanied M<sup>rs</sup> D. in the Phaeton to Swansea Church- Weather sultry & has been so the last 2 days, but my Thermometer in the Shade N. aspect has not risen higher than 72°
- Monday 6 Drove early to Swansea, & attended a Harbor meeting- I walked back & reached home at 3. as I heard that Emma & 2 of her Youngsters would spend the afternoon with us- Miss Mary & Lewis to go on with troublesome packings at Burrows Lodge walked in after an early breakfast & the latter did not return till late in the Evening- Thermometer 73° -
- Tuesday 7 Remained at home very hot- M<sup>rs</sup> D. drove to Penllergare, & Miss D. went with Lewis early to assist in packing at Burrows Lodge -
- Wednesday 8 Drove with M<sup>rs</sup> D in the afternoon for a couple of hours to Swansea- had our first Green Peas -
- Thursday 9 Drove imm<sup>y</sup> after breakfast with Lewis to Swansea where I remained till Dinner, to assist him through the plagues which attend the Sale of his Furniture at Burrows Lodge.
- Friday 10 Drove to attend a Meeting of Visiting Magistrates at the House of Correction & then for a couple of hours to Burrows Lodge- Weather sultry -
- Saturday 11 John came over to breakfast immediately after which he accompanied Lewis & I to Burrows Lodge, & as under all circumstances it was found to be unavoidable Lewis completed the bad bargain he had made for the Furniture- Lewis & I returned late to Dinner- Thermometer 80.5
- Sunday 12 After an early breakfast I accompanied Lewis & saw him off by the Mail for Clifton- M<sup>rs</sup> D. being unwell we did not go to Church & I read the morning Service as usual to such of the Family as remained at home- Therm. 79- Heavy Thunder Storms in the afternoon -
- Monday 13 Very Sultry- After Dinner i.e. about 8. M<sup>rs</sup> D & I took a drive to the Mumbles- distant Thunder in the morning- Therm. 75.
- Tuesday 14 The Thunder has cooled the air- Dined at 4 - & at 6 M<sup>rs</sup> D & I drove to the Mumbles where we enjoyed a Boat for an hour- Miss Mary unwell & could not accompany us.
- Wednesday 15 Remained at home -

Thursday 16 Little Weston who has remained here for about 4 months this day completed his 4<sup>th</sup> Year- Drove with M<sup>rs</sup> D in the afternoon to buy some Trifles for him -

Friday 17 Remained at home -

Saturday 18 Began to cut hay- some heavy showers in the Evening. M<sup>rs</sup> & Miss D. went to call at Dyffryn- Some heavy Showers late in the Evening -

Sunday 19 Went with the two Mary's to Swansea Church -

Monday 20 M<sup>rs</sup> & Miss D. on their way to spend a couple of hours at Penllergare, took me to a Meeting of visiting Magistrates at the House of Correction, & I walked back -

Tuesday 21 Remained at home, except taking a short drive with M<sup>rs</sup> D.

Wednesday 22 Emma brought Miss Ford to spend the afternoon here.

Thursday 23 After an early Dinner drive to Swansea & took the Chair at the anniversary of the Bill Society- Got home soon after 10 -

Friday 24 Fan came over from Penllergare & spent the day here- The night blowing **Cereus [?]** with 6 Flowers splendidly open was in the Evening brought to our Hall from the Stove -

Saturday 25 A very wet day & did not go out -

Sunday 26 M<sup>rs</sup> & Miss D. went to Church -

Monday 27 Emma brought Miss Ford over, & I took them in the afternoon over the Royal Institution.

Tuesday 28 After an early breakfast drove to Penllergare & from there at once proceeded to the Quarter Sessions at Neath - Where I could not escape from the Nuisance of presiding- Of course I took the Chair at the Magisterial Dinner at 7 - with Lord Adare, Vivian &c - & found it more convenient to sleep at the Inn -

Wednesday 29 Not having before had any opportunity for examining the Depositions I studied them from Sunrise till I went at 10 to Court & the exertion brought on such violent head ache that if I had not procured Bicheno to supply my place for a couple of hours the Business could not have gone on- Remained in Court till [sic] & then went to dine & sleep at Dyffryn -

