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*'This county will in a particular manner receive a benefit from good roads. The universal flocking of all ranks of People to the sea (as if they were in dread of canine madness) will bring many persons of distinction amongst us, who will have it that this remote county of ours is a Desert. They will be surprised to find it a Paradise. And when we open to them a communication, they will perceive such a charming verdure upon these hills (at a season when they in England are burnt up) and such limpid streams, such natural fountains & such pure air, as is no where else to be found. – These Novelties, with an unlimited and most beautiful prospect of the main Ocean, will give Aberystwyth a preference to Southampton, to Weymouth & to Brighthelmstone: The salt water being purer on this Coast, and the shore much more commodious for Bathing than any of these places.*

(Letter, January 13th 1770 from J. Paynter, Hafod, to Robert Lance Secretary to the Society for promoting Manufacturers and for Employing the Poor in the Counties of Pembroke and Cardigan)

*"At Borth fair Nature, with a mystic spell,  
Made endless sands without a single shell!  
At Aberystwyth, on the other hand,  
She made a beach with scarcely any sand:-  
But her, fair Art, to make the scene en mise,  
Spreads sparkling on the beach her white chemise;  
Though she, fair Aberystwyth, proudly boasts  
Herself the 'Queen' of our western coasts!  
Her 'Corporation', sage in worldly speech,  
Permit their people's clothes upon the beach.  
And this wise act I can't see any sin in,  
For since Cymraegs, why not come-dirty-linen." (p. 15)*

('Impromptu by a Visitor,' Aberystwyth Observer of Sept. 13th 1873)

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*Aberystwyth*, (edited by George W. May, London, 1903). On cover "The official publication of the Corporation". Editions also in 1902, 1904, 1905, 1906, 1907, 1909, 1912. Published for the Corporation by the Health Resorts Association – on p. 55 "the Director of the Health Resorts Association will be glad to correspond with Municipal Bodies and Voluntary Associations wishing to popularise their Resorts with a view to attracting Visitors and Residents for Summer and Winter". Hardback booklet, written in a very lively 'marketing' style, with general description of Aberystwyth ("The Royal Family is closely connected with its welfare"), UCW, climate, sunshine, hygiene, castle, promenade, Constitution Hill, bathing, boating, places of worship, natural history, excursions, cycling itinerary. Includes list of houses where apartments can be secured at any time of the year and furnished houses let for summer season, by R. Kenrick, letting agent. With adverts for hotels, boarding houses, educational establishments, provisions, cycle and motor depot, photos, pharmaceuticals, travel information. Includes photographs of various hotels, university, parade, (with people and boats and bathing machines), golfers, castle, North Parade, harbour, beach, boat racing in Cardigan Bay, and views further afield. c. 56 pages. [NLW 1345 A3 A14 (Box labelled XDA 1345 A3 A (1))]

*Aberystwyth Official Souvenir: The Queen of Welsh Watering Places*. (1919). Description of town and surrounding areas, NLW, amusement and recreation, country rambles, excursions, Aberystwyth as a winter resort, UCW, many adverts. Notes by J. Denley Spencer. Oval hole in cover to expose a picture from Constitution Hill. 32 pages including

adverts. [NLW XDA 1345 A3 A14 (Box labelled XDA 1345 A3 A (1)).

*Aberystwyth: The Most Delightful Spring, Summer or Winter Resort. The Queen of Welsh Watering Places.* (Cambrian Railways, 1912). Small guide with travel information, and also details of banks, newspapers, post, and table of distances from Aberystwyth to major British towns. Contains guide to town, its salubrity, places of amusement and recreation, climate, walks and excursions. Attractions mentioned include pier, pavilion, band, Castle Grounds, Elysian Grove, Picture Palace, skating rink, bathing, golf, boating, fishing, tennis and bowls. With B&W photographs of Promenade from Pier entrance, Promenade and Beach looking South, Promenade and Constitution Hill, Aberystwyth from Constitution Hill, Aberystwyth from Castle Grounds, Devil's Bridge, Rheiddol Valley and White Stag, and Cwm Woods. [NLW 1345 A3 A14 (Box labelled XDA 1345 A3 A (1))]

*Aberystwyth: the Official Guide. With the compliments of the Aberystwyth Corporation.* (Printed by H. Logan & Co, Bournemouth, 1912). Previous guide published in 1902? Small postcard sized booklet, written by J. L. Purton, and illustrated with a number of very interesting photos by Jas. T. Ede and others, of views of Aberystwyth, most of them including people. Opens with quotes from medical men and others about Aberystwyth's salubrity, health, etc. Description of Aberystwyth as a health resort, railway communication, development and progress, town, promenade, beach, boating and bathing, water supply and sanitation, pier, pavilion, castle, UCW, NLW, amusements and attractions, etc. Includes many adverts, some with photos, of hotels and baths. Photographs are of Promenade looking south, Bay and beach looking north, Beach (with boats and people), Waterloo Hydro Hotel, North Parade, South promenade and castle, South Marine Parade and harbour, Craig Lais (with people), Castle (various views), Castle Grounds (with large boats in background), Pleasure Grounds on Constitution Hill, College and parish church, Sketch of NLW, Pavilion and pier, Sporting and recreational amenities, and various views of surrounding countryside and attractions. c. 52 pages, including adverts. [NLW XDA 1345.A3.A14 (Box labelled XDA 1345 A3 A (1))]

*Aberystwyth, the Queen of Welsh Watering Places* (published by Cambrian Railways, printed by Littlebury Bros., Liverpool, 1908, 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1914). Small booklet containing travel information and special facilities for tourists on Cambrian Railways, description of town, recreation, amusement, walks, excursions, places of worship, postal information, banks, newspapers, table of distances, with photographs of Aberystwyth from Constitution Hill, Promenade, Castle, Victoria Terrace, UCW, and views of surrounding areas. 16 pages, no adverts. [NLW XDA 1345 A3 A14 (Box labelled XDA 1345 A3 A (2))]

*Aberystwyth. The Queen of Welsh Watering Places. An Official List of Hotels, Boarding Houses, Furnished Houses, Taverns, Inns, Private Apartments, and Business Houses, for the Reference and Convenience of Visitors. Fifth Year, March 1914.* (Published and printed by J. D. Spencer, Manager, Cambrian Chambers, 1914). With railway information, town plan of Aberystwyth, and advertisements for UCW and Evans's 'Welsh Old Oak Furniture' and other goods. [NLW XDA 1345 A3 A14 (Box labelled XDA 1345 A3 A (8))]

*Aberystwyth Sketch Book and Visitor's Companion*, (printed by John Pryse, Llanidloes, c. 1865) Written due to a 'desire on the part of the publisher to supply, for the benefit of the numerous visitors to Aberystwyth at the Eisteddfod . . . an acceptable *Vade Mecum*'. Containing introduction, 'Aberystwyth in 1865', the Corporation, Devil's Bridge, Castle and walk of the ruins, Marine Terrace, Plas Crug, poems, adverts. Also advert by the Hafod Hotel Company re. 'Increase of Capital' and engraving of Aberystwyth from the north. 26 pages excluding adverts. Bound in a volume referenced WB4937-4947. Also found in this volume are *Pryse's Welsh Interpreter* and *A Guide to the Town and Neighbourhood of Tenby*, by R, Mason, n.d. [NLW WB 4939.]

*Aberystwyth Visitors' Handbook.* Booklet given away at the Cambrian News Stationery, Photographic and Fancy Goods Stores, containing tide table, railway guide, postal information, places of worship, banks, public offices, &c'. (J. and J. Gibson, Cambrian News Printing Works, Aberystwyth, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914). Small pocket sized handbook, c. 10 pages. [NLW 1345 A3 A14 (Box labelled XDA 1345 A3 A (1))]

*Aberystwyth, What to See and How to See it: A guide to over thirty walks, excursions and places of interest, plan of the town, tide table, directory.* (William Robert Hall, assistant editor of the Cambrian News, Aberystwyth, 1882). 4th ed. Small booklet, with map of town, historical outline, information of baths, beach, promenade pier, UCW, castle, harbour, reservoir, local industries, fishing, free library, sanitation, walks, and excursion. With adverts. 16 pages. Editions also in 1880, 1887, 1889, 1905, 1907, 1920, and later. [NLW 1345 A3 A14 (Box labelled XDA 1345 A3 A (8))]

*Aberystwyth, What to See and How to See it: A guide to over thirty walks, excursions and places of interest, plan of the town, tide table, directory.* (William Robert Hall, assistant editor of the Cambrian News, Aberystwyth, 1905). Revised edition. Small booklet, with panorama of views from Constitution Hill, sketches of Cardigan Bay, plan of town, map of footpaths, a map of the district. With useful hints on health and bathing, historical outline of Aberystwyth, situation, description, sanitation, climate, beach, promenade pier, UCW,

castle, harbour, reservoir, local industries, fishing, free library, walks, and excursions, etc. With adverts and tide table. 32 pages. [NLW 1345 A3 A14 (Box labelled XDA 1345 A3 A (8))]

*A Guide to Aberystwyth and the Devil's Bridge*: Abel Heywood's Penny and Two-penny Guides, published in 1871, 1875, 1876, 1889, 1890, 1895, 1896, 1898, 1903, 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1913, 1914 [ NLW XDA 1345 A A14 (Box labelled XDA 1345 A3 A(5))]. Some examples are below.

*A Guide to Aberystwyth and the Devil's Bridge; with Excursions to all the Places of Interest in the Neighbourhood*. . Title on cover: *A Guide to Aberystwyth and the Devil's Bridge, with a Tide Table: Abel Heywood's Penny Guides*. (Abel Heywood & Son, Manchester and London, 1871, 1876). Contains fold out map of mid Wales, description of town, public buildings, walks and excursions, railway information and descriptive railway routes north, south and inland of Aberystwyth, tariff and details of the Devil's Bridge Hotel, with poem about the bridge by 'MRCS', high water table, and adverts. With engraving of the Devil's Bridge and hotel. 23 pages, excluding Devil's Bridge section and adverts. [NLW1345.A3.A14 (Box labelled XDA 1345 A3 A (5))]

*A Guide to Aberystwyth and the Devil's Bridge; with Tide Table and Directions to all the Walks, Drives and Places of Interest in the Neighbourhood*. . Title on cover: *Illustrated Guide to Aberystwyth: Abel Heywood's Guide Books*. (Abel Heywood & Son, Manchester and London, 1891). Contains description of town, amenities and facilities, attractions for tourists, climate, bathing, health, accommodation, public buildings, college, museum, castle, walks and excursions, list of objects to be seen from Constitution Hill, table of distances, hints to tourists, travel information, list of apartments and numerous adverts. With sketches of beach and fishing boats (front cover and inside), Devil's Bridge, UCW, castle, reef, Llyn Llygad Rheidol, Mynach Falls. 20 pages, excluding appendices and adverts. [NLW1345.A3.A14 (Box labelled XDA 1345 A3 A (5))]

*A Souvenir of Aberystwyth*. Presented with the compliments of Hotel Cambria. (Published by the Birmingham Advertising Agency for the Corporation of Aberystwyth, printed by Allday Ltd., Birmingham, c. 1902). Official Guide and Souvenir of Aberystwyth – the Biarritz of Wales. With description of Aberystwyth, sunshine, rainfall, as a health resort, climate, air, as a winter resort, water, drainage, promenade, improvements, pier, pavilion, amusements and attractions, including the "Aberystwyth Aqua-Terra, or Land and Water Pleasure Grounds, which are to be opened with great ceremony in July", drives, excursions, cycle rides, railway trips, UCW etc, and photographs of promenade, beach, Victoria Terrace, castle, etc. and also Mr Gilbert Rogers' Minstrel Troupe. Numerous adverts. 35 pages, excluding adverts. Another edition, presented with the compliments of the Mayor and the Corporation has additional photograph of children on the lifeboat slip, with sailing boats in background. [NLW XDA 1345 A3 A14 (Box labelled XDA 1345 A3 A (2))]

Baker, James, *A Picturesque Guide to the Local Beauties of Wales: interspersed with the most interesting objects of antiquity in that Principality. Volume II. By James Baker; assisted by Gentlemen of Great Scientific Learning and Knowledge*, (London, 1794). Historical, topographical description of South Wales and the Marches, with engravings. Description of route only to Aberystwyth, pp. 198-200, with engraving entitled 'Bathing place in Cardigan Bay near Aberystwyth', depicting boats, bathing machines, and naked men in the water. Footnote at end of volume says a fuller guide to the town can be found in the appendix of the *Imperial Guide*, n.d. 213 pages. [NLW XDA 1222 B16]

Ballinger, John, (editor), *Aberystwyth and district*. A guide prepared for the conference of the National Union of Teachers (Souvenir of Aberystwyth Conference, London, 1911), with illustrations, maps, plans, ports. 286 pages. [NLW]

Bingley, William, *Excursions in North Wales, including Aberystwyth and the Devil's Bridge*, intended as a guide to tourists, 3rd ed., with corrections and additions made during excursions in the year 1838 by his son, W. R. Bingley, with a complete map by J. and C. Walker. 355 pages. (London, Longman, Orme, 1839) [NLW XDA 1320 A3 B61]

*Black's Picturesque Tourist of England and Wales, with a general travelling map; charts of roads, railroads, and interesting localities; engraved views of picturesque scenery; and a comprehensive general index, embracing a list of hotels and inns*. 2nd ed. (Adam and Charles Black, Edinburgh, 1851). Includes prefaces to 1st and 2nd editions, information of travelling expenses, hints to railway travellers, contents page, and list of illustrations. Tours to and through Wales on pp. 127-174, with short description of Aberystwyth, pp. 138-139, and fold-out maps of North and South Wales. 538 pages, including index. General advertisement section at the back. Filed loosely inside is a handwritten, anonymous item entitled 'Tour in Wales July 1853', which looks like an account of a tour taken of North and Mid Wales, with a description of journey, places stayed, attractions seen etc, including Aberystwyth. [NLW 96MA3038]

*Black's Picturesque Guide through North and South Wales and Monmouthshire. With a copious itinerary, a full description of every remarkable place, and a comprehensive general index, embracing a list of hotels and inns. Illustrated by maps, charts and views of*

*Severn*. 2nd ed. (Edinburgh, 1853). Numerous editions published between 1851 and 1910. Contains contents page, brief general description of Wales, the Welsh alphabet, glossary, engravings. Description of, and routes to and from, Aberystwyth, pp. 200-216. 406 pages, including index. General advertisement section at the back. [NLW XDA 1223. B62]

