

The Dillwyn Collection

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

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JANUARY

- Monday 1 The relapse & paralysis of my legs keeps me entirely up Stairs. My dear Mary by a violent sort of lumbago is confined to her Bed & little Traherne who was to have gone home today is severely ill from Bronchitis
- Saturday 6 DeleBeche who arrived yesterday to spend 10 days at Parkwern was allowed to visit me up stairs for half an hour
- Wednesday 10 For the first time since my release I have come downstairs, & visited my Library. Mrs D still confined to her Bed & to suffer much. Traherne considered to be out of danger
- Tuesday 16 The Doctors Howell & Williams at last have both left little Traherbe & for the first time since the illness began he has had on his Clothes & sat up for an hour or two. My dear Mary tho getting better but is still confined to her Bed. My legs continue very weak & etc
- No entries until:
Sunday 21 My dear Mary continues to improve & tho' not fully dressed[?] sho this Evening came through from her Bed to the morning Room & had Tea with Miss Mary & me. I didn't much improve
- Tuesday 23 Not in other respects more unwell but have a sharp attack of pleurisy
- Saturday 27 A rhododendron has for several days been beautifully in flower on our Lawn. It was bought some 12 or 15 years ago for Rerbreum[?] but John considered it Hybrid between arboreum & caucasicum[?]
- Sunday 28 My dear Mary from the severity of her illness continues very weak & has only yet ventured as far as the morning room. Miss D only went to Church
- Wednesday 31 For the first time I have ventured to the Drawing Room to receive a Visit from my friends Mr & Mrs Grant & Miss Vivian

FEBRUARY

- Thursday 1 Had a bad night & the Doctor who had proposed a postponement of his Visit till tomorrow was brought over by Miss D. It having been said that I would see my Friends Vivian spent an hour with me

- Friday 2 Had a good night but found myself not much better for it. Mr & Mrs J M Traherne spent a couple of hours here on their way from Penrice to Penllergare
- Monday 5 (dated 4 in Diary) [No entry]
- Tuesday 6 [No entry]
- Wednesday 7 A bad night has again thrown me back, & otherwise as for a wonder there is no rain I might have ventured out today. My dear old Lady has for the first time since her illness come down stairs this afternoon, & we dined together much in Nebuchednezzar's style at 2
- Thursday 8 Mr Mothy[?] came from Parkwern to spend a couple of hours with me & say good by preparatory to his Marriage next Monday & to starting for Labuan a Week after. The Dr this morning put a large Blister on my Chest
- Saturday 10 The Dr has given up his daily Visit & intends only to call 2 or 3 times a Week as occasion may require
- Sunday 11 Miss D went to Church. My dear Mary & I for the first time both ventured on a Walk for ten minutes in the House Front of our Garden
- Monday 12 An easterly wind kept my dear Mary at home but I ventured on a repetition of yesterdays short walk. My Blister is a torment & makes a Wreck of me. Lewis went off for London this morning with Vivian & Mr Stroud to meet the Treasury about the intended new Docks
- Thursday 15 Drove at noon in the close Carriage to Swansea & had my hair cut. Miss Mary accompanied me & my dear old Lady except for a few minutes on Sunday has not yet ventured out
- Friday 16 Have caught severe[?] cold & my Chest is troublesome. The weather being delightful I drove at noon in the close Carriage with Miss D as far as Norton Corner
- Tuesday 20 Lewis returned from London & brought me a hearing Trumpet & nearly at the same hour I received another from Jo Traherne
- Thursday 22 My dear Mary since last week did not till this afternoon make any second attempt to pass the Threshold, & was then in 5 minutes turned back by rain. Both of us continue very weak