Thursday 30 Occupied in Court from 10 to 5 when our heavy Calendar was got through, & I returned home to Dinner in a hack Chaise- Rained heavily almost all day

<b>JULY</b>
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Friday 1	Went with M <sup>rs</sup> D to Swansea, then to the House of Correction & she brought me home in the Phaeton- The Moggridges all came to us, & Miss D. went to spend a few days at Penllergare
Saturday 2	Went with M <sup>rs</sup> D. & spent near 2 hours in the afternoon at Penllergare- We went to Hill House to enquire as M <sup>rs</sup> S. had been confined the night before last, & <b>I. [?S]</b> accompanied us in the Box to Penllergare & back
Sunday 3	Very unwell, & I have not at all recovered from the effects of the exertions at Neath- M <sup>rs</sup> D & Mr Moggridge went to Church –
Monday 4	Remained at home
Tuesday 5	M <sup>rs</sup> D on her way to Swansea left me for half an hour at the House of Correction & brought me home on her return -
Wednesday 6	M <sup>rs</sup> D. & Moggridge took little Weston to see the great Show of Beasts at Swansea which the Penllergare Youngsters also visited & I was to have accompanied them but was too unwell to leave home- Lewis to our great surprise arrived from Malvern, where he has left his Family to spend a couple of days here
Thursday 7	A very wet day- Lewis went to Swansea & returned to meet the following party, Capt Fordyce & Lieut. <b>Jauncy [?]</b> of the 11 <sup>th</sup> Smith of Hill House & M <sup>r</sup> Holland.
Friday 8	Lewis walked to breakfast at Penllergare from there John took him to Swansea- he dined with us at ½ past [ <i>sic</i> ] & soon afterwards went to sleep at the Mackworth Arms, preparatory for early start by the Merthyr Mail on his way to Malvern tomorrow -
Saturday 9	Remained at home
Sunday 10	M <sup>rs</sup> D. being unwell we remained at home, & I read the morning Service to such of the Family as did not go to Church- Moggridge went to S <sup>t</sup> Marys -
Monday 11	Called on my old Parliamentary Friend Sir Harry Verney who with his Family have taken Lilliput for a few Weeks -
Tuesday 12	Remained at or about home

- Wednesday 13 M<sup>rs</sup> D. went to bring Miss Mary back from Penllergare where she has been spending nearly a fortnight- It is now 35 years since I married the best of Wives -
- Thursday 14 Drove with M<sup>rs</sup> D. in the aft. to Swansea -
- Friday 15 Miss D. & Moggridge went on Horseback to the Worms head accompanied by sir Harry & Lady Verney- M<sup>rs</sup> D & I drove over & spent the afternoon at Penllergare- S<sup>t</sup> Swithins Day & more delightful Weather was never seen -
- Saturday 16 Remained at home till Evening when I went with Moggridge to dine at Singleton- Met Sir H. & Lady Verney &c -
- Sunday 17 As M<sup>rs</sup> D. was too unwell to go to Church, I read the Service to the Family at home- Moggridge & Miss D. walked there- Heavy Thunder Showers
- Monday 18 Remained at home- Sir Harry & Lady Verney & the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr & M<sup>rs</sup> Freemantle who are staying with them at Lilliput & also M<sup>r</sup> Logan dined with us.
- Tuesday 19 Remained at home- S<sup>t</sup> Swithins has greatly disappointed us & the morning was very wet
- Wednesday 20 Remained at home except that I drove with M<sup>rs</sup> D. in the afternoon to call at Lilliput -
- Thursday 21 Went with Miss Mary to Swansea for an hour in the morning -
- Friday 22 Took a drive with M<sup>rs</sup> D. to Norton to try a new Horse -
- Saturday 23 I remained about home- The Moggridges closed their Visit to us & returned to Swansea -
- Sunday 24 Went with my two Mary's to Swansea Church- The weather for the last few days has been most delightful- Lady Morris from Sketty Park sent me a double purple Dahlia with 3 quite perfect Flowers **t-ited [?] into**, & I never saw more than two before- The peduncle is much flattened & deeply reeded so as to look exactly as if 3 stalks had been stuck together in a straight line, & the Flowers are placed triangularly back to back with a Crown at the top which is made up by some Petals from each of them- An Acc<sup>t</sup> of it appears in the Gardeners Chronicle -
- Monday 25 Miss D. went to meet the Verneys & Freemantles at Penllergare - M<sup>rs</sup> D. & I dined at Singleton- Walked in the morning to look at the Dahlia from which the Monster mentioned yesterday was cut -