*Black's Picturesque Guide to Wales, illustrated with charts, maps and views*, 19th ed. (Edinburgh, Charles and Black, 1888). Includes contents page, list of maps and charts, skeleton tours, itineraries, glossary of Welsh words, Welsh vocabulary for tourists, table of distances. With general description of Wales, and descriptions of Aberystwyth, pp. 227-246, also an itinerary from Aberystwyth to Aberaeron and list of excursions and distances from Aberystwyth. 433 pages, including index. [NLW XDA 1223 B62]

Cliffe, Charles Frederick, *The Book of South Wales: the Bristol Channel, Monmouthshire, and the Wye. A companion and guide to the railways, watering places, shores, scenery, antiquities, unexplored regions, mineral districts, towns, and other objects of interest throughout the southern division of the principality; with a picture of Bristol*, 2nd ed. (London, 1848). Contains author's note to the second edition and his introduction to the first edition, list of illustrations, the iron trade and railways of South Wales, the Welsh alphabet and glossary, map of South Wales coast, many engravings. Description of Aberystwyth, pp. 309-327, with table of distances to Aberystwyth from London, and from Aberystwyth to surrounding places of interest, and detail of town, amenities, accommodation, amusements, trade, clubs and societies, walks and excursions, with engraving of bay from Constitution Hill. 400 pages. [NLW Dyb 2004 A 511 / XDA 1328-2 C63]

*Crosby's Complete Pocket Gazetteer of England and Wales, or Travellers Companion, arranged under the various descriptions of Local Situation, Public Buildings, Civic Government, . . . and whatever is worthy of Attention to the Gentleman or Man of Business throughout the Kingdom, with a preface and introduction by the Rev. J. Malham* (printed by J. Dewick, London, 1807). With fold out general map of England and Wales, road map, and brief descriptions of Aberystwyth, p. 5. [NLW DA 640 C94]

*Eyre Bros Watering and Visiting Places of the South and West of England (including South Wales), 1880. A comprehensive guide with numerous illustrations, photographic views, and coloured maps*. 2nd ed. (London, 1880). 1st edition in 1877. Contains introduction, which states that 'With a view to making our watering places better known, we, in 1877, produced our first issue . . . and we were so well satisfied with the reception . . . that we now have been induced to bring out an improved edition of the former work. . . Another improvement will, besides, be found in the descriptions of the health and pleasure resorts of South Wales'. Also contains index to illustrations and maps, list of advertisers, and topographical and general description, trades directory, places of interest etc., of Aberystwyth, pp. 33-37, with photographs of promenade, Old College and Pier, and sketch of the Queen's Hotel; 461 pages, including index. [NLW 86MB5159]

Feltham, John, *A guide to all the watering and sea-bathing places: with a description of the Lakes, a sketch of a tour in Wales, and various itineraries; illustrated with maps and views*, 2nd ed. (London, 1806), 2nd edition. Other issues 1804, 1810, and 1815. Contains introduction by the author, maps, engravings, itinerary from London, table of distances, and a closing chapter entitled 'Observations on Mineral Waters and on Sea-Bathing, with cautions and admonitions on their use and application'. Description of Aberystwyth, pp. 1-10, 428-435, e.g. topography, trade, castle, walks and rides to Llanbadarn, Plas Crug, Devil's Bridge, Strata Florida, and Plinlimmon, with engraving of Castle and Bay. 500 pages, including index. [NLW DA665 F32]

*Gossiping Guide to Wales*, (Askew Roberts, Edward Woodall, and ? Venebles, Oswestry and London). A series of yearly guide books, published between 1872 and c. 1925, and revised regularly, with additional information, updates on travel extensions, etc. Published variously in two separate volumes, namely Part 1, North Wales Section, and Part II, North Wales and Aberystwyth, or in one complete volume; also published in slightly different versions, i.e. Popular Edition and Travellers Edition, the latter including routes for cyclists. The series follows on from the author's original guidebook, *On and Off the Cambrian*, of 1870. NLW seems to contain a complete collection. The earlier volumes include author's preface, in which he give his reasons for writing a new kind of guide book, 'One that will give us short and sweet descriptions of Welsh Sensations . . . One pointing out objects of interest, right and left, while we are *on* the line, and where we go *off*, sketching chief attractions to be found; shorn of sentimental twaddle on the one hand, and dryasdust dullness on the other'. The volumes comprise rich and useful material for travellers, e.g. railway and ordinance survey maps, descriptions of each location, amenities, attractions etc, with contents pages and indexes, list of hotels, maps and advertisements, general information such as tables of heights of mountains, rainfall, natural history notes, etc. Descriptions of Aberystwyth vary slightly over the period and include opinions of the town by earlier writers, the author's own opinion, topography, attractions, amenities, accommodation, anecdotes, excursions and distances, etc. [NLW XDA1320.A3.R64]

Groves, W.H., *Guide to Aberystwyth and the Devil's Bridge*, with numerous legends. (Aberystwyth, 1878). 16 pages. [NLW Microfiche Catalogue XDA 1344 A3 A14]

Groves, W.H., *The popular guide to Aberystwyth, the Devil's Bridge and Mid-Wales with numerous legends*, 2nd edition. (Printed by Wheatley and Sons, Aberystwyth, 1880). Rich and detailed description of the town, beach, bathing, trade, water supply, drainage, lifeboat, legends, public buildings, hotels and lodging houses, castle, amusements (pebble gathering, town band, botany, seaweed, geology, fishing, etc), walks and excursions to surrounding areas, e.g. Aberdovey, Devil's Bridge, Strata Florida, and excursion by road or rail to places further afield, e.g. Towyn, Barmouth, Harlech, Cader Idris. Also includes a number of quotes and poems from local newspapers, especially the *Aberystwyth Observer*, e.g. on the lapidary trade and "That Wonderful Pier". 130 pages. No illustrations or index in this copy, which is bound in the same volume as *Touring in North Wales*, an alphabetical arrangement, by Edwin Richardson, (London, 1882), which has a short piece on Aberystwyth. [NLW XDA 1345 A3 A14]

*John Heywood's Illustrated Guide to Aberystwyth*, (Manchester and London, 1900). Editions also in 1891? [NLW], 1899 [Town Library], 1904 [CM, AYB36]. Contains contents page and list of illustrations, historical description, as a health resort, sanitation, beach, promenade, bathing, etc. With tide table, town plan, general information, and details of walks and excursions, local and general adverts. 32 pages, excluding adverts. [NLW XDA 1345 A3 A14 (box labelled NLW XDA 1345 A3 A (8))]

*Kitchin's Post-Chaise Companion through England and Wales; containing all the ancient and new additional roads with every topographical detail relating thereto*. By Thomas Kitchin. For the use of travellers on one hundred and three copper plates (London, 1767) [NLW AB 4999]

*Leigh's Guide to Wales & Monmouthshire: containing observations on the mode of travelling, plans of various tours, sketches of the manners and customs, notices of historical events, and description of every remarkable place, and a minute account of the Wye, with a map of Wales*. . . (London, Samuel Leigh, 1831). First edition, with several subsequent editions up to 1844. Contains author's advertisement, contents page, list of tours included, topographical description and index. With description of Aberystwyth, pp. 47-53. [NLW Dyb 2005 A 95].

*List of Lodgings at Seaside and Holiday Resort, Farm Houses amid Hill and Dale in Wild Wales on the Cambrian Railways* (Cambrian Railway Co., 1909), with railway map of mid-Wales, timetables, fares, accommodation list and information, and short descriptions of towns and attractions, a guide to what to see, and photographs. 70 pages. Description of Aberystwyth, 'the Biarritz of Wales', pp. 13-15, with view of promenade from Constitution Hill and Devil's Bridge, and details of accommodation, names of proprietors, no. of bedrooms, distance from station, remarks, pp. 32-39. [NLW XDA 1223.C17]

Malkin, Benjamin Heath, *The Scenery, Biography and Antiquities of South Wales*, from materials collected during two excursions in the year 1803. Embellished with views drawn on the spot and engraved by Laporte, and a Map of the Country (London, 1804, 1807. Printed for T. N. Longman and O Rees, Paternoster Row by T Bensley, Fleet Street). Includes dedication by the author to the Rev. William Williams, Prebendary of Llandaff 'in gratitude for many useful notices on the subject to which these pages have been devoted'. Contains contents page, large fold out map of south and mid Wales, and descriptions of the antiquities, history, geography, beauties of nature, customs, county seats, etc, county by county, with many engravings. Containing notes on Aberystwyth, pp. 374-377, with wider description of surrounding areas, e.g. Cwm Ystwyth, Havod, Devil's Bridge, Llanbadarn, on pp. 336-378, with engravings of the Upper Fall at Havod and the Havod Inn. 634 pages. [NLW WD 318]

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*Morgan's New Guide to Aberystwyth and Neighbourhood, comprising Notices, Historical and Descriptive of the Principal Objects of Interest in the Town and Neighbourhood*. With Six Views and Map. By Authority. (Printed by John Morgan [late John Cox], Aberystwyth and Whittaker & Co, London, 1874). [2nd edition renamed *The Guide to Aberystwyth and its Environs*, Aberystwyth, Lloyd, 1885.] Includes author's preface, alphabetical contents page, detailed descriptions of town, public buildings, churches and chapels, schools, markets, hotels, banks, societies, reading rooms, library, amenities, corporation, pier, beaches, bathing, UCW, harbour, castle, attraction, walks, excursions, table of distances etc., and a chapter entitled 'Aberystwyth as a Winter Residence'. Also includes fold out map, and engravings of Aberystwyth, frontispiece, showing promenade and pier, with boats; Aberystwyth looking South (from Constitution Hill); The Pier; Castle and Church; Waterfall at Devil's Bridge. 99 pages, with additional 60 pages of adverts for goods ranging from agricultural implements, pharmaceuticals, jewellery, outfits, provisions, wines and spirits, saddlery goods and trunks/bags, china, photographs, to hotels, baths, libraries. [NLW XDA 1345.A3.M85]

*Nelson's Guide to Aberystwyth and neighbourhood*. With maps, plans, and illustrations. (Thomas Nelson and Sons, London, 1908). Made up from Baddeley's 'Thorough' Guide series, with local and general information, description of town, attraction, walks,

excursions, etc., with fold out map of Aberystwyth and Cader Idris and fold out panorama from Cader Idris summit. Photographs include Aberystwyth from Constitution Hill, UCW, and Devil's Bridge. 64 pages, no local adverts. [NLW XDA 1345 A3 A14 (Box labelled XDA 1345 A3 A (7) Copies also in Town Library and Ceredigion Museum]

Nicholson, G, *The Cambrian Traveller's Guide, in every direction containing remarks made during many excursions, in the Principality of Wales and bordering districts, augmented by extracts from the best writers*, 1st ed. (London, 1808 and 1813). Contains fold out map of Wales, preface by the author, notes on modes of travelling, Welsh pronunciation and glossary. Historical, topographical and general description of Aberystwyth, pp. 34-47. Includes index of places, plants, eminent persons, and the route of tourists where they have been given, with places of beginning and end. 1470 pages, including index. [NLW XDA 1222 N62]

Nicholson, G. , *Nicholson's Cambrian Guide in every direction containing remarks made during many excursions, in the Principality of Wales and bordering districts, augmented by extracts from the best writers*, 3rd ed. (London, 1840). Revised and edited by his son, the Rev. Emilius Nicholson. Contains fold out map of Wales, preface by the editor and author, notes on modes of travelling, Welsh pronunciation and glossary. Historical, topographical and general description of Aberystwyth, pp. 23-34. Includes index of places, plants, eminent persons, and the route of tourists where they have been given, with places of beginning and end. 1366 pages, excluding index. [NLW XDA 1222 N62]

Pritchard, Thomas Jeffery Llewelyn, *The New Aberystwyth Guide to the Waters, Bathing Houses, Public Walks, and Amusements; including Historical Notices and General Information connected with the Town, Castle Ruins, Rivers, Havod, the Devil's Bridge, and all Places of Note or Interest adjacent. Embellished with a map and two views*. Printed for and sold by Lewis Jones, bookseller. Sold also in London, Bath, Cheltenham, Shrewsbury, Birmingham, Worcester, Hereford, Bala and Carmarthen. (L. Jones: Aberystwyth, 1824).

Printed by J. Cox, Great Dark-gate St. Dedicated to Mrs. Coutts, as a public tribute of respect. Includes preface by author, which states, 'It would be uncandid to pass over unnoticed the circumstance of a former Aberystwyth Guide having existed; and the praise of having brought forward the first thing of the kind in the town, is due to the Author. But the great and favourable changes that have taken place in Aberystwyth in the course of seven years, rendered such a work of no service to me in the formation of this'. Contains contents page, description of town, historical notices, lodging houses, market, Marine Terrace, Assembly Rooms, church, school, castle, sea, trade, surrounding attractions, bathing, walks, excursion, natural history notes, with detailed description of the Chalybeate waters and Baths, including how they are constructed, how to use them, their health-giving properties, etc. Also includes remarks on Welsh Trowsers ('a singular novelty which attracted the attention of the fashionables at Aberystwyth last season'), A Theatre at Aberystwyth, and Extortion in Lodging Houses. With general information at the back, e.g. post-office, magistrates, travel, table of distances. Includes engraving of Aberystwyth from the North East, the Devil's Bridge, but map is missing. 195 pages. [NLW XDA 1345.A3.A14].