MARCH

- Friday 2 Lady Mary C drove over from Penllergare & dined & slept here. I am said to be getting well but it is slowly particularly in my Legs & Ears
- Saturday 3 Lady Mary after again dining with us at 2 in our ever Nebuchednezzar way returned to Penllergare
- Monday 5 Walked with Miss D to call at the bryn which is the longest walk I have taken since November. In the afternoon drove also in the close Carriage with Mrs D to the end of the Mumbles which is our longest drive
- Friday 9 Teased much by a sort of Bronchitis & 2 Mustard Poultices which the Dr ordered afforded only some temporary relief
- Wednesday 14 In the Evening my two Marys lamented my encreased deafness so that I could hardly hear at all
- Thursday 15 Happening to awake before daylight I was surprized by hearing a Cart pass down the Lane, & was soon afterwards satisfied that the deafness was removed tho' no measures hade been used to effect a cure
- Friday 16 The same side of the head from which the deafness had left me swelled from Erysifilus & the Eye quite bunged up by it
- Saturday 17 The Penllergare Family last Monday went for a fortnight to Ynysygerwn,& a letter from John tells me that Theresa has found the Lathrea sqameria[?] plentiful between the House & River & already partially in flower
- Monday 19 Swelling of the head & round the Eye much reduced
- Monday 26 The last Erisipeles [erysipelas?] attack has left behind a muzzy head ache & increased weakness in the legs but ...[?] hearing remains
- Wednesday 28 Again ventured in a drive on the Mumbles Road in the close Carriage

APRIL

- Friday 6 Good Friday. My dear Mary for the first time since her illness went in the close Carriage to Church. Neither of us have yet ventured in my open Carriage
- Sunday 8 Mrs D not able to go to Church & I read the morning Service with some assistance from her. I could not however go on with the Litany &

Communion as heretofore. The Bishop on his way home preached at St Mary's & Miss D was delighted by his Sermon & administration of the Sacrament

- Monday 9 Drove to Swansea to call on the Bishop & he came here in the afternoon for a couple of hours
- Saturday 14 Mrs D went to see Fan who is far from well in the close Carriage & left me at the House of Correction where we elected Mr Squires to be Chaplain in the turn[?] of Mr Bowen
- Sunday 15 My dear Mary again much unwell & did not go out
- Monday 16 Tho' my legs are still weak & my Head often muzzy I am certainly on [the] whole getting better
- Wednesday 18 Winter has come at last, & snow fell heavily nearly all day. Therm 28°
- Thursday 19 Mrs D went to see dear Fan who is much unwell & in her way left me at the Institution where I remained for an hour & a half at the Monthly Meeting, & from the coldness of the weather I suffered
- Wednesday 25 After a Weeks Winter this is a genial day. Mrs D & I made our first venture in the open Carriage, & drove to spend an hour in Caswell Bay
- Thursday 26 Drove with Mrs D in to call at Woodlands & afterwards in as far as Norton. Having purposely reserved the use of my legs I afterwards ventured on a walk to Parkwern. I was much tired by it
- Friday 27 My dearest Mary soon after breakfast was suddenly attacked by a severe Cholera, & the retchings continued very severe till near 9 o'clock in the Evening when dr Howell found them so satisfactorily abated that he ventured to Swansea
- Saturday 28 Dr Howell came early, but tho she is much better nothing would yet remain in my dear Invalids stomach
- Monday 30 My dear Mary much better but is extremely weak & confined entirely to her Bed

MAY

- Tuesday 1 Since my illness I made a first venture on a Visit to Penllergare. Miss D accompanied me in the Phaeton & as the mere drive had considerably fatigued me we remained only 1½ hours. Tho' the Weather is now

delightful the late Frost had killed or put back the Flowers, & we could not as heretofore contribute a single Paeony or Lilley[sic] of the Valley for the May Pole