Tuesday 26 Except for a drive with M<sup>ts</sup> D. I did not leave home- Miss Mary returned late in the Evening from Penllergare -

Wednesday 27 Drove to a Meeting of the Visiting Magistrates at the House of Correction about an intended extension of the Building- John & Theresa with the Governess came here, & the remainder of the Penllergare party all went to Penrice -

Thursday 28 Remained about home

Friday 29 Remained at or about home

Saturday 30 John Emma & their younger Children & M<sup>f</sup> W Beach arrived from Penrice on a Visit- M<sup>f</sup> & M<sup>ts</sup> Royd Smith & Madame Labouchere dined with us.

Sunday 31 My dear Mary not being well enough to go out I remained & read the morning Service at home- John, Emma, Miss D & M<sup>f</sup> Beach & little Theresa went to Church- All this week the weather most delightful.

## AUGUST

Monday 1 Remained at home

Tuesday 2 John, Emma, the 4 Children, M<sup>f</sup> Beach & M<sup>ts</sup> & Miss D went to Caswell Bay -

Wednesday 3 John, Emma, M<sup>f</sup> Beach & Miss D went in a Boat to fish at the Mumbles- Weather continues most delightful

Thursday 4 The whole party except myself took a Lunch at the Mumbles Castle, & from there John & Emma, little Johnny, M<sup>f</sup> Beach & Miss Mary went out in a fishing Boat, & were driven back by some rather heavy rain -

Friday 5 Our whole party with the exception of the 2 younger Children returned to Penllergare- I am much teized [*sic*] by a sort of Lumbago -

Saturday 6 Lumbago very troublesome & I did not leave home -

Sunday 7 Lumbago bad & kept me quite at home- The two Marys went to Church -

Monday 8 Took strong Medicine for the Lumbago, & it much reduced the Patients strength as well as the Malady- The two younger Children returned to Penllergare -

- Tuesday 9 Back better but not halfwell & remained at home -
- Wednesday 10 We have had very little rain since the end of March but it fell heavily nearly all the morning, & cleared in the afternoon- M<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> Royd Smith, Madame Labouchere & M<sup>r</sup> Beach dined with us & the latter slept here to meet Lewis, who arrived by way of Merthyr just after the Cloth had been cleared away -
- Thursday 11 Remained at home.
- Friday 12 Drove in the afternoon with M<sup>rs</sup> D. for an hour to Swansea -
- Saturday 13 Remained about home- Weather sultry
- Sunday 14 Took my dear Lewis early to go by the Mail as far as Cardiff & from there he will go on to Malvern tomorrow- Weather remarkably hot [?] & not being very well I did not leave home- The two Mary's went to Church -
- Monday 15 Very sultry- Thermometer near 8 in a N. exposure & perfect shade- The Rev<sup>d</sup> L **Jenyns [?]** in passing through Swansea came over to call & spent the afternoon & dined with us.
- Tuesday 16 Remained at home- M<sup>r</sup> Sheepshanks the astronomer<sup>1</sup> called & spent an hour with me- M<sup>rs</sup> D. took Miss Mary to Penllergare with a view of going with the Family to Barmouth but as the Journey has been put off till Thursday they both returned to Dinner -
- Wednesday 17 John & Emma came & insisted on taking me to dine at Penllergare, where my two Mary's had gone before, & leaving Miss D. en route to Barmouth, my old Lady & I returned home by Moonlight.
- Thursday 18 Weather most remarkably sultry- M<sup>rs</sup> D & I drove for half an hour to Swansea in the afternoon -
- Friday 19 Drove in the afternoon with M<sup>rs</sup> D. to the Mumbles, & we were driven back by a violent storm of rain & the long continued fine weather appears at last to be broken up -
- Saturday 20 Remained at home- Fan & her eldest spent the day here.
- Sunday 21 Went with M<sup>rs</sup> D. to S<sup>t</sup> Mary's Church- I have this day entered on my 65<sup>th</sup> year, & am deeply thankful for the Enjoyment of so many more great blessings than I at all deserve -

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<sup>1</sup> Richard Sheepshanks 1794-1855. Born in Leeds. Elected Fellow of Trinity 1817. Called to the Bar 1825. Took Holy Orders 1826. Joined the Astronomical Society 1825 and Secretary from 1829. FRS 1830. 1832 a commissioner for revising borough boundaries under the Reform act. Died Reading 4 August 1855. Further biography in Oxford Dictionary of National Biography 2004.