Roberts, Askew, *The Gossiping Guide to Wales, illustrated with seven maps* (London, 1882). Covers North and Mid-Wales, numerous editions. Contains author's preface, list of hotels, index of advertisements, contents page, list of maps and index. Historical, topographical, popular and general description of Aberystwyth is found on pp. 23-30, with detailed map of Cardigan Bay. 104 pages excluding indexes. [NLW XDA 1320 A3 R64]

*Souvenir. Aberystwyth, The Queen of Welsh Watering Places. The Most Delightful Spring, Summer or Winter Resort.* (Welsh Gazette Office, Aberystwyth, 1913. Also published in 1907, 1909, 1910, 1911, 1914). Booklet of alternate pages of text and photographs, comprising general description of Aberystwyth, under heading of Climate, Castle, Promenade, Bathing and Boating, Constitution Hill, Ancient British Camp, National Institutions, Amusements, Excursions, with views of UCW, Graig Lais, Harbour, Bowling Green, etc. 16 pages, no adverts. [NLW XDA 1345 A3 A14 (Box labelled XDA 1345 A3 A (1))]

*Souvenir. Aberystwyth A.M.C. 1914.* Published by the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows' Conference at Aberystwyth, 1914. (Printed by J. Gibson, Cambrian News Office, Aberystwyth, 1914). Comprising opening chapter relating to Oddfellow business, followed by essays on : Aberystwyth as a Health Resort, by Dr. Abraham Thomas, MOH for Aberystwyth; North Cardiganshire, by H. J. Fleure; History of Aberystwyth, by Evan Evans; and anonymous chapters on castle, UCW, NLW, Hafod, etc. With photographs of Conference Hall (Pier and Pavilion), Aberystwyth Hinterland, Craiglais Cliffs and North Beach (with people), Harbour, promenade, UCW, etc. 67 pages. No adverts. [NLW XDA 1345 A3 A14 (Box labelled XDA 1345 A3 A (1))]

*The Aberystwyth guide*, by ' J.S.'. (Job Sheldon according to George Eyre Evans in *Aberystwyth Court Leet*, or Mr J Stephenson according to John Morgan in his *Short History of the Castle of Aberystwyth*). *Containing a concise description of the town, harbour, boundaries, buildings, places of worship, costume, &c; with an index of householders, and an analytical account of the chalybeate spring, its properties, effects, disorders to which it*

*is applicable, and medical directions for its use; to which are added, several extracts, selected from some of the best writers, descriptive of the rivers Ystwyth and Rhydol, the Devil's Bridge, Hafod, Strata Florida, &c.* (Samuel Williams: Aberystwyth, 1816). With list of subscribers and introduction. Contains historical description of town, lead and silver mines, beach, bathing machines, churches, state of religion, the law, manners and customs (which 'may be said to have improved, certainly not to have degenerated, from their more frequent intercourse with strangers; a connection which other towns in Cardiganshire, situated more inland, have not the opportunity of experiencing'), the harbour, trade, market, Chalybeate spring, places of amusement, education, manners of inhabitants, rules of library and reading room, details of coach times and routes, postal information, names of mayor and officers, harbour officials, custom officers, table of distances, names of householders and tradesmen, with occupations, and an analysis of the Chalybeate spring by Richard Williams, hon. member of the physical society and London Vaccination Institution, now resident in Aberystwyth. With description of some surrounding attractions, e.g. Hafod, Strata Florida, Llanbadarn, Devil's Bridge. 130 pages, no illustrations. [NLW XDA 1345 A3 A14]

*The Aberystwyth Hand book, containing map of roads and footpaths, guide to walks, &c. Local and general information. Almanac for the year.* (Printed by William Jones, Aberystwyth, 1906; 1907; 1908; 1909; 1910; 1911; 1912). Contains information on pleasant walks, cycle rides, drives, trips by rail, places worth visiting, tides, historical notes ((by George Eyre Evans), municipal, local and general information, and some Welsh pieces. With standard Almanac for the year and adverts. c. 70 pages. [NLW XDA 1345 A3 A14 (edition for 1907 contained in box labelled XDA 1345 A3 A (1))]

*The British Tourist's, or Traveller's Pocket Companion, through England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland, comprehending the most celebrated modern tours in the British Islands, and several originals, in six volumes.* Vol. 1. (W. Mavor, ed., London, 1809). Contains contents page, preface, 'Tour through Monmouthshire and Wales by Henry Penruddocke Wyndham, Esq.', made in the summers of 1774 and 1777, with very brief description of Aberystwyth, pp. 351-3. 356 pages, plus contents page. [NLW 92 MA 17411]

*The British Tourist's, or Traveller's Pocket Companion, through England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland, comprehending the most celebrated modern tours in the British Islands, and several originals, in six volumes.* Vol. IV. (W. Mavor, ed., London, 1809). A compendium of various tours, including 'Tour through South Wales and some of the Adjacent English Counties by Henry Skrine, Esq.', made in c. late 18th c. with very brief description of Aberystwyth, p. 191. 355 pages, plus contents page. [NLW 92 MA 17414]

*The British Tourist's, or Traveller's Pocket Companion, through England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland, comprehending the most celebrated modern tours in the British Islands, and several originals, in six volumes.* Vol. VI. (W. Mavor, ed., London, 1809). A compendium of various tours of the metropolis, the two universities and bathing and watering places, including 'Tour to the Principal Sea-Bathing Places, and Mineral Waters in England and Wales. In a letter to the Editor', anonymous but probably John Feltham, with description of Aberystwyth, pp. 273-274; and 'A list of the Cities, Borough, Market Towns, and Remarkable Villages in England and Wales; the Days on which their Markets are held, how far distant from London in measured miles'. Plus editor's advertisement, contents page and indexes. 334 pages. [NLW 92 MA 17415]

*The Cambrian Directory, or, Cursory Sketches of the Welsh Territories, with a Chart, comprehending at one view the advisable route – best inns – distances – and objects most worthy of attention,* (by 'Cliff of Worcester', printed by J. Easton, Salisbury, 1800). Dedicated to 'the friendly and truly hospitable inhabitants of the Principality of Wales'. Contains fold out chart of route, miles covered, best inns and objects of interest. Descriptions of Aberystwyth, p. 63-66. 210 pages, including sonnets. [NLW COL. 2802]

*The Cambrian Directory, or, Cursory Sketches of the Welsh Territories, with a Chart, comprehending at one view the advisable route – best inns – distances – and objects most worthy of attention,* (by 'Cliff of Worcester', 4th ed., printed for J. Harding, London, 1806). Dedicated to 'the friendly and truly hospitable inhabitants of the Principality of Wales'. Includes reviews of first edition, 1800-01, and preface, sonnets and handwritten annotations. No illustrations. Contains fold out chart of route, miles covered, best inns and objects of interest. Descriptions of Aberystwyth (with Devil's Bridge and Havod), p. 73-94. 240 pages, including sonnets. [NLW XDA 1222 C17]

*The Cambrian Directory, or, Cursory Sketches of the Welsh Territories, with a Chart, comprehending at one view the advisable route – best inns – distances – and objects most worthy of attention,* (by 'Cliff of Worcester', 5th ed., printed for Walker, Edwards and Reynolds, London, T. Poole, Chester, and J. Painter, Wrexham, 1814). Dedicated to 'the friendly and truly hospitable inhabitants of the Principality of Wales'. ? 5th edition. Includes preface to 4th edition, sonnets, no illustrations. Contains fold out chart of route, miles covered, best inns and objects of interest. Description of Aberystwyth, pp. 73-94. 240 pages, including sonnets. [NLW Dyb 2002A1104]

*The Cambrian tourist : or, post-chaise companion through Wales : containing cursory*

*sketches of the Welsh territories, and a description of the manners, customs, and games of the natives ; with charts, comprehending, at one view, the advisable route, best inns, distances, and objects most worthy of attention.* Previously published as the Cambrian Directory, 1800, as above, (London, 1814). Further editions published 1821, 1825, 1828, 1830, 1834, 1843, 1847. Contains preface and dedication by the author, maps, sonnets and short descriptions of Aberystwyth, pp. 72-78. 240 pages, including sonnets. [NLW Dyb 2002 A 1104]

*The Cambrian tourist : or, post-chaise companion through Wales : containing cursory sketches of the Welsh territories, and a description of the manners, customs, and games of the natives ; with charts, comprehending, at one view, the advisable route, best inns, distances, and objects most worthy of attention.* Previously published as the Cambrian Directory, 1800 (see above) (London, 1834). Contains account of the Welsh language, maps, index, sonnets and short descriptions of Aberystwyth, pp. 102-107. 340 pages, including index. [NLW Dyb 2002 A 1096]

*The Visitors Handbook*, 1911-1914. (J. J. Gibson, Cambrian News Printing Works, Aberystwyth). On cover – 'This booklet is given away at the "Cambrian News" Stationary, Photographic and Fancy Goods Stores'. Contains tide table, railway guide, postal information, places of worship, etc. [NLW 1345 A3 A14 (box labelled XDA 1345 A3 A (1))]

*The Visitors Pilot and Shopping Guide for 1913*, (Printed and published by Wm. Jones, Y Ddraig Goch Press, Aberystwyth, 1913). Editions also in 1912 and 1914. View of promenade from base of Constitution Hill on front cover, with contents, including historical notes, Aberystwyth as a health resort, pleasant walks, cycle ride, day and afternoon drives, places worth visiting, recreation, amusements, town street plan, shopping and business guide, places of worship, postal information, tide table. [NLW XDA 1345. A3. A14 (Box labelled XDA 1345 A3 A (2))]

*The Visitors Shopping Directory, Blotter and Guide 1901* [Aberystwyth]. (published by the Birmingham Advertising Agency, 1901), 18 pages. Advertising cycleries, carriage drives, hotels, retailers of goods, chemists, with travel details, postal information, tide table, and visitors guide. With photographs of promenade from Constitution Hill on front cover; and inside: W. H. Hollier's Cycleries, people on the Waterloo charabanc, front bar of the Terminus Hotel, the Commercial Hotel, Wynne's Dispensing counter, Aberystwyth Public Baths, with bathers, entitled 'A Morning Dip', [NLW XDA 1345 A147 V83 (4to)]

*Thorough Guide Series: South Wales and the Wye District of Monmouthshire* (C. S. Ward and M. J. B. Baddeley, London, 1888). Note to 2nd edition reads: 'That a large first edition has been exhausted in two seasons, is a sign that South Wales is becoming less neglected by tourists that it has been'. With 18 maps and plans by Bartholomew. Contains index of maps and plans, contents page, and an introduction of the scenery, geology, accommodation, glossary, coast and scenery, and seaside resorts, of which 'Tenby alone attains to the first rank', inland spas and skeleton tours of South Wales. Tours to and from Aberystwyth, with maps and descriptions p. 96, 172. 178 pages, including index. [NLW XDA 1328 A3 W25]

*Thorough Guide Series: South Wales and the Wye District of Monmouthshire* (C. S. Ward and M. J. B. Baddeley, London, 1908). With 22 maps and plans by Bartholomew. Contains cycling and motoring routes, list of hotels, tourist tickets, circular tours, railway and steamer information, index of maps and plans, contents page, and an introduction of the scenery, geology, accommodation, glossary, coast and scenery, and seaside resorts, of which 'Tenby alone attains to the first rank', inland spas and skeleton tours of South Wales. Tours to and from, with map and description, of Aberystwyth, p. 108, 185. 193 pages, including index. [NLW Dyb 2004 A97]

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#### Directories:

*Cooke's County Directory, North and South Wales: Topographical and statistical description of South Wales, containing an account of its situation, extent, towns ... to which are prefixed, the direct and principal cross roads, inns, and distances of stages, noblemen's and gentlemen's seats ... the whole forming a complete county itinerary*, 216 p., 3 plates; ill, 1 map, index (London, G.A. Cooke, printed for Sherwood, Gilbert, and Piper, 1828?) [NLW XDA 1320 2 C77]

*Kelly's directory of Monmouthshire and principal towns and places in south Wales*, (London, Kelly, 1884) [NLW South Reading Room open shelves]

*Kelly's directory of Monmouthshire and South Wales*, (London, Kelly and Co., 1895) [NLW South Reading Room open shelves]

*Kelly's directory of Monmouthshire and South Wales with coloured maps*, 1914, (London, Kelly's Directories Ltd., 1914) [NLW South Reading Room open shelves]

*Pigot's directory of South Wales, 1830*, (London, James Pigot, 1830) [NLW South Reading Room open shelves]

*Pigot's directory of South Wales, 1844*, (London, James Pigot, 1844) [NLW South Reading Room open shelves]

*Pigott's London Provincial Directory* (London, 1822-3) [NLW South Reading Room open shelves]

*Slater's (late Pigot & Co.) royal national and commercial directory and topography of the counties of Gloucestershire, Monmouthshire and North and South Wales, and a classified directory of the town of Liverpool*. With illustrations including 3 folding engraved plates, maps (Manchester and London, 1858) [NLW South Reading Room open shelves]

*Slater's directory of South Wales, Monmouthshire, and the city of Bristol, with topographical notices of each city, town and village*. (Manchester, printed and published by Issac Slater, 1880) [NLW South Reading Room open shelves]

*The Wales Register and Guide. A Topographical and Historical Description of Each Town, Parish and Village in North and South Wales, with Postal Intelligence, List of Magistrates, Members of Parliament, Corporations, Local Boards, School Boards, Churches, Chapels, Public Establishments and Officials, Bankers, Consuls, Clergy, Physicians, Surgeons and Solicitors arranged under the Town or Parish in which they reside or practice. A Peerage and Baronetage. With Colored (sic) Maps of North & South Wales*. First Issue. (Eyre Bros., Guide Publishers, London, 1878). 178 pages on North Wales, 266 pages on South Wales, plus Shrewsbury, 122 pages of adverts. Description of Aberystwyth, pp. 71-77. [NLW Dyb2000A1473]

*Worrall's Directory of South Wales: comprising the counties of Glamorgan Carmarthen, Pembroke, Cardigan, Brecknock and Radnor, with Newport, Monmouthshire*, (Oldham, John Worrall, 1875) [NLW South Reading Room open shelves]

#### **Miscellaneous publications:**

*Aberystwyth Almanack, 1906-1915*. (William Jones, Aberystwyth) [NLW XAY 237.5.A147]

Aberystwyth Miscellaneous Reports, various dates, one box [NLW XBV 4070 A14]

Aberystwyth Park Picture Theatre programme, 1913. 'Quo Vadis'. [NLW XGV 4085.A147]

Aberystwyth Regatta, programme for August 1912. [NLW XGV 786.A147],

Aberystwyth Royal Pier Pavilion programme of plays. [NLW XGV 4039.A145]

1912: 'Three Little Maids

1913: 'Little Miss Llewelyn.