- Monday 7 I had another slighter rap of the Head while walking in the Garden but my dear Polly saved me from falling
- Wednesday 9 My dear Fans Birthday, & neither Granny or I were sufficiently well to go over to see her she being with the Family at Penllergare
- Thursday 10 The Scarlet Fever having broken out at Eton my dear John went off suddenly to see after his Boys
- Monday 14 Since her last Attack Mrs D went out for the first time, & after a drive in the close Carriage about halfway to Norton she took a short walk in the Garden. I accompanied her. The Scarlatina having appeared in the lower School at Eton, John went there & brought Willy away to keep a Quarantine at Ynysygerwn. he left Johny [sic] at Eton
- Friday 18 Feeling better tho weak I went with Miss Mary in the close Carriage to Swansea, & attended a Meeting at the Institution but a sitting of 3 hours Knocked me up & I got Benson to take the Chair in my place
- Saturday 19 The two Marys took a drove but I was unable to accompany them & I cannot yet boast of any substantial recovery. It being Lewis's Birthday all his Family came here, & he & Bessie dined with us. I had seen no such Party before since November & thoroughly enjoyed it
- Tuesday 22 For 3 days I have been confined to the House by the little expedition I made on Friday, & have now taken a drive with Mrs D to Norton
- Wednesday 23 Lewis went with Bessie for a Visit to Henry Thomas in Breconshire
- Thursday 24 Drove to Swansea & for a Quarter of an hour attended a Meeting of the Paving Commissioners with the Commission [?] on the Health of the Town [?] Bill. I afterwards went to see a Dinner given to the Children at Miss D's school
- Friday 25 Set out in the Phaeton with Mrs D for Penllergare & when past Cockett turned back, having met John & Willy in their way to Visit us at Sketty. Not being well the drive was of service to me
- Monday 28 Lovely weather. Mrs D & I drove in the Phaeton to Penllergare & on our return we walked down to meet John at the Tourbine [?]. After dining early for near 6 Months we have now made an advance [?] by putting off the hour till 5
- Tuesday 29 Drove with Mrs D in the Phaeton & spent an hour in Caswell Bay

JUNE

- Friday 1 Drove in the Phaeton to look at Vivian's American Border which is now very beautiful & afterwards went on to the Mumbles. It was the annual Meeting of the R Institution but Dr Howell forbid me to think of attending it
- Saturday 2 Felt stronger than on the 3 preceding days & took a drive with Mrs D to Penllergare & walked to the Orchis House
- Sunday 3 My two Mary's went to Church at Swansea
- Monday 4 Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D to Caswell where we met Emma with the two Miss Franklins [?] & their German Governess. Without apparent cause it much fatigued me
- Tuesday 5 Lewis, Bessie, their Governess & 3 Chicks came to remain till tomorrow preparatory for their removal to Rose Hill Cottage at the Mumbles which they have engaged as a Residence while Parkwern is being painted
- Wednesday 6 Mrs D assisted in taking the Parkwern family to Rose Hill & I once accompanied them in the Phaeton
- Thursday 7 Drove with Mrs D for half an hour to Rose Hill
- Friday 8 The Weather continuing to be delightful I drove with Mrs D & we greatly enjoyed 4 or 5 hours at Penllergare, but tho' I only walked to the Orchis House & Mrs D not much further we were both much fatigued
- Saturday 9 Drove with Mrs D for half an hour to Rose Hill, & Fan came with her Chicks to spend the afternoon at Sketty
- Sunday 10 My two Marys went to Church. My legs very weak
- Monday 11 Drove with Mrs D rather early to Penllergare & as we found all either gone or going out we staid little more than an hour. Found myself much tired, & I suppose it is the greater rough up of the Cockett Road that fatigued me more than a drive to Caswell
- Tuesday 12 My dear Mary on Saturday or Sunday caught a cold & it is worse today. I walked _ down Sketty Lane

Wednesday 13 Mrs D's cold more troublesome. I walked & just crossed over the Mumbles Road to the Sand Hills which is the longest walk that I have ventured on without rest since last November. It tired me

Thursday 14 Drove in the afternoon with Miss D & called at Heathfield & etc

Friday 15 Walked 2/2 [?] down Sketty Lane, & afterwards with Mrs D who for the first time since her cold ventured to the Garden

Saturday 16 Drove with Mrs D to Rose Hill but did not remain there long for as it is Westons Birthday Fan had engaged with her Chicks to spend the afternoon here

Sunday 17 Miss D walked to Church, & I was able today to read more of the morning Service to my dear Mary than heretofore

Monday 18 Drove with Mrs D to call at Woodlands & on the Hewsons. At 6 the weather was delightful, but never saw Devonshire appear to be so near to the Mumbles & it indicated a change

Tuesday 19 From Sun rise it rained very hard till midday but then cleared up & became very fine. Drove with Mrs D in the Britzka for an hour to Rose Hill

Wednesday 20 Drove to attend the Quarterly Meeting at the House of Correction

Thursday 21 Drove with Mrs D to see the Penllergare Chicks at Caswell, & staid some hours there