Monday 22 Drove in the afternoon with M<sup>rs</sup> D for half an hour to Swansea -

Tuesday 23 Busy in preparing to leave home -

Wednesday 24 Drove to Swansea for an hour in the afternoon -

Thursday 25 Started at 10 with M<sup>rs</sup> D 7 two Servants- Dined at Cardiff & reached Newport to sleep at ¼ before 7 -

Friday 26 Left Newport at ½ past 9 - & reached Ledbury at ¼ past 4- Lewis not expecting us so soon did not come over till 7 & then staid only ½ an hour with us- Quartered for the night at the Feathers Inn

Saturday 27 Left Ledbury at 10- At Winds point 4 miles distant Lewis met us & took his Mother to **B---d [?]** Lodge- I went on to secure Quarters at Essingtons Hotel, & Lewis's Carriage shortly afterwards took me back to his House- We returned there, & in the Evening came to sleep at Essingtons -

Sunday 28 My dear Mary much unwell & went out very little -

Monday 29 Circumstances have occurred to change Lewis's intended movements, & he unexpectedly went off in the afternoon to consult Bessie's Medical Advisers in London- Mary took a drive in the afternoon with Bessie -

Tuesday 30 Soon after breakfast took M<sup>rs</sup> D in a hired Carriage to **Brand [?]** Lodge, & Bessie brought her back in the afternoon -

Wednesday 31 In a hired Carriage took a drive with M<sup>rs</sup> D to **Brand [?]** Lodge, & spent half an hour with Bessie -

<b>SEPTEMBER</b>
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Thursday 1 The Ditto of yesterday & at **Brand [?]** Lodge found Lewis who had just returned from London, & had decided starting with his Family for Swansea on Monday -

Friday 2 Took M<sup>rs</sup> D. & left her to dine with Bessie- Lewis & I dined with M<sup>r</sup> Henry Bright at Knoll Lodge -

Saturday 3 My precious wife has this day compleated her 66<sup>th</sup> year & at a little before 11 we left our comfortable Quarters at Essingtons Hotel, & set out to join our Family at Barmouth- Enjoyed the Journey & reached Ludlow to dine & sleep about ½ past 5.

- Sunday 4 After attending Church a little over the Bridges at Ludlow so as to be in Herefordshire, we left Ludlow about one- dined as we were detained for Horses at Bishops Castle, & arrived at ½ past 5 at Montgomery- Walked up to the Ruins of the old Castle, & found the Town for a County Town to be a miserable place -
- Monday 5 Dined at Mallwyd & reached Aberamffra House which we had hired about ¼ of a Mile short of Barmouth at ¼ before 8- found everything most comfortable- John & Emma visited us soon afterwards -
- Tuesday 6 My dear Mary who was remarkably well throughout our Journey, became much otherwise today- Miss Mary left the Penllergare party about ¾ of a Mile distant at Bellvue & joined us -
- Wednesday 7 John breakfasted early with us, & afterwards went with him & Miss Mary to fish at Sea where we caught Bass with a Fly- My dear Mary continues much unwell & did not go out.
- Thursday 8 Weather very stormy & wet & none of us went much out- My dear Mary still unwell -
- Friday 9 Weather still very stormy- M<sup>rs</sup> D. better & took a drive in Johns Phaeton with Emma in the afternoon -
- Saturday 10 A very stormy & rainy day
- Sunday 11 M<sup>rs</sup> D. in the morning appeared much better & walked with me to Church which is in the way & afterwards to Belle vue where John is quartered which she had never ever seen before- The little exertion however appeared to be too much for her & she spent the afternoon on the Sofa-
- Monday 12 In the morning John & Emma set off for a 4 or 5 days ramble in Snowdonia- In the afternoon with M<sup>rs</sup> & Miss D & little Theresa took a row on the River -
- Tuesday 13 Went to fish in vain in the River at 3. & at ½ past 4 went to the Shore & took on board Miss Mary, little John & Theresa & the Governess for a row- All the Youngsters at Bellvue spent the afternoon & drank Tea at our House -
- Wednesday 14 Embarked at ½ past one with my two Mary's for Penmaen Pool near Dolgelly- The weather was delightful but through a change in the Wind which made it against both going & returning it was near 7 when we reached home.