*Aberystwyth Summer Season 1913, programme of attractions and band repertoire*, (Welsh Gazette Office, Aberystwyth, 1913). 8 pages. [NLW E1237]

*A chronological summary of the chief events in the history of the castle of Aberystwyth, compiled by a member of the Aberystwyth Town Council for the sole benefit of John Davies, the one-armed labourer employed by the town to clean the castle walks and preserve the ruins*. (Printed by E. Williams and Son, Aberystwyth, 1849. Fourth edition. Aberystwyth: Philip Williams, 1853. Editions also in 1849 and 1858). 12 pages [NLW 1345 A147]

*Annual Reports of the Medical Officer of Health for Aberystwyth, 1909-1914*. Includes references to deaths among visitors, but visitors seem to be defined as persons residing outside the district who have died at the hospital in Aberystwyth. Not clear if any of these were visitors in the tourist sense. E.g. 1909 – deaths numbered 122, 9 of whom were 'visitors', giving annual death rate of 15.5 per 1000. In 1910, 12 out of 110 deaths were 'visitors'. [NLW XRA 488 A147; copies also in Ceredigion Archives]

Illustrated particulars with plans and conditions of sale of the Queen's Hotel, Aberystwyth, Cooke Bros and Roberts. Catalogue and map, 1913 [NLW Cards. 053 filing cabinets]

Morgan, John, (of the Aberystwyth Observer), *A Short History of the Castle of Aberystwyth*. Cambrian News: Aberystwyth, c.1915, 23 pp. [NLW XDA 1345 A147]

*Notice of Provisions of Part VIII of the Aberystwyth Corporation Act, 1914*. Regarding sanitation, etc. [NLW XRA 488 A147]

*Plynlymon Boarding House*. Prospectus. Mrs Hall, proprietor, with terms, and photographs

of Aberystwyth from Constitution Hill, Victoria Marine Terrance, interior of house, and an A House Party outing on char-a-bancs and cycles, with house plan. 10 pages, n.d. [NLW XDA 1345 A3 A14 Box labelled XDA 1345 A3 A(2)]

*Plynlimon Water Scheme*: Printed report by Major Tulloch on supply of water to Aberystwyth, 1885 [NLW XTD 264 A14]

*Programme of Municipal Entertainments, season 1911* (printed by J. Gibson, printer and bookbinder, Cardigan Bay Visitors Office, Aberystwyth). Morning, afternoon and evening programme for Friday, June 11th, 1911, featuring municipal band, playing a mixture of classical and popular music in the morning, and the Go-Bang Entertainers, providing humorous, light afternoon entertainment, and a military band in the evening. Includes tide table and adverts. 20 pages. [NLW XDA 1345.A3.A14 (Box labelled XDA 1345 A3 A (2))]

*Reminiscences of a gentlewoman of the last century: letters of Catherine Hutton*. Edited by her cousin, Catherine Hutton Beale (Birmingham, 1891) [NLW 88 MA 13290]

*Rules, orders, and guide to constables*, (Printed by J. and J. Gibson, Aberystwyth, 1897?), 122p [NLW XHV 7981]

*Town of Aberystwyth. Programme of Attractions and Band Repertoire for the Summer Season 1913*. Typo Welsh Gazette. Contains useful information page, band repertoire, daily programme things to do, train excursions, entertainment provided, sports. Concludes with 'Aberystwyth as a Winter Residence'. 8 pages[NLW XDA 1335 A3 A (1)]

### **Newspapers:**

#### *Aberystwyth Visitors Gazette*

Issues only for July-September 1905 in NLW. Contains adverts, articles on surrounding attractions, travel details, tide tables, local news, events (e.g. eisteddfodau), church outings, entertainments. Also photographs (e.g. of Promenade, Castle, Devils Bridge). Plus visitor lists, where from (Midlands and NW England being most common, also other parts of Wales, areas of England, London, few from abroad) and where staying. Issue of 15th September has an article reprinted from the *Welsh Gazette* by Desmond F. T. Coke entitled 'Is Aberystwyth Slow?' Concludes that it is, compared to Blackpool, and has little to offer visitors especially in wet weather, but he likes it particularly because it *is* slow.

### **Local Government Acts:**

An Act for repairing, enlarging, and preserving the harbour of Aberystwyth, in the county of Cardigan, (London: Printed by Charles Eyre and William Strahan, 1780) [NLW XKD 125]

An Act for repairing, enlarging, and preserving the harbour of Aberystwyth, in the County of Cardigan (Aberystwyth: Printed by J. Cox, 1834) [NLW XKD 125]

An Act for improving and regulating the town of Aberystwyth in the county of Cardigan, and for supplying the inhabitants thereof with water, London: Printed by George E. Eyre and Andrew Spottiswoode, 1835. Mainly dealing with buildings, gas, water, streets, roads, rubbish, nuisances, carriages, lighting, rates, etc. Slight reference to visitors and bathing. [NLW Microfilm 3A.27p]

An Act to alter and amend an Act passed in the twentieth year of His late Majesty King George the Third, intituled "An Act for repairing enlarging and preserving the harbour of Aberystwyth, in the County of Cardigan", 1836 [NLW XKD 125]

An Act to enable the Manchester and Milford Railway Company to construct a branch railway from the Devil's Bridge to Aberystwyth, and for other purposes (London: Printed by George Edward Eyre and William Spottiswoode, 1861) [NLW Neg NLW3A.8]

An Act for authorising the Aberystwyth and Welsh Coast Railway Company to make and maintain additional lines of railway, and to reclaim lands near to their lines of railway, and to raise further moneys, and for further purposes; 25. Vict. Session 1862, Westminster: W.P. Metchim & Co, pr., 1862. 20 pages

An Act to enable the Aberystwyth and Welsh Coast Railway Company to deviate from some of its authorised lines, (London, 1865)

An Act to amend an Act passed in the fifth and sixth year of the reign of His late Majesty King William IV, entitled 'An Act for improving and regulating the town of Aberystwyth in

the county of Cardigan.' Aka: 'Aberystwyth Improvement and Water Act.' (London, printed by George Edward Eyre and William Spottiswoode, 1872) [NLW Microfilm 3A.27p]

An Act for incorporating and granting powers to the Aberystwyth Gas Company to enable them to supply with gas the borough of Aberystwyth and its neighbourhood, and for other purposes (London: Printed by George Edward Eyre and William Spottiswoode, 1873). [NLW XKD 125]

An Act for vesting the harbour of Aberystwyth in the Corporation of Aberystwyth, and to enable them to maintain the same; and for other purposes (London: Printed by George Edward Eyre and William Spottiswoode, 1874) [NLW XKD 125]

An Act to confirm certain provisional orders of the Local Government Board relating to the districts of Aberystwyth, Carnarvon, Hurst, Nottingham, Penzance and Tetbury (London: Printed by George E. B. Eyre and William Spottiswoode, 1874). [NLW XKD 125]

An Act to revive the powers conferred by the Aberystwith and Welsh Coast Railway Act, 1862, for making a Railway to Porthdinlleyn Harbour, and a pier in connection therewith, and to authorise the Cambrian Railway Company to raise more money, and to make agreements with the London and North Western and Great Western Railway Companies, and for other purposes. 1877 [NLW XKD 125]

## MANUSCRIPT MATERIAL

### Municipal Records:

#### Aberystwyth Borough and Town Council Records

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#### B Improvement Commissioners Records

**B1** Letter book of clerk of the commissioners, 1835-72 (pages numbered up to 9, not thereafter). Copies of letters relating mainly to the Improvement Act of 1836 and the Local Government Act of 1858, and the provision of water, a sewerage system, gas and public lamps to Aberystwyth, sea wall on Victoria Terrace, and other improvements, with associated costs and loans, rates, mortgages, election of officers etc.

**B2** Minute and Order books, 1835-73, 3 vols., relating to the various measures taken by the Commissioners under the Improvement Act of 1836, particularly the provision of water supply, springs, a sewerage system, drainage, gas and public lamps, bathing regulations, rentals, election of officers, valuation and rates of housing, hawkers and tradesmen, nuisances, pigsties, repairs, money paid for work done, etc. Commissioners usually held two meetings every month, on a Tuesday, at which the monthly reports from the Surveyor and Turncock were read and approved. Commission consisted of Street, Finance, Reservoirs and Public Lights committees. Third volume is continued as the Town Borough Council Minute book, 1872-6.

**B2 (a)** July 1835-Sept. 47. Contains inside the front cover a printed notice of the names of the officers of the Street, Finance, Reservoirs and Public Lights committees, for 1844. W H. Thomas, clerk. Includes accounts of Aberystwyth Water Works, 1837-8, and following resolutions/orders:

Tuesday 13th August 1839 . . . Resolved . . . That notices be given to the Owners of the Bathing Machines on the Sea Beach that they will not be permitted the use of the Beach after Tuesday next without the sanction of the Commissioners and that such of them as shall be desirous to continue there be directed to apply at the meeting on Tuesday next for permission and the terms on which they will be allowed the use of the same.

Tuesday 20th August 1839 . . . Resolved . . . That the owners of the Bathing Machines be charged the sum of One Shilling per annum for each Machine payable to the Commissioners in advance for leave and licence to use the same on the Sea Beach but in case any complaint be preferred and substantiated against any such Owner for improper Conduct that such licence be withdrawn and directions given to remove his or her Machines from the Beach and that each owner be served with a copy of this Resolution and such Owners as shall not attend at the next meeting on this day week to consent to the above terms shall after that day be prevented the use of the Beach.

Tuesday 9th June 1840 . . . Ordered . . . That the Surveyor be directed to remove the Old Capstern on the Beach in front of the Marine Terrace and also give notice to the owners of Boats (not being Pleasure Boats) that they remove same from the Beach during the Summer Season

Tuesday 7th June 1842 . . . Resolved . . . that a Board be set up at the North end of the Marine Terrace to caution persons not to Bathe between the Castle Point and the Rock called Craiglais except from a Bathing Machine.

**B2 (b)** Sept. 1847- May 1864. Pages numbered up to 19, not thereafter. Includes orders re removal of pigsties, heaps of manure, bringing extra water to the town from the spring at Llanbadarn, names of the officers of the Street, Finance, Reservoirs, Public Lights and Sewerage committees for the ensuing years, together with additional committees for supervising works for increasing supply of water from Llanbadarn Spring and inspecting the meat market. etc., and the following resolutions:

Tuesday 4th April 1848 . . . Resolved . . . That it be taken into consideration at the next meeting the propriety of employing John Davies on the Castle Grounds at 9/ per week during the summer months on condition that he do not continue chargeable to the town.

Tuesday 2nd May 1848 . . . Resolved . . . That John Davies be paid by the Commissioners the sum of 7/6 per week for looking after the Castle Grounds &c in addition to the allowance made him by the Board of Guardians.

Tuesday 23rd May 1848 . . . Resolved . . . That John Davies be paid the sum of 9/ per week for looking after the Castle Grounds and that the arrears for the last fortnight be also paid him.

Tuesday 20th June 1848 . . . Resolved . . . That permission be granted to the under-mentioned persons to use on the beach until the 12th day of May . . . next the number of machines set opposite their names on paying the sum of One Shilling for each machine.

Morgan Herbert	6 machines
John Ellis	10 "
Henry White	4 "
John Lewis	10 "
Edith Lewis	7 "

Tuesday 5th June 1849 . . . Ordered . . . That the 2 Iron Chairs belonging to the Castle Grounds be repainted . . . That Mr Page procure 3 wooden seats to be used on the Castle Grounds. That the wooden seats now on the Castle be painted. That 3 iron chairs be made for the accommodation of Visitors and others on the Marine Terrace.

Tuesday 18th June 1850 . . . Ordered . . . That at the next monthly meeting it be taken into consideration the propriety of taking down the small square Tower at the west end of the Castle on account of its dangerous position

Tuesday 1 October 1850 . . . Ordered . . . That the Street Committee accompanied by the Surveyor be requested to examine the state of the Castle Tower and that they report thereon at the next Meeting.

Tuesday 19 July 1853 . . . Resolved . . . That the following commissioners, viz. Mr Charles Parry, Mr George Careswell, Mr David Lewis, Mr John Matthews and Mr Lewis Hopkins, form a committee to enquire and report on Tuesday next upon the best means for preventing accidents in Bathing and to make it safe on the Beach and also to investigate into the conduct of the present owners of Bathing Machines and recommend to which, if any, of parties licences shall be granted to use their machines during the present year.

Tuesday 26 July 1853 . . . Ordered . . . That the Surveyor be directed to place a wooden tank from the mouth of the Public Drain which compties (sic) itself into the Sea

Beach at the north end of Pier Street by which the same may be conveyed under the surface of the beach . . . The Report of the Committee appointed on the 19th July Instant having been read and approved of . . . That the Committee immediately procure Life Buoys and Boats as recommended by the Report. That owners of Bathing Machines be requested to attend at the next meeting for the purpose of being licensed.

Tuesday 2nd August 1853 . . . That no Bathing man or woman be allowed to solicit any payment or remuneration from parties Bathing and that the employers of such Bathing men or women be recommended to pay their own servants. . . That licences be granted to the following persons to use on the Beach to numbers of machines set opposite their respective names on payment of the usual charge for such permission, viz.

Mr Henry White	4
Mrs Elizabeth Lewis	3
Mr Lewis Lewis	8
Mrs Edith Lewis	7
Mrs Ellis	6
Mr Morgan Herbert	6

That such licences be granted subject to the regulations to be approved of by the Commissioners for the proper management of the machines. . . That the regulations to be observed by the proprietors of Bathing machines and their servants be produced at the next meeting for the purpose of being approved of and allowed.

Tuesday 9th August 1853 . . . That the Regulations respecting the use of the Bathing machines now produced be adopted and that 200 copies thereof be immediately printed for distribution.

Tuesday 5th June 1860 . . . That Lewis Davies mason be ordered to paint the wooden Benches on the Castle Grounds and Plascrug walks with one coat of paint.

Tuesday 15 March 1854 . . . Resolved . . . That the Public Walk to Plascrug be repaired and gravelled and that all cattle found straying on the Walk be impounded . . . That the Iron Guards used for fencing the Trees on the North Parade as well as the Iron and Wooden Seats and railing on the Castle Grounds and Plascrug Walk be painted during the present season.

Tuesday 17th May 1864 . . . Ordered . . . That licences be granted to the following persons to use on the Beach the number of machines set opposite their respective names on payment of one penny for such permission for one year from May instant –

Mr Henry White	8 machines
Elizabeth Hughes	8 do
Herbert Simmonds	8 do
Jacob Jacob	4 do
Morgan Herbert	4 do
Lewis Lewis	11 do

**B2(c)** June 1864-July 1876. Orders and resolutions relating to the laying out of sewers and drains, maintenance and repair work, provision of water, the Railway, erection of Sea Wall, rubbish and other nuisances, names of the officers of the Street, Finance, Reservoirs, Public Lights and Sewerage committees, for the ensuing years, etc. and the following orders/resolutions:

Tuesday 16th May 1865 . . . Ordered . . . That Messrs John Davies, Harbour Master, Jonathan Pell and the Town Surveyor be directed to fix posts on the Sea Beach on the South side of Penbryn House for the purpose of defining the limits within which carriers will be permitted to carry sand & gravel for building and other purposes but that no gravel or sand be taken or carted away from the beach later than six o'clock in the morning between this time and the 1st day of November next. . . That the Commissioners employ a man under the supervision of the Town Surveyor to level the Track made by carts on the beach and to keep clean the Marine Terrace and the adjoining land during the Summer and to prevent cattle straying thereon and that the Committee be requested to engage a person for that purpose

Friday 13th October 1865 . . . That the following Commissioners, namely The Mayor, Messrs Thomas Jones, Benj. Hughes, John Davies, harbourmaster, and Jonathan Pell, form a committee for the purpose of examining and inspecting the plans and specifications this day delivered to the Clerk for the erection of the intended stone wall on the beach and report at the next meeting which of the said plans and specifications are for carrying into effect the proposed work.

Tuesday 7th November 1865 . . . Ordered. . . That the plans and specifications for the Sea Wall in front of the Marine Terrace be forwarded to Messrs Gotto and Beasley Civil Engineers at Oswestry in order that they may report thereon.