Friday 22 Drove with Mrs D & had my Hair cut at Swansea. Much giddy today

Saturday 23 Had a bad night & did not go out. Mrs & Miss D drove in the morning to Caswell & brought Theresa to remain here till the Evening when the other Chicks called for her on their way to Penllergare

Sunday 24 Continued more unwell than usual. Mrs & Miss D went to Church

Monday 25 Had a bad night & more unwell, but in the afternoon drove with Mrs D to meet the Family party at Caswell, it being dear Minnie's Birth day

Tuesday 26 Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D to Caswell & took little Harry with us

Wednesday 27 Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D to Caswell & by calling at Rose Hill took little Amy with us

Thursday 28 Drove with Mrs D in the afternoon to Caswell & brought back our dear Emmy to remain till tomorrow at Sketty

Friday 29 Fan & her Chicks & the young ones from Caswell en route homewards had Tea here

Saturday 30 Much unwell all day & Mrs D without me took a drive to the Mumbles

JULY

Sunday 1 Much unwell. Mrs & Miss D went to Church & staid the Sacrament

Monday 2 Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D to Caswell. Mr Moggridge & his friend Mr Broome dined with us

Tuesday 3 Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D to Rose Hill

Wednesday 4 Drove Mrs D in the Phaeton to Rose Hill where I left her & she took a ramble with Bessie & Mr Marryatt dined with us

Thursday 5 In the afternoon drove with Mrs D to the Willows. Legs very weak

Friday 6 Weak legs kept me at home. Jo Jeffreys brought Mr King of Newcastle to dine here

Saturday 7 Legs weak, & a walk round the Garden with my Friend W Strangways seemed to be quite exercise enough for me

Sunday 8 Mrs & Miss D went to Church. Wrote to Chalk[?] for the Security for 300 which I assented to advance on Leaseholds chiefly from the two Quarters ending Michs 1848 from which acct I have yet only recd 300, & also for the Balance on the two Quarters up to Lady Day

Monday 9 Mrs D went early [to?] assist in bringing up the Rose Hill Chicks to make Hay & dine here. In the Evening I went with her in the Britzka to assist in taking them back, & we did not get our Dinner till 7.
Wrote to RDA

Tuesday 10 Drove in the Britzka in the afternoon with my two Marys' to the Willows & on our return called on the Vicar & on Mrs tennant

Wednesday 11 Weather very hot. Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D to Rose Hill, & Lewis & Bessie dined with us to meet W Strangways but he did not come

Thursday 12 Very hot. Drove with Mrs D in the afternoon to Caswell

Friday 13 This is the Anniversary of an Event which I take to be the happiest of my Life ie. my Wedding day. Drove with Mrs D in the Britzka to bring some of the Rose Hill party to join Fans at Tea & Lewis & Moggridge dined with us

Saturday 14 Very unwell & did not stir many yards from the Threshold. My two Marys in the afternoon drove for an hour to Penllergare

Sunday 15 Not well enough to go many yards beyond my Garden Door. The two Mary's went to Church

Monday 16 Weather very fine but till Evening sultry. Drove with Mrs D at 6 to Rose Hill & it was near 9 when we returned to Tea

Tuesday 17 A fine rain all morning, but weather in the afternoon beautiful. Drove in the Evening for a walk on Caswell sands with our 4 Grand Chicks, & called at Rose Hill on our way back so as not to reach home till ½ past 6

Wednesday 18 Very showery. Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D for an hour to Swansea. Returned to our old habit of dining at 6 or ½ past

Thursday 19 In the afternoon drove with Mrs D to Caswell & after spending only an hour at Rose Hill on our return got home to Dine at ½ past 6

Friday 20 The Children not being quite well I drove with Mrs D to Caswell & there met Emma who has come over from Ynysygerwn to see them

Saturday 21 Drove in he afternoon with Mrs D to Caswell & found the Children better

Sunday 22 Much unwell & Dr H gave me some strong Medicine. Miss D walked to Church at Swansea. Tried a small ...[?] Top Knot which was taken yesterday at Caswell, boiled for Dinner & it was firmer & I thought better flavored than common flat Fish

Monday 23 Mrs D & I went in the britzka to Caswell with the intent of bringing Theresa with us back to Sketty but found her & two of her Sisters under Dr Birds care & much unwell

Tuesday 24 Drove with Mrs D to Caswell & found all the Chicks still confined to the House