- Thursday 15                    Embarked at 3 - fished for an hour without success & then our whole party consisting of M<sup>ts</sup> & Miss D. little Johnny & myself we rowed onto - --[?] Landed there & went to a main Bog where Aster **Mipoleus[?]** **Plumbago [?]** **Maritime [?]** & **other marine[?]** Plants which M<sup>ts</sup> D. had not seen before, grow abundantly- The **Touch[?]** **few[?]** not near the Village is also abundant- It was more that ½ past 6 when we reached home
- Friday 16                    Walked with M<sup>ts</sup> D. for 2 hours in the beautiful Grounds belonging to this House, & ascended to a rocky Eminence which commands a fine View- At ½ past 4 Miss D. & I went a fishing in a Boat, & she caught a large Bass.- 3½ lbs.
- Saturday 17                    It rained hard all morning- In the Evening the Snowden party returned & my dear John looked very ill -
- Sunday 18                    Went with the two Mary's to Church- My dear John continued very ill & did not get up till about 5 -
- Monday 19                    Weather bad with thunder & heavy Showers- paid 2 visits to my dear John, & tho' much better he is still far from well -
- Tuesday 20                    A stormy day- Found dear John, tho' better, still far from well -
- Wednesday 21                    My old Lady on a grey Horse, & John Emma Miss Mary & I on foot began to ascend the highest rock in this immediate neighbourhood but were prevented by a Storm from reaching the Summit- She afterwards rode on for 1½ miles to Shellbank & remained out of any door for 5¼ hours without fatigue!
- Thursday 22                    Drove in the afternoon with my two Mary's & Emma to Harlech which has a fine Castle & commands a noble view of the whole Snowden range of Mountains -
- Friday 23                    Our dear Emma's Birthday & the Weather would not allow of our doing more than take an hours sketching ramble in the afternoon -
- Saturday 24                    With my old Lady on a grey Mare we ascended to the top of the highest rock above Barmouth, & I found it to be as much as my old Bones are up to.
- Sunday 25                    We all went to Church - & Chicks & all took a ramble in the afternoon among the beautiful grounds belonging to this residence -  
In the Garden in the middle of the little Town is the largest standard fig Tree I ever saw, & its dimensions are as follows.  
Height - 26 feet 8 inches  
Width, across the branches 29 feet 8 inches  
Girth of the Stem 3 feet 8 inches.

It produces fruit in abundance but none ever ripen.

- Monday 26 John & Emma & Miss Mary ascended to the Summit of Cader Idris -
- Tuesday 27 In two Carriages we formed a merry party to a pretty Valley called Cwm buchen -
- Wednesday 28 Went a fishing with John & Emma without success -
- Thursday 29 In a hired Carriage John & Emma & Miss Mary went along the Coast & round by Tal llyn [*Tal y llyn*] & Dolgelly so as to form a complete circle round Cader Idrys -
- Friday 30 Rambled chief [*sic*] about the Grounds belonging to our House -