Tuesday 5th December 1865 . . . Ordered . . . That the Town Surveyor be directed to cover the slopes between the Marine Terrace and the Beach with Sea Gravel

Friday 8th December 1865 . . . That the plans and sections of the intended Sea Wall prepared and submitted by Messrs Gotto and Beasley be adopted with the following modification: That the wall be carried by a slight curve from the Eastern end of the Promenade Pier under the same to the point of the rock on the Western side so as to protect or case the same. . . That Messrs Gotto and Beasley C. E. be employed to draw out working specification of the intended works upon their being paid £5 per cent upon the Amount of the Contract . . . That the portion of the Contract between the Commissioners and Mr Dd. J. Jones, mason, for erecting a Stone wall between the Terrace Road and the Life Boat Slip be rescinded, he having consented thereto.

Tuesday 26 December 1865 . . . Resolved . . . That the Clerk get an Advertisement inserted in the "Builder", the "Times" and the "Aberystwyth Observer" and also printed and circulated that the Commissioners are prepared to receive Tenders from persons willing to contract for the erection of a new Sea Wall on the Sea Beach in front of the Marine Terrace and opposite Terrace Road to the Promenade Pier. The Contractor to enter into a Bond to the Commissioners in the Sum of £200 for the due performance of his Contract. Such Tenders to be sent in on or before the 15th day of January next. . . . That the Clerk write to Mr A Redner in reply to his letter to the Mayor, for permission for his Band to perform in this Town during the Season of 1866

Tuesday 16th January 1866 . . . David Jenkins Jones of Queen Street Aberystwyth, mason, having sent in his Tender for the erection of a Sea Wall on the beach from opposite Terrace Road to the Promenade Pier according to the plans and specifications prepared by Messrs Gotto and Beasley Civil Engineers at the sum of £1118. 9. 6. . . Resolved . . . That such Tender be accepted

Tuesday 17th April 1866 . . . Ordered . . . That the sum of £224 the balance of the sum of £12,000 authorized by the Improvement Act be borrowed at interest at £5 per cent per annum upon the credit of the works, Rents and Rates erected reserved made and collected by virtue of the said Act towards the expence (sic) of erecting a Sea Wall on the beach now in course of construction.

Tuesday 5th June 1866 . . . Resolved . . . That all wooden sheds on the Marine Terrace placed on any part of the Public Street or Road and intended to be used as shops during the Summer Season be forthwith removed.

Tuesday 18th December 1866 . . . Ordered . . . That the Town Surveyor be directed to remove an old dilapidated Boat now on the Beach, to the Commissioners yard.

Tuesday 2nd April 1867 . . . Ordered. . . That notices be given to the owners of those wooden sheds on the North end of the Marine Terrace, that the Commissioners will enforce the order lately made upon them for the removal of the same and compel payment of the penalties.

Tuesday 7th May 1867 . . . That the Town Surveyor be directed to remove the Boards on the South end of the Promenade Pier and to level the ground underneath the same with the adjoining new ground . . . That Mr Philip Keirz (?) with his Band, be permitted to perform during the coming season on the Marine Terrace and other parts of the Town. . . That the Town Surveyor be directed to cause the pleasure and other Boats to be take from the Terrace to the Beach during the Summer Season.

Friday 12th July 1867

That it is in the opinion of this meeting inexpedient to transfer to the Town Council the powers of the Town Improvement Commissioner under their Act.

That it is in the opinion of this meeting expedient that the Commissioners should adopt the Local Government Act 1858 in its entirety or as much thereof as on further consideration of the subject shall be deemed advisable.

That an intimation of the foregoing Resolutions be forwarded to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Home Department London

Tuesday 16th July 1867 . . . Ordered . . . That licences be granted to the following persons to use on the Beach the No. of machines set opposite their respective names, one payment of one penny for such permission for one year from May last

Mrs Elizabeth White	8 machines
Elizabeth Hughes	8 "
Mr Herbert Simmonds	8 "
Mary Anne Richards	4 "
Anne Jones	3 "
George Hughes	8 "
Lewis Lewis	16 "

Provided that each machine owner cause to be painted on each machine to be used that the charge for Bathing each adult person be 6d and 3d each child.

Tuesday 6th August 1867 . . . Resolved . . . That the following Commissioners, namely Messrs Thomas Jones, Hugh Hughes, John Attwood (assisted by their Clerk) form a Committee for the purpose of considering what part or parts of the Local Government Act 1858 should be recommended to be adopted by the Commissioners . . . That the Clerk write Mr Lewis Lewis the Bathing man requesting him to arrange that Gentlemen should wear Drawers or other covering while Bathing from his machines.

Tuesday 13th August 1867 . . . The Committee appointed at a meeting held on the 6th August Inst having recommended certain Sections of the Local Government Act 1858 to be adopted by the Commissioners Resolved that such Report be acted upon accordingly.

Saturday 17 August 1867 . . . The following (15) Resolutions were duly passed by virtue of the powers contained in the Local Government Act 1858, the Local Government Act 1858, Amendment Act 1861, and all other powers enabling the Commissioners in that behalf - Sections 32, 33, 34, 35, 38, 41, 44, 45, 52, 57, 61, 62, 66, 75, 78. Adopted Section 77 at a meeting on 3rd December 1867.

Tues 7 April 1868 . . . Resolved . . . That the pleasure Boats on the Marine Terrace be removed there from to the Beach before the first day of May next.

Friday 17 April 1868 . . . It was Resolved that the following Sections of the "Local Government Act" 1858", that is to say Sections 29, 30, 31, 36, 39, 40, 42, 50, 51, 55, 56, 60, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 76, 78, 79, 80, 81, and the following Sections of the "Local Government Act 1858 Amendment Act 1861 that is to say Sections 8, 11-20, 22-31 be severally adopted. And it was further Resolved that application be made for the repeal by Parliament of the following Sections of the said Local Improvement Act 5th & 6th William 4th . . . .

Tuesday 5th May 1868 . . . Ordered. . . That a Petition under the 77 Section of the Local Government Act 1858 be forwarded to the Secretary of State for the Home Department from the Commissioners praying that the Stone Beach in front of the Marine terrace and the ground and soil thereof be vested in the Commissioners in the like manner as the Stone Beach in front of the Marine Terrace now is by virtue of the 25th Sect. of the Impt. Act

Tues 6th July 1869 . . . Resolved . . . That permission be given to Mr Duncason & his Band to perform on the Marine Terrace, Pier Street and other public places in the Town during the present Summer Season.

Tuesday 3rd May 1870 . . . Resolved . . . That the application received from Bandmasters for permission to play on the Marine Terrace and other principal streets in the town during the present season be referred to a Committee to consist of the Mayor, Messrs J. Pell, Benj. Hughes, Wm Williams & Jno. Davies harbour master, and that they be authorised to give the necessary permission to such Band as they may consider the best.

Tuesday 7th June 1870 . . . That the Inspector of Nuisances give notice to Boatmen, Common Lodging House keepers, owners of Bathing Machines, owners of Hackney Carriages & Horses for hire, that they are required to attend at the next Commissioners meeting to obtain Licences.

Tuesday 14 June 1870 . . . That the Clerk be requested to ask Capt. Davies and Capt. Delahoyde to inspect the Pleasure Boats of the owners who have made application for licences and report thereon at the next meeting.

Tuesday 2nd August 1870 . . . That six seats be ordered to be placed on the Plascrug Walk and the Marine Terrace.

Tuesday 9th August 1870 . . . That an order be given to Mr Jno. Williams, blacksmith, North Parade to make 3 Iron seats at 28/- each, provided they are made within the next 9 days.

Tuesday 20 June 1871 . . . Ordered . . . That licences be granted to the following persons to use on the Beach the no. of machines set opposite their respective names upon payment of one penny for such permission until the 1st day of August 1872

Elizabeth Lewis	18 machines	for gents
Herbert Simonds	9	" for ladies
Eliz. Hughes	8	"
Anne Hughes	8	"
Elizabeth White	8	"
John Lloyd	8	"

That the Clerk be requested to write to Mr Thompson, Liverpool, in reply asking

whether he could provide additional performers for a town Band this season.

Tuesday 18 July 1871 . . . Resolved . . . That the care of the Castle Grounds in future be entrusted to the Superintendence of Mr John Vaughan the Town Surveyor and that the men employed by him shall clean the walks and keep the same in order.

Tuesday 1st August 1871 . . . Resolved . . . That a wooden railing be placed or affixed at the entrance to the Castle Grounds on the north side thereof, to prevent accidents.

Tuesday 4th June 1872 . . . Resolved . . . That the Pleasure Boats and Bathing Machines be reinspected.

Tues 27th August 1872 . . . Resolved. . . That it is expedient to, and the Commissioners do hereby determine to, transfer to the Town Council of the Borough of Aberystwyth, under the powers and provision of the Act of 20th and 21st Vict. Cap 50, all the rights powers estates property and liabilities of the said Commissioners under the Local Acts hereafter mentioned and described . . . (see also 29/10/72 and 11/2/73. First meeting of new Town Borough and Liberty of Aberystwyth and election of officers held on 10/9/73)

Tuesday 3rd December 1872 . . . Resolved . . . That the Town Council join with the Rural Sanitary Board of the Aberystwyth Union to appoint a medical officer of health (Morris Jones appointed 25th March 1872 at salary of £50 p.a.)

Tuesday 6th May 1873 . . . Resolved . . . That notices be set up at the places and with the objects following: On the Marine Terrace opposite Terrace Road: That no sand or gravel be removed from the Beach between the 1st May and the 1st Nov. in each year. . . On the Victoria Terrace: That no person shall be allowed to Bathe in the sea opposite Victoria Terrace without wearing proper covering as required by the Bye Laws.

Tuesday 20th May 1873 . . . Resolved . . . That a suitable orchestra be provided at the expense of the Town for the use of the Band engaged for the Summer months and the same to be placed upon the Marine Terrace and removed as occasion may require by the town labourers. That the Committee be requested to provide the same at an expense not exceeding £25.

Tuesday 1st July 1873 . . . Resolved . . . That licences be granted to the following persons to use on the Beach the number of machines set opposite their respective names on payment of one penny for such permission for one year, viz.

Elizabeth White	8	machines	
Anne Hughes	8	"	
Elizabeth Hughes	16	"	
Herbert Simonds	9	"	
Mary Anne Richards	2	"	
Watkin Lewis	12	"	for gents
Elizabeth Lewis	22	"	for gents

That no clothes, bedding or other like article be allowed to be placed on the Sea Beach in front of the Marine Terrace and Victoria Terrace. . . That a Rate of one penny in the pound be levied on the Rateable property within the Borough for the purpose of the "Library and Museum Acts."

Tuesday 2nd September 1873 . . . The motion of prohibiting persons to expose clothes, bedding and all articles of a like character on the Sea Beach of this Borough was defeated.

Tuesday 16th December 1873 . . . That the petition to the House of Commons in favour of the Bill for vesting the Harbour of Aberystwyth in the Corporation of Aberystwyth and to enable them to maintain the same and for other purposes now read be signed by the Council by affixing thereto the Common Seal of the Corporation.

Tuesday 3rd March 1874 . . . Resolved . . . That Public Urinals and Earth privies be set up and erected on the Castle Grounds

Tuesday 21st April 1874 . . . Resolved . . . That the Rubbish land on the Sea Beach under the Western side of the Castle Grounds be immediately levelled or removed and that a Board be set up there prohibiting any Rubbish in future being laid there. That the Pleasure Boats be forthwith removed from the Marine Terrace to the Sea Beach.

Tues 5th May 1874 . . . Resolved . . . That 3 of the seats on the Castle Grounds be repaired by placing footboards to them.

Tuesday 19th May 1874 . . . Resolved . . . that the Report of the Public Works and Streets Committee now read be adopted and that the position of such of the urinals as shall be erected on the Castle Grounds be changed as recommended by that Report.

Tuesday 16th June 1874 . . . Resolved . . . That licences be granted to the following persons to use on the Beach the number of machines set opposite their respective names upon payment of one penny for such permission for one year: -

Ladies Bathing Machines		
Anne Hughes	8	machines
Elizabeth White	8	"
Herbert Simonds	9	"
Elizabeth Hughes	8	"
George Hughes	8	"
Mary Anne Richards	4	"
Gentlemen Bathing Machines		
Elizabeth Lewis	23	machines
Watkin Lewis	12	"

Tuesday 4th August 1874 . . . Resolved . . . that the Town Surveyor be directed to place a cistern over the public urinals lately erected at the Castle Grounds for the purpose of keeping the same in a proper state of cleanliness.

Tuesday 1st September 1874 . . . Resolved . . . that the Solicitors of the Corporation be requested to prepare and forward a letter of thanks on behalf of the Corporation to R. Crawshay Esq. of Cyfarthfa for his kindness in allowing his Band to come up to Aberystwyth.

Tuesday 18th May 1875 . . . Resolved . . . That Alderman Jno. Watkins & Mr R. Delahoyde & Mr Peter Jones form a committee to inspect and examine the state of the pleasure Boats; to testify as to the fitness of such of the pleasure Boats as the owners thereof shall apply for licenses to the use the same. . . That the Public Works and Streets Committee be requested to confer with the intended Lessees of Building sites on Victoria Terrace as to the advisability of raising the level of sea wall and the ground adjoining by a gradual incline from South to North and that the Committee authorise the Town Surveyor to carry out the decision which they shall come to in respect thereof.

Tuesday 1st June 1875 . . . Resolved . . . That a Resolution passed at a meeting of the Town Council held on the 16th March 1875, which prohibited any Band of music to perform on the Marine Terrace and other places during the ensuing season, during certain hours be rescinded. . . That licenses be granted to the following persons to use on the Beach the number of Machines set opposite their respective names upon payment of one penny for one year (gents, 34; ladies, 45) . . . That the Town

Clerk be authorised to grant licenses to owners of pleasure Boats – of such Boats to ply for hire on the Beach, as well as watermen to use the same, as recommended by Alderman John Watkins (etc. as above) as per list and certificates delivered by them to the Town Clerk.

Tuesday 15th June 1875 . . . Resolved . . . That the Town Band be allowed to have the use of the musician stand for the Summer months. That the Aberystwyth Boat Club be allowed to place their Boats in a corner of the yard of the Town Council situate in Newfoundland Street.

Tuesday 6th July 1875 . . . Resolved . . . That the Town Clerk be requested to write to Mr Thos. Rowland in reply to his letter complaining of want of water supply for the "Lion Royal Hotel".