Wednesday 25 Drove with Mrs D to Caswell, & the 3 younger Girls were well enough to walk with us on the Sands

Thursday 26 Drove with Mrs D to CAswell & Theresa is better tho' she did not join us in our walk on the Sands

Friday 27 Drove for an hour in the afternoon witgh Mrs & Miss D to Swansea

Saturday 28 Were going to Caswell but a heavy Rain all the afternoon kept us at home

- Sunday 29 My dear Mary not being quite well Miss D went alone to Church, & I read tho' not without some difficulty the morning service
- Monday 30 Drove with Mrs D to Rose Hill & took a short walk on the Shore. Fan brought her Family to Sketty for a Week or two in consequence of some encrease of Cholera in Swansea. Emma on her return to Penllergare from visiting the Girls at Caswell brought Theresa to spend the night here
- Tuesday 31 In the Britzka we took Theresa to Caswell & brought little Emma back with us

AUGUST

- Wednesday 1 Johnny who returned yesterday from Eton came with his Mother to Sketty, & we all drove on to Caswell for a couple of hours
- Thursday 2 Drove in the afternoon with (my two Marys for an hour to Swansea)? *[part in () crossed out. Question mark in original]*
- Friday 3 Drove with Mrs D to Rose Hill, & as all had gone up the Hill we took half an hours walk along the Shore
- Saturday 4 Drove about Noon with Mrs D to Penllergare where we found all parties engaged in the Otter Hunt on the Lower Lake & on chairs we witnessed the animated scene for 3 hours & lunched in the Boat House
- The son of our Blacksmith having been attacked by premonitory [?] Symptoms in Cwm Neath came home to Sketty & violently attacked by Cholera
- Sunday 5 Not being very well neither Mrs D or I went out. I read as much of the Service as I well [?] manage at home. Miss D walked with Moggridge & Weston to the Mumbles
- Monday 6 Mrs D drove with Fan & little Sarah to Caswell & I walked with John (who had come over from Penllergare) to the Sand Hill & back. It much tired me but seemed to do no harm
- Tuesday 7 Weather wet & neither I or Mrs D went out
- Wednesday 8 Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D to Caswell (whilst the Cottage is now vacant) & took a ramble on the Sands
- Thursday 9 Vivians Birthday, & our Youngsters joined in a dance or something gay at Singleton. Drive with Mrs D to the Mumbles & as we walked on the

Shore I happened to meet my old Friend Dr Luchington when he was landed from a steamer

Friday 10 John having kindly lent the Cottage at Caswell to the Moggridges Mary assisted in Fan's removal, & on her return met me on our Sand Hills & brought me home in the Phaeton

Saturday 11 Mrs D occupied as yesterday, , & I walked to our Sand Hills & back which as the weather was very sultry rather overtired me
The Dr today told me, considering the nature of my late attack that I am in great luck to be as well as I am & that he soon chiefly thinks unnecessary to watch in case certain symptoms should return

Sunday 12 Much troubled with nausea & Giddiness. My two Mary's went to Church

Monday 13 Nausea & Giddiness bad so that my Mary's sent for Dr Howell who gave Calomel which kept me at home & they went to Caswell in the afternoon

Tuesday 14 Better & with the Doctors consent I drove in the Britzka to Caswell with my two Marys it being little Sarahs Birthday

Wednesday 15 Much better & drove with Mrs D to Caswell & walked on the Shore

Thursday 16 Drove with Mrs D for a couple of hours to Penllergare

Friday 17 Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D to Caswell. Fan met with a sort of an adventure in trying the new Bathing Machine, but no Injury was done except that my old Lady was frightened

Saturday 18 My dear Mary suffered from having over heated herself yesterday & got wet & did not leave the House. I too went no further than the Garden

Sunday 19 Mrs D confined to Bed till late in the afternoon & only Miss D went to Church

Monday 20 Drive in the afternoon with Mrs D to Caswell

Tuesday 21 The funeral of another dead year, & I am launched with my 72. Drove in the afternoon to spend 3 or 4 hours at Penllergare