## OCTOBER

- Saturday 1 John & Emma in the morning visited some Cromlech 4 or 5 Miles distant & had appointed to meet us at ½ past 3 for a row in the Bay as it was foretold that the Summits of all Mountains would be clear about Sunset- as they had not returned M<sup>rs</sup> D & I embarked without them at 4, & they shortly afterwards followed us in a smaller Boat, but there was too much pitch & toss in the Water to allow of their getting comfortably into ours so we therefore proceeded in Company & saw all the Mountains of Carnarvonshire & Merionethshire including Snowdon & Cader Idris without the slightest haze on either- the Sunset was glorious- Miss D did not accompany us.
- Sunday 2 It was probably the pitch & toss of yesterday that has unsettled my dear old Ladys Stomach, & not being well enough to go to Church I also remained at home & read the whole morning Service to her- In the afternoon she recovered & we all joined in a large family party for a good by walk on the Sands -
- Monday 3 Left Barmouth- At ½ past 9 Emma & the remainder of her Family in two Carriages & John & Miss Mary in Rees Jones' larger Boat set off for Aberystwith- At ½ past 10 M<sup>rs</sup> D & I left our comfortable residence at Aberamffra house & after enjoying our drive halted at ½ past 3 to dine & sleep at Machynllath- My Friend Sir J<sup>s</sup> Edwards not being at home I left a Card & we took a Walk in his Grounds- The Wynstay Arms alias the 3 Eagles is a most comfortable Inn -
- Tuesday 4 We left Machynlleth soon after 9 with the hope of catching the remainder of our party at Aberystwith & were disappointed by their having started 10 minutes before we arrived- Were glad to hear that John & his Sister had a pleasant Voyage of about 4 hours, & reached the Town before

- Emma- We enjoyed a stroll about the place all the afternoon & quartered at the Bellevue Hotel -
- Wednesday 5      Left Aberystwith about noon, & dined & slept at Lampeter -  
At a Shop at Aberystwith I saw for Sale a Specimen of the Stone Curlew which in the Winter of 1840-1841 had been killed by M<sup>r</sup> Davis of Tanybwllch about two Miles from the Town- There was also a Skua Gull which was shot on the Beach at Aberystwith last Winter -
- Thursday 6        Reached Penllergare soon after 5, where our whole Barmouth party again met - Thank God all well & happy -
- Friday 7            Went round by Swansea & reached Sketty soon after 2- John & Emma & Lewis & Bessie followed us.
- Saturday 8         Remained at home -
- Sunday 9            Miss Mary walked to Church, & M<sup>rs</sup> D. not being well enough to go out I read the morning Service at home
- Monday 10         Lewis & his Family came with us to remain till he can obtain Entry to Parkwern -
- Tuesday 11        Remained about home -
- Wednesday 12     Walked with Miss Mary to an Astronomical Lecture at the Royal Institution & we brought the Phaeton which had undergone a thorough repair back -
- Thursday 13        Col, Miss & M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Beach came to spend a couple of days with us- Calevrt Jones jun<sup>r</sup> dined here
- Friday 14          The Beach party with Miss Mary & Lewis went to Caswell & Langland Bays- M<sup>r</sup> Berrington dined with us.
- Saturday 15        The Beach party returned to Penllergare -
- Sunday 16         The two Mary's went to Church- owing to Nicholls illness at **Thurn [?]** I found it impossible to escape from being Chairman at the Sessions & began to make the necessary preparations -
- Monday 17         Occupied in preparing for the Sessions, & this Business took me in the afternoon to the House of Correction & Swansea- My old Friend Bicheno & M<sup>r</sup> Jones of Fonmon arrived on a Visit, the former to take leave prior to his embarkation as Colonial Secretary to Van Diemens Land- Lieut. Littledale of the 73<sup>rd</sup>, Rawleigh Mansel & Calvert Jones jun<sup>r</sup> also dined here -

Tuesday 18                      Went to Court at 11, & remained there till ½ past 5 as Chairman, & dined with the Magistrates -

Wednesday 19                  M<sup>r</sup> Bicheno left us for London- Went to Court at ¼ past 10 & remained there till after 5- Besides Calvert Jones, M<sup>r</sup> E P Richards of Cardiff, M<sup>r</sup> Meyrick & M<sup>r</sup> Moggridge dined with us -

Thursday 20                    M<sup>r</sup> Jones left us & returned to Fonmon- Went to Court at ½ past 10 & exactly at 4 the Business closed when I was quite exhausted & muddled by a bad head ache -

Friday 21                        The 3 days exertion completely knocked me up, tho' in all ways I had saved myself as much as possible & I felt ill all day -

Saturday 22                     Remained at or about home -

Sunday 23                      Weather so bad that none of us went out & I read the morning Service to the Family at home -  
The fine weather which has been almost uninterrupted since the end of March appears at last to be over

Monday 24                      Weather very **course** [?] & I remained at home being rather troubled with Lumbago- Lewis who went to meet John & W<sup>m</sup> Beach at Ynysygerwn reports that some Snow fell there - & since the middle of last week the distant Hills have been whitened by Snow -

Tuesday 25                      Weather very bad- Remained in the House all day -

Wednesday 26                 Weather bad & could not go but little out- Lewis took possession of Parkwern under an agreement with Ed<sup>d</sup> Hickey for 2 years.