Tuesday 7th March 1876 . . . Resolved . . . That the Town Surveyor be requested to get wooden Railings prepared by the Carpenter engaged at the Harbour works and that such Railings be fixed on the Castle Grounds for the protection of the young trees recently planted on the Eastern end thereof.

Tuesday 21st March 1876 . . . Resolved . . . That the Town Clerk be requested to advertise that the Town Council are prepared to receive applications from persons willing to take charge of the Castle Grounds & Ruins until 1 Oct 1876 at the wages of 10/ per week. (4th March 1876, David Davies, Llanbadarn, engaged on above terms)

Tuesday 2nd May 1876 . . . Resolved . . . That the Band engaged by the Town Band Committee have the exclusive right of performing on the Terrace and the principal Streets of the Town and that they be allowed to have the use of the Band Stand during the Season. . . That the Aberystwyth Boat Club be allowed to form an entrance by opening the wall between Newfoundland Street & the Corporation Yard to the satisfaction of the Town Surveyor for the use of the Boats and to form a partition between the land taken by the Boat Shed and remaining portion of the yard

Tuesday 6th June 1876 . . . Resolved . . . That the Tender of John Edwards painter for painting the new Palisades on the Castle Grounds for £3 10/, the advertisement for which had been issued by the direction of the Public Works Committee, be accepted and

that such work be forthwith proceeded with. . . That the Tender received from Messrs. Ellis & Owen for flagging the footpath around the Queens Hotel with Blue Stones be referred to the Public Works Committee in order that they may report what description of flagging stones should be used for that purpose.

Tuesday 20th June 1876 . . . Resolved . . . That the New Palisades on the Castle Grounds and the Tree Guards in Queen's Square be painted with 2 coats of white paint, and that Mr Edward Jones the Harbour master be directed to perform the work. . . That the Tender of Mr Dd. Watkins mason for flagging the footpath around the Queen's Hotel, and both sides of Upper Portland Street, with Bangor Stones for 8/3 per superficial yard be accepted.

Tuesday 18th July 1876 . . . Resolved . . . That permission be given to Mr Wombell to set up his menagerie in the Southfield upon payment of 3/ per day for such permission

B3 Rentals (water), 1837-67, 6 vols.

B4 Rate books, 1837-68, 9 vols.

B5 Treasurer's book, 1839-65

### **C Town Borough Council Records**

**C1** Entry books of Notices re taxes and rates, buildings, extensions, improvements, leases of land, dates of meetings, etc, 1835-83, 3 vols. Includes:

**C1 (a)** Rice Williams' extension of Marine Terrace, Dec. 1836; improvement of public walk on Morfa Mawr, Feb. 1837; letting of houses on the South end of Victoria Terrace, Sept 1837; securing the Castle Grounds for public use, Mar 1839; transfer and improvement of Plascrug Public Walk, May 1839; railways, Jan. 1846; 'recent outrages' on the Marine Terrace, Jan. 1847.

**C1 (b)** Railway to Aberystwyth, Dec. 1860, June, July 1861, March 1862; sale of cattle on Morfa Sand, May 1861; construction of pier, Jan 1863; proposal of Hafod Hotel Co re land on Victoria Terrace, May 1863; construction of sea wall, April 1865; the expediency of granting extension of leases only to leaseholders who covenant to build according to Council plans and specifications, 'for the time being', Feb 1867; improvement of Plascrug Walk and the acquisition for the public of the Chalybeate Well, Oct. 1871; carrying out the provisions of the Public Libraries and Museums Act, Dec. 1871; a camera obscura in the Castle Grounds, Feb 1872; handing over harbour to control of Council, Oct 1873 (done under Aberystwyth Corporation Act 1874).

**C1 (c)** The purchase of meteorological instruments for the MOH to report to the Met Office, April 1874; site for public baths, April 1874.

**C2** Letter book, 1872-80. Consisting of copies of letters to the Local Government Board, Board of Trade, etc., from Town Clerk. Includes:

Letter, Dec 1872, from Town Clerk to Local Government Board re prevalence of scarlatina in Aberystwyth and the lack of a MOH until recently.

Letter, 9th June 1876, from Town Clerk to Board of Trade, London, re the striking of the steamship 'H. E. Taylor' (carrying ore) on loose stones in the Harbour, and letter, 1st July 1872 from Council denying the loose stones and stating that low tide was the cause.

Letter, 23rd Jan 1878, from Town Clerk to War Dept re the Council's non-objection to the Royal Cardigan Militia using a part of the Castle Grounds as a practice range.

Letter, 21st Feb. 1878, from W H Thomas, Town Clerk, to Local Government Board, London, re special report by MOH on prevalence of diphtheria in the district.

Letter, 17 April 1879, from Town Clerk to Geo. Lewis, Railway Co, requesting that the wooden turnstiles on the line near the Plascrug Walk be removed to the other side, for the convenience of foot passengers, stating that the Council are 'now engaged in causing several improvements to be made in that locality' (see also letter 11th Sept. 1879).

**C3** Declaration book (of acceptance of office), 1848-81

**C4** Draft minute books, 1873-1890, 3 vols. Contains the reports and recommendations of the various subcommittees – e.g. Harbour, Public Works, General Purpose, Finance etc. - and the orders/resolutions passed on matters such as water, draining, lighting, paving, licenses, leases etc. Also, election of officers and some medical reports. Inserted loosely

inside are a small number of notices, newspaper cuttings and letters, e.g. in C4 (a) re keeping of pigs, May 1876 and a catalogue for cast iron water pipes; in C4 (b) newspaper cutting re the water question and election of Council officers, 1883. Also:

**C4 (a)** Letter, Aug. 24th 1875, to the Town Clerk from the meteorological society re the desirability of positioning the meteorological instruments in a good place on the Castle Grounds, stating that 'it would be easy to place Aberystwyth on a par with Brighton, Buxton and other towns by railing off a small part of the Castle Grounds'.

Meeting, July 18th 1876, permission be given to Mr ?? to place or put up a swing on the beach at the North end of Victoria Terrace upon payment of 1/- per week for such permission.

Meeting April 16th 1878. That all the iron seats on the Marine Terrace be removed – 8 to the Castle Grounds & 4 to Plascrug Walk – and that 12 wooden seats be fixed on the Marine Terrace in lieu thereof and that footboards be attached to the same.

Meeting, Oct 11th 1879. That the Resolution passed at a meeting of the Council held on the 21st Aug 1877 as to the period from which the term was to commence of the land on which the new Public Baths have been erected; that the same is hereby rescinded. That the (new terms laid out but hard to read, possibly 'to Public Baths Co Ltd for term of 5 years at a rent of £10 per annum.')

Meeting Jan 20th 1880 That the Public Works Committee be requested to procure trees for the purpose of having same planted on Plascrug Walk & to have the work done without delay

**C4 (b)** Meeting, March 15th 1881 - Resolved that the claim made by Messrs Roberts and Evans on behalf of Mr John Jones for damage alleged to have been sustained by the Schooner 'Fairy' through the neglect of the Corporation be referred to the Harbour Committee and that the Town Clerk and Corporation Solicitor be requested to attend the meeting of such committee.

Meeting, April 5th 1881 . . . Resolved that the Town Clerk be authorised to grant licenses to Watermen and Pleasure Boats under the Public Health Act 1875

Meeting, Dec 6th 1881 . . . Resolutions to repair harbour and Victoria Terrace after late storms.

Meeting, July 12th 1882 . . . Resolved that the application made by Mr John Jones the conductor of the Aberystwyth Choir for the use of the Castle Grounds on the occasion of a musical festival to be held on the 18th day of August next and to erect a pavilion on that portion of the grounds near the tower be granted so far as the Council have power to do so, provided the erection of the pavilion be under the direction of the borough surveyor.

Meeting, August 15th 1882 . . . Resolved that the letter received from Mr Wm Hughes Jones Deputy Coroner of the Upper Aberystwyth District calling the attention of the Council to the advisability of putting up on Constitution Hill and on certain prominent places on the Beach below Notices warning visitors and others not to attempt to descend or ascend the Cliffs be referred to the Public Works Committee.

Meeting, Sept. 19th 1882 . . . Resolved that the mayor be authorised to affix the Corporate Seal to the Lease of the Assembly Rooms Aberystwyth from George Ernest John Powell Esquire to the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Town Borough and Liberty of Aberystwyth

Meeting June 26th 1883 . . . Resolved that the suggestion made by Mr C. M Williams that Guide Posts be placed on the route from the Plynlumon Mine to the summit of Plynlumon be referred to the Public Works Committee for their consideration and report

Meeting, Dec 18 1883 (Harbour Committee meeting 4th Dec) Recommend that the moorings on the Quay be examined by the borough surveyor . . . and estimates obtained for cable chains for any moorings he consider necessary 'certificates to be supplied with same'

Meeting, Feb. 20th 1884 . . . Resolution requesting that Major Tullock report on the Harbour Pier and advise as to the best means to adopt for its preservation.

Meeting, May 17th 1884 . . . Resolution that suitable notices be placed at the north end of Victoria Terrace warning persons of the danger of proceeding under Craiglais Rocks excepting when the tide is receding . . . and Resolved . . . That suitable notices be placed near Rofawr warning persons of the dangers of bathing at certain portions of the Castle Beach.

Meeting, Oct. 7th 1884, report of the Town Surveyor on improving the promenade read and referred to Public Works Committee

Meeting, Nov. 31st 1884, tender of David Lloyd for reforming the harbour bridge, being the lowest, accepted, at estimated cost of £39.5.0

Meeting, Jan 13th 1885, tender of David Evans for improvement of Marine Terrace, being the lowest, was accepted, and the Public Works Committee that the work suggested by the Town Surveyor be carried out, with the exception of the concrete.

Meeting Jan 5th 1886 (Harbour Committee) recommend removal of lime stones obstructing harbour and purchasing of more ropes for mooring.

Meeting Apr 6th 1886. (Harbour Committee meeting 5th Feb) Lime stones obstructing harbour still not removed, harbour master instructed to consult Town Clerk re steps for removing them.

**C4 (c)** Meeting, Aug. 10th 1886. (Harbour Committee Meeting 30th July) The state of the Pier was considered and the Borough Surveyor having report that piling was impracticable, the Committee recommended that a Steam Crane be purchased for pulling up stones from the deep.

Meeting, Sept 7th 1886 . . . Resolved that the sum of £20 be given to the Town Band for playing on the Castle during the morning. Resolved, on the recommendation of the Band Committee, that a donation of £20 be made to the Town Band in consequence of the Band performing on the Castle Ground during the time stipulated by the Band Committee.

Meeting, Oct 5th 1886. (Harbour Committee meeting 4th Oct) Quay Wall - The Town Surveyor having reported that a portion of the Quay Wall some 40 yards in length & 18 inches had recently given way he was instructed to bring in a report on the matter. . . Resolved that this be referred back to Harbour Committee with powers to carry out the work. . . Also several tenders had been received for the Steam Crane and the Harbour Committee recommended further advertising. Resolved that the Committee advertise further and report back.

Meeting, Dec. 7th 1886, (Harbour Committee meeting 6th Dec) Report of Harbour Committee read – had visited London and Liverpool to view Cranes and had seen several suitable. Resolved that the Mayor be authorised to treat for the crane. . . Also, Bastions on Victoria Terrace – no tenders having been received, Public Works Committee recommends that work be proceeded with using masons employed by the Corporation.

Meeting, Feb. 15th 1887 . . . Resolved that the specifications, plans and estimates of the cost of repairs of the Stone Pier rendered necessary and unforeseen damage and injury thereto of a serious character be adopted. . . Also, the Crane is now on the Stone Pier and will be put under steam tomorrow afternoon.

Meeting, March 1st 1887. Pasted in is a printed copy of Dr Rees Davies's, MOH report for 1886, which states 'An Inspector from the Local Government Board visited this town in connection with other seaport places in January, to see what precautions could be adopted to prevent the spread of cholera should it visit this town. He recommended that a hospital should be provided for the reception of such cases, and advised the conversion of some old office on Ro-fawr into such a building. This has since been carried out, but happily it has not been required hitherto. . . Number of deaths 112, giving an annual death rate of 13.1 per 1,000, calculated on an average population, including visitors, of 8,500.'

Meeting, May 24th 1887. Report of Public Works Committee recommended that the Town Surveyor level the North End of the Plasrug Walk nearest the town so as to form a walk on same; that 6 new iron seats be fixed on Plasrug Walk; that 6 new seats be fixed on Marine Terrace; that Sergt. Evans be desired to report any contravention of the Bye Laws on the part of Pony and Donkey drivers.

Meeting, June 22nd 1887 . . . Resolved that the sum of £3 per week for ten weeks be voted to the Town Band for playing on the Castle Grounds during a period of each day on condition that they then did not canvass for subscription.

Meeting, June 30th 1887, the Town Clerk was directed to write to Sergeant Kern Bandmaster calling his attention to the fact that the full number of performers had not been engaged by him for the town Band and that unless he engaged the full number forthwith the promised subscription from the Town Council would be withheld.

Meeting, Feb. 21 1888. The following report of the Band Committee was read (report not present) together with the replies rec'd by the Town Clerk from various watering places as to arrangements made for Town Bands.

Meeting, March 6th, 1888. The Town Clerk read a correspondence with Mr Conacher with reference to the proposed Advertising of the Town in the Manchester papers. Resolved that the matter be referred to the Advertisement Committee & and that that Committee be authorised to Advertise in the Manchester papers as suggested by Mr

Conacher & to extend the Advertisement to other Districts at a cost of not exceeding £30. . Also, printed report of MOH for 1887 pasted in, which states 'Two persons died from typhoid fever, one of them a visitor. . . Number of deaths 119, which gives an annual rate of 14 per thousand, calculated on an average population of 8,500 which includes visitors.' Also, Town Band – Resolved that for the time being the Council take no steps to procure a Band owing to the indifference of the Lodging House keepers.

Meeting, March 20th 1888. Public Library Committee (meeting 8th March) – Mr Robert Kendrick attended & exhibited a large view of the Marine Terrace and asked the Council to authorise the purchase of a number of copies for distribution in large inland Towns. Resolved that the consideration of the matter be referred to the General Purposes Committee for their report & that Mr Kendrick be requested to attend before that Committee.

Meeting, May 1st 1888. Band. The Town Clerk was directed to reply to a letter from Mr Barrett Bandmaster to state that the Town Council do not this season intend to engage a Band but that it was open for him to bring his Band to the Town. . . Also, the Town Clerk read a letter received from the Mayor of Pwllheli enclosing certain resolutions passed there at a meeting of Fishermen with reference to improvements in the mode of Sea Fishing as at present adopted. Resolved that Mr Palmer be requested to confer with the principal fishermen resident in Aberystwyth with a view to ascertaining their views and wishes thereon.