Wednesday 22 Drove with Mrs D to Caswell

Thursday 23 Do. Do & Mrs D rode on a Donkey on the Sands

Friday 24 Drove again with Mrs D to Caswell

Saturday 25 Ditto. Ditto

Sunday 26 My two Mary's went to Church

Monday 27 Drove with Mrs D as usual to Caswell & she enjoyed her walk on the Shore

Tuesday 28 A heavy Rain kept us at home

Wednesday 29 Another delightful day & Mrs D drove to Caswell but a tumble kept me at home

Thursday 30 Drove with Mrs D to Caswell

Friday 13 Drove with Mrs D to Caswell & took down Grapes & etc for a large Picknick [sic] in the Bay. Bessie, Polly & etc there

SEPTEMBER

Saturday 1 Drove with Mrs D in the afternoon to Penllergare

Sunday 2 My dear Mary as well as self being unequal to it Mary only went to Church

Monday 3 The Birthday of my dear & excellent Wife who has now compleated her 73rd year. A Family Levee all the morning & after lunch I drove with her to Caswell where Fan & her two elder Chicks are confined with colds

Tuesday 4 Miss Mary patronised a Picknick in 3 Cliffs Bay & did not return till late. In the afternoon I drove with Mrs D to Rose Hill & Caswell

Wednesday 5 The Heat of the Weather kept us at home till 4 when Mrs D & I drove to Caswell to dine at 7

Thursday 8 Lewis last night seized with violent sickness, & a milder [?] form of Cholera which the Doctors call Cholerina. Mrs D & I drove to Rose Hill in the afternoon & before we came away he was much better

Friday 7 Heard that little Weston Moggridge had suddenly been taken very ill yesterday morning & the Doctor considered it to be Cholerina, or a form of the prevailing Pest which is most [?] manageable by Medicine. he was much better when he came away at 5, & we also received very favorable reports on calling twice at Rose Hill

Saturday 8 Polly attended another Picknick at Languard, & first went with her Mother & brought an excellent account from Caswell. Lewis drove to call here & towards Evening I accompanied Mrs D in the Britzka to take back two of his Chicks who in the morning she had brought from Rose Hill. The Doctor thinks me so certainly better that [it?] is no longer necessary for him to call here more than once instead of twice a week

Sunday 9 A pain in the Back & side baddish & only my two Mary's went to Church

Monday 10 Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D to Caswell, & except some remaining relaxation [?] found Weston quite well again. I tried a warm bath before Dinner without much relief

Tuesday 11 Drove with Mrs D to call at Singleton & to Swansea for half an hour. Miss D had engaged with a party at Mrs Hewsons, but the Cook was so drunk that the youngsters were sent round to put the party off

Wednesday 12 Giddy & vantrien [?] Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D to Caswell & found Fanny very unwell

Thursday 13 My dear Mary in the afternoon drove to Penllergare to bid our Grand Sons goodby preparatory to their start tomorrow for Eton but I was too unwell to accompany her

Friday 14 My two Mary's drove to Miesteg [?Maesteg] with Contributions for Mrs Grenfells Bazar, towards finishing their new Chapel at Foxhole

Saturday 15 Drove in the afternoon with Mrs D to Caswell & found dear Fan still confined to her Bed

Sunday 16 My two Mary's went to Church at Swansea

Monday 17 Drove with Mrs D to Caswell & found Fan better

Tuesday 18 Drove rather early to Caswell & found Fan much better. Miss Ellen Hewson came to Dine & sleep here as Miss Mary's assistant at Mrs Grenfells Bazar

Wednesday 19 After Breakfast the Phaeton took Miss D & Miss Hewson to Maesteg [?] to assist in Mrs Grenfell's Bazar

Thursday 20 Drove with Mrs D to Caswell & Rose Hill

Friday 21 My side in much pain & Dr Howell recommended a Belladonna plaister.[sic] Drove with Mrs D halfway to the Mumbles & the Carriage then went to bring Miss Mary back from Grenfells Bazar

Saturday 22 Emma kept us at home till late & then went to see Fan at Caswell for half an hour

Sunday 23 My two Mary's went to Church

Monday 24 Drove with Mrs D to Caswell

Tuesday 25 The Pain in my side & Back are at times severe & the Dr can't conquer them. Drove in the aft[ernoon] with Mrs D for half an hour to Swansea