Thursday 27                     Weather bad, & did not go out except in the Carriage to Parkwern.

Friday 28                        Weather Showery – Drove in the afternoon to Penllergare with M<sup>rs</sup> D. for an hour – Lewis slept at Penllergare

Saturday 29                     Lewis brought W<sup>m</sup> Beech over to breakfast with us. Remained at or about home

Sunday 30                      I went with the two Mary's in the Carriage & Lewis walked to Church –

Monday 31                      Remained at home, busy in preparing for a Start to London tomorrow -

<b>NOVEMBER</b>
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Tuesday 1 Started with Lewis after an early Breakfast, & he went outside & I inside of the Mail to dine & sleep at the Bush Inn Bristol -

Wednesday 2 Started about ½ past 8 by the Steam Train, & soon after one reached Hatchetts Hotel & dined with several Friends at the Athenaeum- Lewis went to some musical Display at S<sup>t</sup>-James' Theatre & Bicheno accompanied him -

Thursday 3 Spent most of the day at the Linnean Society, & British Museum- We dined again with some Friends at the Athenaeum & afterwards went with Buckland to the Adelaide Gallery.

Friday 4 I went to examine some Books &c at the Royal Society & we again dined at the Athenaeum after which Lewis attended a Grand Concert at Exeter Hall- In the afternoon I called on & in his Bed saw my old Friend D<sup>r</sup> Franck who has long been in an alarming state -

Saturday 5 Engaged about various Errands & dined as before at the Athenaeum.

Sunday 6 In the afternoon we called on Talbot & I again saw D<sup>r</sup> Franck- Having decided during our short stay in Town on declining all Dinner Invitations we spent the Evening at the Athenaeum

Monday 7 Started at 2 by the Train & it was near 7 when we arrived to dine & sleep at the Bush Bristol -

Tuesday 8 Breakfasted at 5- At 10 min<sup>s</sup> before 8 we started by the Mail, reached Swansea before 4 & from thence my own Phaeton in waiting soon drove us to Sketty -

Wednesday 9 Remained at or about home

Thursday 10 D<sup>o</sup> - D<sup>o</sup>

Friday 11 Went to a Magistrates Meeting at Swansea to make Appointments under the new Constabulary Act - where 185 were selected for Swansea & about 110 had before been appointed for Llangafelach Hundred -

Saturday 12 Weather bad & being unwell I did not go out -

Sunday 13 Rained in Torrents all day, & nobody went out- Having taken some Strong Medicine my dear Mary with the assistance of Lewis read the Service to the Family- My Chest in great pain & I did not take any Dinner-

Monday 14 Took more stuff - became better in the afternoon, & walked to the Sands in the afternoon

Tuesday 15                      Weather foul- Remained about home.

Wednesday 16                  Drove with M<sup>rs</sup> D. & spent a couple of hours at Penllergare.

Thursday 17                    Weather fine & cold- Not half well -

Friday 18                        Weather bad- Drove after Dinner with Lewis to attend a Meeting at the Royal Institution.

Saturday 19                     Rained hard I believe without one moments interval all day -

Sunday 20                        Bad Weather- Lewis & Miss Mary went to Church in the Phaeton & I read the morning Service to the remainder of the Family at home -

Monday 21                        Drove with M<sup>rs</sup> D to spend a couple of hours at Penllergare -

Tuesday 22                      Weather very coarse- M<sup>rs</sup> D. drove to Swansea & brought back D<sup>f</sup> Buckland who had arrived by Mail -

Wednesday 23                 Weather very bad- Drove Buckland to a meeting of the Gas C<sup>o</sup> & I took the Chair of a special harbor Meeting- We got back about 5 -