Meeting, May 15th 1888, Public Works Committee. That Messrs J Jones and B S Morgan be desired to see Mr Richards of Penglais with a view of carrying out Mr Doughton's scheme for making a promenade under Craiglais & on what terms.

Meeting, June 6th 1888. (Report of GP Committee meeting 35th May) Block Views of Aberystwyth. . Resolved that the Cambrian Railways, & Manchester & Milford Railway be asked to join the Town Council in acquiring a good set of Blocks of Views of places of interest in the Town and Neighbourhood of Aberystwyth.

Meeting, June 19th 1888 . . . Resolved that the General Purposes Committee be authorized to expend a sum not exceeding £30 in advertising in the Local News Papers.

Meeting, July 4th 1888, Library and Reading Rooms, the Public Library Committee recommended that with a view to making more widely known to Visitors the easy terms on which they may borrow books & become members of the Reading Room that the Circulars printed last year for that purpose be distributed weekly. Newspapers – Your committee further recommended in order to meet the wishes of the members of the Reading Room that the London Evening Star be taken daily for 6 months. . . Also cancellation of lease to Mr Liston of Assembly Rooms . . . Also, Resolved that 10 additional seats be placed on the Marine Parade and Victoria Terrace.

Meeting of Public Works Committee, July 28th 1888, The Town Clerk read a letter from Mr E. L. Fletcher of Pier Street Aberystwyth asking for permission to erect a small set of Juvenile Roundabouts on the Beach. Resolved that the application be refused. . The Town Clerk read a letter from Mr Robt. Kenot (?) publisher of the 'Dart' Birmingham asking for an order for an advertisement of the town. Resolved that the matter be referred to the General Purposes Committee for their consideration and report. . . The Town Clerk read a letter from Mr J Vaughan publisher of the 'Reporter' Coventry offering to place a portion of the 'Reporter' at the disposal of the Town Council (free of charge) for the purpose of advertising the Town. Resolved that the matter be referred to the General Purposes Committee for its consideration and report.

Meeting, Aug 17th 1888, Hackney Carriage Committee recommended that the Cab Stands in Corporation St, be removed to the North Parade but suggested that the inhabitants of the first named street be informed that in the event of the alternation not proving satisfactory the stand in those street may be reinstated.

Meeting Oct 16th 1888 (Report of Public Works Committee held on 13th Oct 1888). P. W. Committee recommends that the services of the Castle Keeper be discontinued until next Summer and that the Borough Surveyor be authorized to send one of the scavengers to visit the Castle grounds daily also that the chief Constable be desired to instruct the police officials to visit the place to cooperate in maintaining order and detecting persons damaging the ruins &c

Meeting Nov. 20th 1888. Report of Town Clerk and Corporation Solicitor upon the Foreshore read and entered upon the minutes. Also Resolved that the application for the renewal of the lease of the Public Baths Marine Terrace be refused.

Meeting, March 5th 1889. (Harbour Committee meeting 4th March) . . . having had their attention drawn to the serious consequences to the Pier by the carting away of stones forming a backing to the same, Your Committee recommend that Notice Boards be at once put up prohibiting the Public removing stones or disturbing the beach on that spot. . . Also Advertising - Resolved that a sum of money not exceeding £50 be voted to the General

Purposes Committee with authority to apply the same as they deem best to advertise the Town in the manner adopted last season.

Meeting April 2nd 1889 (Harbour Committee meeting 1st April). Harbour - Your Committee had under their attention a letter from the Harbour master calling their attention to a dangerous spot in the Harbour where the steamer is usually berthed and your Committee gave the Borough Surveyor instructions to have the matter at once attended to. Wrecks - Your Committee also instructed the H Master to have the old Boat which is very unsightly removed from its present position or destroyed.

Meeting April 16th 1889 (Band Committee meeting April 5th) Several applications have been received from persons desirous of supplying the Town with music for the ensuing season and in each instance the applicant stipulated that they would require a guarantee of from £6 to £20 per week. Your Committee recommended that a sum of not exceeding £80 be voted by the Council for that purpose. Also . . . Resolved that no. 8 on the agenda with reference to the present untidy and unsatisfactory state of the Marine Terrace and Victoria Terrace be deferred for consideration until the next meeting of the Council.

Meeting May 7th 1889 (General Purposes Committee meeting 26th April) Advertising. The Town Clerk having read the correspondence with Mr Conacher and with certain advertising agents in reference to the proposed additional advertisement of the Town. Resolved that the Council be asked to authorize the committee to expend a further sum not exceeding £20 which with the sum of £50 already voted would secure the insertion of the advertisement in (?) Truth Queen & World. The Town Clerk was instructed to write Mr Conacher authorising him to insert the advertisement in the Manchester & Liverpool newspapers & Birmingham Daily Post, Truth Queen & Yorkshire Post on the terms arranged. . . . Also (Public Works Committee meeting 4th May) Marine Terrace. We recommend that the lower end of the Marine Terrace be coated with screenings from the Stone Breaker and pressed by the Steam Roller, also that the cement work at the Bastion Victoria Terrace be replaced. That Notice be given to stop tipping at the end of Victoria Terrace during the summer months.

Meeting May 27th 1889. Read a letter from W Watkins North Parade calling attention to the fact that no tourists on cheap tickets were carried between Carmarthen and Aberystwyth & that return ticket from Pencader were only available for 14 days from date of issue and suggested that Messrs ?? be applied to in the more ?? facilities to tourists.

Meeting June 16th 1889 . . . Resolved that the advertisement of the Town be continued in such newspapers and for such periods as the General Purpose Committee may determine at a cost not exceeding £20.

Meeting of General Purposes Committee Nov 12 1889 . . . Your Committee recommended that an advertisement of the town & its many advantages be inserted in the ----- at a cost not exceeding ----- & that the drawing up of the advertisement be entrusted to Mr W H Palmer, the Medical Officer of Health and the Town Clerk.

Meeting, Dec. ?? 1889 . . . Resolved that with a view to avoiding the necessity of leaving boats on the Marine Terrace the Surveyor under the direction of the Public Works Committee be instructed to place a sufficient number of rings in the sea wall fronting the Terrace Beach for the use of beach boatmen.

Meeting May 20th 1890. Read a letter from the GW Railway dated 16th May 1890 again stating that there was no demand for Aberystwyth tourist tickets at New Milford, Haverfordwest, Whitland or Carmarthen but that tourist tickets were advertised at Swansea and other places. Ordered to be referred to the General Purposes Committee for their report. Band Committee meeting same day – Your Committee having been in correspondence with the Aberystwyth Pier Co. Ltd. and also with Mr Dyson are unanimously of opinion that it is desirable to accept the proposal made by Mr Dyson to provide during the season a first class musical entertainment subject to the details of engagement & other matters being approved by the Council. . . Resolved that the General Purposes Committee be appointed to act in the matter of application for License for the following: Proprietors of Pleasure Boat, Proprietors & Drivers of Hackney Carriages, Proprietors of Bathing Machines, Proprietors of Common Lodging Houses. . . Resolved that it be an instruction to the G. P. Committee that in granting licenses to Boatmen and Proprietors of Pleasure Boats the Committee shall urge upon the Licensees to refrain from hiring out their Boats. . . Resolved that the T C in replying to the memorialists in reference to the proposed six day licenses to Boatmen and others state that in compliance with the spirit of the memorial it was resolved that it be an instruction of the General Purposes Committee that in granting licenses to Boatmen and Proprietors of Pleasure Boats the licensees should be urged to refrain from plying for hire on Sundays but that in regard to public Bathing the Council do not see their way to interfere.

Meeting July 15th 1890 (General Purposes Committee meeting 7th July) Tide Table - Your Committee recommend that a Tide Table for the Summer months be printed & placed at the foot of Constitution Hill & on the Clarach Beach for the guidance of visitors &

others. Weather Report - Your Committee instructed the Medical Officer of Health to arrange with the Meteorological Society to furnish a weather forecast during the season. The cost amounts of 9d per day. . . Resolved that a sum of £30 be paid to the Band Committee to enable that Committee to provide entertainments for Visitors during the present season by the engagement of Band or otherwise from time to time.

Meeting Aug 2nd 1890 (Band Committee meeting 24th July) Band - Your Committee recommend that the Excelsior & B Bands be engaged for 2 nights in each week viz. Tuesdays & Fridays during the pleasure of the Council. Stand. Your Committee also recommend that the use of the Band stand be granted to the Minstrels for the other nights of the week.

#### **C5** Committee minute books

**C5/1** Entertainments, 1910-1911. Contains printed reports of meetings of the Sub-Committee appointed re the use of the Pier Pavilion, Feb. 14th - April 28th 1910, thereafter reports are handwritten from 29th April 1910 to 14th June 1911. Meetings held weekly and sometimes twice weekly to arrange for matters such as the engagement of bands and other entertainments, leasing of the Pier Pavilion to other bodies, aquatic sports, cost of electricity, seating, advertising, nuisances, etc. Includes:

Meeting held on May 6th 1910: That the Town Clerk be instructed to apply for permission to exhibit Posters in the Territorial Camp at Bow Street and Lovesgrove, announcing the amusement provided by the Council at the Pier Pavilion and Castle Grounds.

Meeting held on May 13th 1910: That the quotation of the Town Crier to make two announcements per day of the Council's Entertainments during the Season for 5/- per week be accepted.

**C5/2** Finance, 1883-1916, 6 vols.

#### **C6** Fire Brigade, 1887-1901

#### **C7** Footpaths, 1905-1913

**C8** General purposes, 1902-1917. Minute book of meetings held by the GP Committee to arrange for matters such as the promoting of the town as a tourist/health resort; town band and minstrel troupe; licensing of bathing machines, boat and watermen, motor boats, donkeys and horse, hackney carriages; Shops Act; postal services; Pier Pavilion; advertising (with names of papers, costs, dates of insertion, Souvenir pamphlets, towns where posters of Aberystwyth would be shown, advertising on the Railways etc. A number of the papers were religious publications and come under 'Winter Advertising'). Minutes are handwritten till February 1904, thereafter printed. Includes:

Meeting held Tuesday Nov. 25th 1902: Winter Advertising. Your Committee recommend that the Contract of Mr G. W. May be accepted for advertising the town in the following papers, viz. Cristion (sic) World, Methodist Times, British Weekly, M. A. P. , Church Woman, The Examiner, The Presbyterian, The Queen, The Inquirer, Methodist Recorder, Church Times, Catholic Times, Baptist Times. The terms being 26 insertions at £3.7.7 per insertion, such advertisements to commence from the second week in December. Your Committee also recommend that Dr Thomas, MOH, be asked to furnish Mr G. W. May with a weekly paragraph recording the hours of sunshine and other favourable reports of the weather at Aberystwyth as well as a comparison with other winter resorts.

Meeting held Friday Aug. 28th 1903: Mr Wm Smedley attended the meeting and stated that he was making arrangements whereby the Pier Pavilion would be available for popular entertainments throughout the Autumn, Winter and Spring seasons, on payment of a sum equivalent to the cost of lighting and cleaning the premises. This cost, it is estimated, would not exceed two guineas per night. Mr Smedley also stated his company would make arrangements for entertainments at the Pavilion during the seasons referred to, and suggested that if a Committee were appointed by the Council to be called the 'Entertainments Committee' with a view to the organization and management of public entertainments the result would materially benefit the town and tend to make it more popular as a winter resort. Another duty which might with advantage be entrusted to such a Committee would be the arrangement of the Summer Season Entertainments, and the important question of the control of the Marine Terrace Promenade and a prevention of the recurrence of the many causes of complaint by visitors and residents arising out of the existing unsatisfactory management.

Meeting held Friday Sept 18th 1903: The Licensed boatmen have refused to comply with the rules adopted by the Council to wear their badges. Complaints have been made by Lodging House Keepers and Visitors against the noisy conduct of the donkey

drivers whilst driving up and down the Marine Terrace especially on excursion days, and there is also a strong desire on the part of some of the inhabitants to see the donkeys removed to some other part of the Town and in my humble opinion their removal would be an improvement to the Marine Terrace.

Meeting held Monday Oct. 12th 1903: The Committee then discussed with Mr Denniss (Cambrian Railway) the question of advertising the Town during the winter, and asked him to co-operate with a view to making the advertisement as effective as possible. Mr Denniss at once agreed on behalf of the Company to continue to present arrangements with reference to the advertisement appearing in the 'Daily Telegraph', and promised to consider the whole question and to communicate with the Council at an early date.

Meeting held Nov 18th 1903: Read a letter dated 3rd November 1903 from Mr C.S. Denniss with reference to the advertising of the Town during the Winter months. Your committee recommend that an advertisement of the Town be inserted in the following newspapers, provided the Cambrian Railway Co. pays one half of the cost and the rate charged does not exceed the rate charged for the summer advertisement - viz. Manchester Guardian, Manchester Courier, Sheffield Independent, Liverpool Courier, Sheffield Daily Telegraph, Yorkshire Post, Derby Daily Telegraph, Leicester Post, Nottingham Daily Guardian, Liverpool Echo, Birmingham Daily Gazette and the Birmingham Daily Mail.

Meeting held on August 23rd 1904: Read a letter from the Assistant Editor of the 'Health Resort', dated 18th August, instant, stating that they were prepared to insert an article in next month's issue of that publication, and requesting to be furnished with six or eight blocks or good photographs to illustrate the article. Your committee recommend that eight photographs be forwarded to the Editor.

Meeting held April 27th 1909: CARDIGAN BAY HEALTH RESORTS – to consider the draft Rules of the proposed Association to be established for co-operative advertisement of Cardigan Bay Health Resorts, and to pass a resolution thereon; also to appoint a representative or representatives of the Council to attend a meeting in connection with the matter to be held at Barmouth on the 11th May 1909.

Meeting held May 18th 1909: That the Town Clerk be directed to acknowledge receipt of Mr. Inglis' (GWR) letter, dated 23rd April 1909, enclosing plan of Bathing Shelters erected at Bournemouth with suggestions as to their adoption at Aberystwyth, and to thank him for same. . . Your committee recommend that a new Sunshine Recorder be purchased.

Meeting held November 3rd 1909: GOLF LINKS – Your Committee recommend that Councillors T. J. Samuel, D. C. Roberts and H. H. Davies, with power to add to their number, be appointed a sub-committee to visit any suggested Golf Courses and to report thereon to the Council, and that Mr W H More, Harlech, be asked to accompany them on their inspection.

Meeting held March 9th 1910: CAMBRIAN RESORTS ASSOCIATION – Your Committee recommend that the Mayor be nominated to accept the allotment of 8 fully paid up shares of £5 each, representing this year's subscription by the Council to the above Association. . . Your Committee recommend that an Hotel, Boarding House and Apartments, etc., Bureau be established in Aberystwyth, and that an advertisement be inserted in the local papers inviting applications from persons prepared to open and manage such Bureau.