Wednesday 26 A Host of Visitors, the Grants, Grenfells, & etc & afterwards John & Emma kept us at home till 3, when Granny & I drove to Caswell

Thursday 27 Laid up by pain [?] in my back. My two Mary's drove to Rose Hill

Friday 28 The pain in my Back very bad, & rather overdone by a drive with Mrs D to Caswell. The Moggridges after occupying the cottage for 7 weeks commenced their return & the 2 young ones & Governess came to Sketty

Saturday 29 Back bad & I did not leave home. Mrs D went to bring back Fanny & etc from Caswell to Sketty

Sunday 30 A party who set out for Church were turned back by a violent rain

OCTOBER

Monday 1 Side & back bad. Drove with Mrs D to call at Rose Hill

Tuesday 2 By the Doctors desire I did not go out. Mrs D in the morning drove with Fan to the Willows, & in the afternoon to call on Miss D at Mrs Hewsons

Wednesday 3 Passed almost a sleepless night from Pain

Thursday 4 Drove with Mrs D in the afternoon to Caswell

Friday 5 Fan drove with Mrs D to Rose Hill & Caswell. I did not go out

Saturday 6 Afternoon very wet & none of us went out. My dear Fan quire confined to Bed by one of her old Bad Head aches & unable to follow her two younger Chicks who returned yesterday with their Governess to Swansea

Sunday 7 Wet day. I read the morning Service to Mrs D & Weston, of whom the former has a slight Face ache. Fan continued quite ill

Monday 8 Dear Fan, tho' still unwell returned to Swansea, & with Miss Mary I walked to the end of our Lane. being in considerable pain it over tired me, & produced almost a sleepless night

Tuesday 9 Lewis's family came to us on their way from Rose Hill. Mrs D on her way to assist in the removal took me on the way to the end of our Lane with Miss Mary & was walked back

Wednesday 10 A Day of Fast & humiliation appointed for the Cholera that is now happily nearly extinct. Mrs D drove to Swansea but staid with dear Fan who is still confined to her Bed & only Lewis & Miss Mary went to Church where the Collection for the sufferers was made & I sent 5£ to it

Thursday 11 Drove with Mrs D to the Willows, & some how or other the Pain in my back came on Severely. Miss Mary staid with our dear Fan

Friday 12 Side & back very bad & I did not go out

Saturday 13 The Ditto of yesterday

Sunday 14 Mrs D & most of Lewis's Family went to Church, but I did not go out of the House

Monday 15 Mrs D drove to Caswell but I did not go out. Talbot & Theodore arrived unexpectedly to Dinner & remained here

Tuesday 16 Talbot & Lewis after Breakfast walked to the Quarter Sessions & returned early. Mrs D took Theodore to Caswell

Wednesday 17 Lewis too Theodore to the Pottery, & proceeded then with his Father to Lanelay

Thursday 18 Mrs D on her way to Swansea took me in the close Carriage as far as Parkwern & I walked back. John Nichol came unexpectedly after the Sessions closed at ½ past 8, & slept here

Friday 19 John Nichol left us after Breakfast for Merthyr Mawr. Back very bad all day, & Mrs D sent for Dr Howell about Bedtime

Saturday 20 Too unwell to leave home. Mrs D & Bessie drove in the morning to Caswell

Sunday 21 Granny not quite well & Lewis, Bessie, Mary & other juniors went to Church

Monday 22 Did not go out

Tuesday 23 Do

Wednesday 24 Do. Pain better all day but returned sharply when I got into Bed

Thursday 25 Do. Very troublesome all day

Friday 26 My two Mary's drove to Caswell but I did not go out

Saturday 27 Pain better & returned as on Wednesday when I got into Bed

Sunday 28 All except myself went to Church, & my Pain increasingly severe

Monday 29 Ventured on a drive with Mrs D halfway to the Mumbles

Tuesday 30 Not well enough to go out. Mrs D drove to Caswell & left Miss D to spend a Week there

Wednesday 31 Attacked about sunrise by a severe Diarrhae & sent for Dr Howell. Better but very weak all day

NOVEMBER

Thursday 1 I did not go out

Friday 2 Went for a drive in the close Carriage with Mrs D to the Mumbles. Much better

Saturday 3 Took a walk half way down the Sketty Lane. Granny brought Miss Mary back from Caswell