Thursday 24                     Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Beevor - J G Jeffreys & young R<sup>d</sup> Jeffreys dined with us -

Friday 25                        After an early breakfast D<sup>f</sup> Buckland left us for Lord Ducie's by Mail - & in the afternoon Lewis moved with his Family to Parkwern

Saturday 26                     Weather wet & stormy- Kept at or about home -

Sunday 27                        Stormy Weather- M<sup>rs</sup> & Miss D. went to Church at Swansea

Monday 28                        Weather wet & stormy & I did not stir out for having been for some days unwell I took a strongish Dose of Physic last night- i.e. 4 grains Calomel & 16 bitter apple -

Tuesday 29                      Weather wet & stormy & not being very well I did not stir out -

Wednesday 30                 Weather improved- Drove with M<sup>rs</sup> D. to Swansea & back & afterwards walked with her to Parkwern.

<b>DECEMBER</b>
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Thursday 1                      Weather again very bad- Went but little out.

Friday 2 Granny had a parcel of Roses arrive from Worcester, & they occupied her during all the little fine weather there was, so as to leave us no time to go & congratulate Bessie on her Birth day- My old Friend Arthur Jones died very suddenly at Bryn cwydd this morning -

Saturday 3 Weather improved & we walked to Parkwern -

Sunday 4 Weather very bad- The two Mary's went to Church.

Monday 5 Not well- Drove for a couple of hours with M<sup>rs</sup> D. to Penllergare-

Tuesday 6 Remained at or about home.

Wednesday 7 Remained at or about home.

Thursday 8 Walked to Swansea & M<sup>rs</sup> D. brought me home in the afternoon -

Friday 6 Capt & M<sup>rs</sup> Whiddrington & Lieut Littlehales of the 73<sup>rd</sup> M<sup>t</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> C Smith & Miss Place[?] of Derwnfawr -- M<sup>t</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Thomas & Capt T. Morgan RN. dined with us.

Saturday 10 As a forerunner of the Penllergare Family the two younger Children arrived here on a Visit.

Sunday 1 Weather bad & stormy- The two Mary's went again to Church

Monday 12 The remainder of the Penllergare Family arrived -

Tuesday 13 Weather unfavorable

Wednesday 14 **T [?]** .E. & Miss Mary had a ramble about the Mumbles.

Thursday 15 The Carriage took me as far as S<sup>t</sup> Helens on my way to attend a Meeting at the House of Correction & I walked back -

Friday 16 A very wet day.

Saturday 17 Miss Mary with a Penllergare party went to Caswell, the Mumbles &c.

Sunday 18 I went with John, Emma, Theresa & M<sup>rs</sup> & Miss D to Church- Not half well

Monday 19 Remained at or about home

Tuesday 20 D<sup>o</sup> D<sup>o</sup>

- Wednesday 21      John joined a Vivian party & Lewis to shoot at Park- I drove to attend a Meeting of Visiting Magistrates at the House of Correction- M<sup>r</sup> Gibson Craig & Harry & Graham Vivian dined with us.
- Thursday 22      Walked with John to a Savings Bank Meeting & M<sup>rs</sup> D. brought me home in the Phaeton -
- Friday 23      By sitting wet foot yesterday at the Meeting I caught a baddish Cold- John Emma & Co all returned to Penllergare- DelaBeche having arrived last Evening at Parkwern with Lewis dined here
- Saturday 24      Remained all day at home- Weather delightful -
- Sunday 25      The two Mary's went to Church- Weather very bad -
- Monday 26      All went to spend Xmas at Penllergare & met the Moggridges there -
- Tuesday 27      Weather foul & could go but little out -
- Wednesday 28      A fine day & I drove with Miss Mary to Sketty -
- Thursday 29      Drove to Sketty with John in his Phaeton & met the two Mary's there- Weather very bad
- Friday 30      Weather very bad & I remained in the House all day -
- Saturday 31      Drove with M<sup>rs</sup> D. to Swansea, Parkwern & Sketty & back to Penllergare across the Cocket- Weather continues bad -

<p><b>1843</b> <b>JANUARY</b></p>
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- Sunday 1      We all except dear Fann attended the morning Service at Gorseinon Chapel -

END OF DIARY FOR 1842