Sunday 4 Plagued by a Rhenos[?] in my Jaw, & did not go out

Monday 5 Mrs D took me for a Drive in the close Carriage to Norton

Tuesday 6 Did not go out

Wednesday 7 Day wet. Mrs D took Miss Mary & left her at Caswell

Thursday 8 Drove in the close Carriage with Mrs D to Norton

Friday 9 Drove with Mrs D for half an hour to Swansea. Lewis & his Family moved to Parkwern

Saturday 10 Drove with Mrs D to spend an hour at Caswell & took a hot bath afterwards. Side very troublesome

Sunday 11 My two Mary's went to Church

Monday 12 Drove with Mrs D & spent a couple of hours at caswell. Granny walked on the Sands & searched for her Gold Spectacles which she lost somewhere last Saturday

Tuesday 13 Drove with Mrs D in the afternoon to Caswell but made Hay there

Wednesday 14 Much unwell & did not go out. My two Mary's drove to see dear Fan who again has one of her severe head aches

Thursday 15 Thanksgiving day. My two Marys went to Church

Friday 16 Drove as far as Black Pill with Mrs D & from there returned as we met Emma coming with Theresa & Emmy to Sketty

Saturday 17 Remained at home being tormented all night by Heartburn

Sunday 18 Very wet day & none of us left home

Monday 19 Drove with Mrs D as far as Norton

Tuesday 20 Mrs D took Miss Mary to Caswell & left her there

Wednesday 21 Drove to call at Parkwern with Mrs D in the morning & in the afternoon to the Willows

Thursday 22 John brought Miss D back in the morning & took her again in the afternoon to Caswell

Friday 23 Rained hard all day. The Phaeton brought Miss D back from Caswell

Saturday 24 Waled to call at Rhyvarhelig & it tired me

Sunday 25 My two Marys went to Church

Monday 26 The Phaeton took & left Miss Mary for a Visit to the Gnoll

Tuesday 27 Weather bad. Ice

Wednesday 28 Did not go out

Thursday 29 Do. Do. The Phaeton brought Miss Mary home

Friday 30 Leaving Theresa & Emmy for a Visit to us, the Penllergare Family removed back from Caswell home. Drive in the close Carriage in the afternoon with the two Marys to Swansea

DECEMBER

Saturday 1 A thorough wet day

Sunday 2	Rained so hard that none of us went out
Monday 3	Side & back painful & did not go out
Tuesday 4	Do. Do
Wednesday 5	Theresa & Emmy returned to Penllergare
Thursday 6	Put a Blister on my Back
Friday 7	Did not go out
Saturday 8	Do. Do
Sunday 9	Only Miss D went to Church
Monday 10	Did not go out
Tuesday 11	Do
Wednesday 12	Weather cold & stormy. My friend Jo Traherne in a Fly drove over from Margam to spend 3 or 4 hours with me
Thursday 13	Did not go out
Friday 14	Drove with Mrs D in the close Carriage as far as Norton. Our worthy & kind old neighbor died at Brynnawidd about ½ past 10 this morning
Saturday 15	Did not go out
Sunday 16	The two Mary's went to Church
Monday 17	Did not go out
Tuesday 18	Do
Wednesday 19	Do
Thursday 20	Do
Friday 21	Drove with Mrs D to Swansea & had my Hair cut
Saturday 22	Did not go out
Sunday 23	Very cold & Miss D walked to Church. I read part of the Service with Mrs D but am much unwell
Monday 24	Took a drive with Mrs D in the afternoon as far as Swansea

Tuesday 25 Did not go out. Being Xmas day the Parkwern couple[?] & their 3 Chicks came to dine early & spend the Evening merrily with us

Wednesday 26 Drove in the aft with Mrs D as far as Norton

Thursday 27 Drove with Mrs D to the Mumbles

Friday 28 Snowed sharply most of the day. Ground very slippery & none of us at all went out. Therm 26

Saturday 29 Snow deep on the Ground

Sunday 30 Mis sD walked with Parkwernites to Church. I bore[?] a strong mustard poultice on my side for 2 long hours. Night Thermometer 26

Monday 31 The affects of Mustard Poultice severe but ti seems to hev been of service

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