Meeting held December 13th 1910: That the report of Mr J D Spencer on the working of the Apartments, Hotel etc., Bureau during last season be printed, and a copy furnished to each member of the Council . . . CAMBRIAN RESORTS ASSOCIATION – That the suggestion made by the Association to arrange a visit of prominent Pressmen to the District be approved of, and that the Council contribute a sum not exceeding £9 10s, their proportion of the estimated expense . . . That the suggestion by the Association to increase their outlay in advertising during next year from £350 to £500, the expenditure to be provided by the issue of additional shares, be approved of, and that the Council take their proportion of such additional shares.

Meeting held December 29th 1910: Provided that Mr E. J. Burrows, of Cheltenham, supplies the Corporation free of charge, with 3,000 copies of the Borough Pocket Guide of Aberystwyth, which he proposes issuing for the coming season, permission be given to him to state that the Guide is issued under the auspices of the Corporation.

Meeting held on May 23rd 1912: That the Town Clerk communicate with the Meteorological Office and Messrs. Dorland's Agency, with a view to securing greater publicity of the Aberystwyth Weather Reports. . . That the sum of £10 be paid to the Cambrian Resorts Association, being the amount payable by the Corporation in respect of the recent visit of Pressmen to Aberystwyth.

Meeting held June 19th 1912: That Mr Conacher be informed that the Council regret they cannot this year incur any further expenditure in connection with exhibiting of the Aberystwyth poster, or in further advertising the town in Lancashire, prior to the

Lancashire Wakes. . . That the offer of Mr Kinsley Bigham to give lectures on Aberystwyth in London and neighbourhood be not entertained. . . That the Proprietors of the 'Wolverhampton Express and Star' Newspaper be informed that they can obtain the Aberystwyth Weather Reports from the Meteorological Office.

Meeting held on October 8th 1912: That the offer by Messrs E. J. Burrows and Co., Ltd. Cheltenham, to publish an Aberystwyth Guide and upon certain conditions to supply the council with a number of copies, free of charge, be not entertained.

Meeting held on November 22nd 1912: That the cost of advertising for next season be limited to £500. . . That Mr John Morgan to be informed that the advertisement in the 'Silver Sea' column of the 'Daily Telegraph' was to be discontinued on the termination of the existing contract. . . Your Committee recommend that 100 copies of the Album containing 251 Views of Aberystwyth be purchased and that a copy be sent to each of the Golf Clubs mentioned in the list prepared by Councillor Edward Edwards. The estimated cost is £5 4s 2.

Meeting held March 31st 1913: That the Council pay the sum of £17 10s towards the cost of Model of Aberystwyth and the Cambrian Railways be requested to order same and place forthwith on exhibition in Sheffield and Leeds in addition to their offices in Manchester, Birmingham and elsewhere

Meeting held July 4th 1913: That Mr Cheetham be authorised to obtain a new film for Aberystwyth at a cost of £6 13s 6d

Meeting September 17th 1913: WINTER ADVERTISING – the Deputy Town Clerk was instructed to write to the Secretary of the Aberystwyth Golf Club inquiring whether the Club is considering any scheme of advertising their links during the coming winter, and stating that if so, your Committee would be very pleased to co-operate with them in the matter. . . DORLAND AGENCY – Your Committee recommended the sum of £200 be paid to the Dorland Agency on account, and have instructed the Cambrian Railways Company for their contribution for the year.

Meeting November 25th 1913: OPENING OF GOLF LINKS – That one moiety (not to exceed £20) of the expenses incurred by the Golf Club in connection with the formal opening of the Golf Links be paid by the Corporation.

Meeting March 9th 1914: BRITISH FEDERATION OF HEALTH AND HOLIDAY RESORTS – Resolved that the Chairman, Councillor Edward Llewellyn, be appointed the representative of the Council on the British Federation of Health and Holiday Resorts for the current year.

Meeting April 27th 1914: FEDERATION OF BRITISH HEALTH AND HOLIDAY RESORTS - A letter from the Secretary of British Federation of Heath and Holiday Resorts, dated

20th April 1913, enclosing the final draft itinerary of the Foreign Editors Tour, by which it is proposed that they shall arrive in Aberystwyth on July 2nd at 5.30pm and leave the following morning by special train at 9.30am, was read. Your Committee are satisfied with the time now allocated to Aberystwyth, and the Chairman, the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, and Councillor Wynne were appointed a committee to make all necessary arrangements in connection with the visit.

Meeting May 22nd 1914: BRITISH FEDERATION OF HEALTH AND HOLIDAY RESORTS – A letter, dated 21st May 1914, from the British Federation of Heath and Holiday Resorts, stating the failure on the part of Aberystwyth to provide motor facilities will compel the Foreign Editors party to travel from Llandrindod to Aberystwyth by rail, was read, and the Deputy Town Clerk was instructed to write confirming the reply already sent that no payment can be made by the Council in respect of the conveyance of the party to Aberystwyth.

**C9** Miscellaneous committees, 1907-1915, 2 vols. Public Works, General Purposes (dealt with advertising, entertainment, licensing matters), Financial Committees, Market Committees. Comprising recommendations re various subjects including provision of entertainments, licensing of hackneys and pleasure boats, regulations of donkeys, advertising of the town, lighting, water supply, clearing of river bed and harbour, planning applications, leasing of Assembly Hall, etc.

**C9 (a)** May 1907-September 1908:

Meeting of Public Works Committee held July 7th 1907 – Approved that the date of the Cycling Club Carnival & Street Collection in aid of the Infirmary be fixed for the 6th August.

Meeting of General Purposes Committee held September 11th 1907 –

Recommended that an advertisement be placed in the Era inviting tenders for the provision of a Minstrel Troupe for next season upon the same conditions as this year. . . That Mr C. S. Denniss be asked to meet your Committee at an early date to consider the question of winter advertising.

Meeting of Public Works Committee – Town Clerk was directed to invite the Fishermen to meet your Committee as to the proposed closing of the gap in the Harbour.

Meeting of the General Purposes Committee held October 8th 1907 – Mr C. S. Denniss of Oswestry attended the meeting and the question of advertising was discussed. Your committee make the following recommendations: That tenders be invited by Mr C. S. Denniss for an 8 line advertisement of the Town in the same papers as last year. The advertisement to be inserted in the papers during the month of November, from the 15th January to 15th February, and from 1st March to 30th May. That Mr Denniss be asked to submit a proof of a new poster of Aberystwyth. That the scheme submitted by Messrs. Wills Ltd. for advertising the Town in co-operation with the G.W. Railway Co be not approved of. Mr Denniss stated that he was prepared to pay one half of the cost of an advertisement in the Daily Telegraph in the event of the Corporation agreeing to pay the other half.

Meeting of the GP Committee held on November 21st 1907 – Recommended that the tender of Mr W Caitlin to provide minstrel troupe for next season upon the same terms as last year be accepted. Mr Caitlin to pay the Corporation the sum of £70 upon the signing of an agreement for such permission. . . That the Town advertisement as submitted by Mr C. S. Denniss be inserted in the newspapers mentioned in the following list (not present) submitted by Mr Denniss at a total cost of £208. of which amount the Cambrian Railway Co offer to pay one half and the Corporation the other half. . That the Borough Accountant be directed to request several firms of printers to submit a design for a poster suitable for advertising the town and that Councillors J Davies, J Samuel and R Jones be appointed a committee to select the most suitable views to be submitted to such printers for the design. That Mr Denniss be informed that the Council do not approve of the design of the Pictorial Poster of Aberystwyth submitted by him and that they were obtaining other designs. . That provided there is a stock of 5000 Souvenirs in hand, 1000 Souvenirs to be sent to Mr W. H. Gough of the Cambrian Railway Co for distribution in Manchester by their agent.

Meeting of the Markets Committee held January 9th 1908 – Recommended that the Resolution of you Committee dated 6th September last fixing the charges for the use of the Assembly Rooms in the Market Hall be rescinded and that the following to be the charges:

For Balls including all rooms and lighting	3 / 3 / 0
Soirees, political meeting, &c, including lighting	2 / 2 / 0
Afternoon meetings without gas or heating	10 / 6
Theatricals first night including heating	2 / 2 / 0
Theatricals for each successive night	1 / 1 / 0
Local concerts including lighting	1 / 10 / 0
do with dancing up to 3 am	2 / 0 / 0
do do do 5 am	2 / 10 / 0

Read a letter from Dr Joshua Dyson enquiring the terms upon which the Committee would be prepared to let the Assembly Rooms in the New Market Hall for the months of July and August. Your Committee recommend that the charge be 7 guineas a week for 7 days and an additional charge of 15/- for matinees. Dr Dyson to deposit the sum of £25 upon the taking of the Hall and to provide whatever stage lighting he might require and to sign an agreement not to sublet the premises.

Meeting of the Public Works Committee held April 3rd 1908 – That the necessary steps be taken by the Town Clerk with a view to obtaining the sanction of the Local Government Board to the closing of the Harbour Gap.

Meeting of the Public Works Committee held April 14th 1908 – The Town Clerk was directed to report upon the claim of the Aberystwyth and Aberdovey Steam Packet Co for alleged loss of 3 blades of the propeller of the Countess of Lisburne to the next meeting of your Committee. The Borough Surveyor was directed to clear any stones in the channel of the river where the SS Countess of Lisburne berths.

Meeting of the Public Works Committee held April 29th 1908 – Recommended that the Harbour Gap be cleansed from time to time. That the land adjoining the Gap be used as a tipping ground with a view to same being filled up and levelled.

Meeting of General Purposes Committee held May 6th 1908. Recommended that £10,000 Souvenirs be ordered this season and that the Borough Accountant be directed to obtain further information in the matter and report same to the next meeting of the Council. . That a daily weather Report be dispatched daily to the Liverpool Daily Post for insertion in that paper . . That a weather report be dispatched every Friday evening to the Western Mail for in insertion in Saturday's issue of that paper

Meeting of GP committee held ? May 1908. Recommended that the tender of Messrs Drake Driver & Leaver to supply 10,000 Souvenirs at £7.10.0 per thousand be accepted.

**C9 (b)** October 1908-1915 (with gaps):

Meeting of the General Purposes Committee held November 18th 1908. Recommended that the application of Messrs Langdon & Lewis of Liverpool asking for the loan of a ?? Block of a general view of the Town for the purpose of publication in the Campers Guide issued by them be granted.

Meeting (devoted to advertising) of GP Committee held December 29th 1908. Read a letter from Mr W. J Gough suggesting that 2000 copies of the Pictorial Poster issued in 1904 should be obtained and stating that the Cambrian Railway Co was prepared to pay half cost of printing and of billposting, the Corporation paying the remaining half. The Borough Accountant was directed to obtain an estimate of the cost of printing and billposting and submit same to the next meeting of your Committee. . . Pictorial Poster. The Poster as submitted by Messrs Wills Limited is recommended for approval subject to approval by the Chairman of the letter press and other details. Your Committee recommend adoption of the estimate provided by Messrs Wills ( for advertisement of the town) on the back of not less than 5,000 G W R Co's handbills relating to excursions to Aberystwyth (cost £7.10s. Also full page advert in GWR booklet, cost £6. 6s, and three ?? spaces in GWR timetables during period of contract, cost £9. 9s)

Meeting of GP Committee held May 18th 1909. MOH attended and explained the position of ? with reference to the sunshine reports. Committee recommend that a new sunshine recorder be purchased.

Meeting of GP committee held July 13th 1909. The proprietors of Donkeys plying for hire attended and were warned as to their future conduct. The following scale of charges for hire of a carriage drawn by a donkey to be posted on the Board fixed near the donkey stand on the Marine Terrace (1d per person from stand to pier and back), and that in the event of any proprietor found overcharging the license of such person be cancelled.

Meeting of the GP Committee held Sept 10th 1909. Considered the correspondence with Mr C. S. Denniss with reference to the winter train service and regret that the company are obliged to reduce the number of trains. The town clerk was directed to communicate with Mr C. S. Denniss with reference to his letter as to the necessity of cheap tickets &c during the winter months and suggested a meeting with the Hotel Proprietors and Proprietors of Boarding Houses in the town. . . Recommended that the Corporation pay one half of the expenses viz. £2.14.4 in connection with an article which appeared in one of the London Newspapers on Aberystwyth.

Meeting of the Committee of the whole Council held September 17th 1909. Foreshore – Your Committee make the following recommendation – that the town clerk be instructed to prepare a statement of facts to the Board of Trade with reference to the dispute between the Council and the Board as to the Foreshore and to ask the Board to grant the Council a Conveyance in fee of the Foreshore.

Meeting of the Committee of the whole Council held November 19th 1909. Recommended that the Deputation appointed on the matter of the Foreshore be asked to interview Messrs Boxall & Boxall with a view to discussing the question of the terms for the letting of the pier and pavilion to the Council for a period of 2 years.

Meeting of the Committee of the whole Council held November 30th 1909. The Town Clerk reported that the Deputation appointed had interviewed the Board of Trade with reference to the Foreshore.

Meeting of the GP Committee held November 30th 1909. The consideration of the letter from Boxall & Boxall with reference to the letting of the pier and pavilion was deferred and the Borough Surveyor was asked to report upon the depreciation (?) of the Tontine (?)

Meeting of Public Works Committee held on December 10th 1909. Committee considered the annual report of the Harbour Master on the improvement of the harbour and recommended a number of his suggestions be adopted e.g. placing of a buoy on the flats for the mooring of ships, repairing and placing of poles and railings, the crane on Rowfawr be tested, etc.

**C10** Public works, 1888-1917, 5 vols.

**C11** Subcommittees, 1905-1914. One volume containing minutes pasted in from meetings held by various sub-committees, e.g. Byelaws Committee, Band Committee, Golf Ground Committee, Isolation Hospital Committee, Channel Fleet Reception Committee, Entertainments Committee, Playgrounds Committee, etc. Includes:

Minutes of a meeting of the Byelaws Committee held October 2nd 1905 – Byelaws relating to Public Bathing – Your Committee have also considered the existing Byelaws with respect to Public Bathing, but before they can revise same it is desirable that the Council should first decide the question as to whether mixed bathing is to be permitted in the future. Mixed bathing is permitted at Brighton, Hastings, Cromer, Bognor, and other watering places. In the event of the privilege being granted it will be necessary to rearrange the “Stands” for bathing machines and to include in the new Byelaws the necessary regulations as to mixed bathing.

Minutes of a meeting of the Committee appointed to report upon the proposed Golf Links held on November 24th 1905 . . . Your Committee ask the Council to authorise the Committee to expend a sum not exceeding £5 5s in obtaining the report of an expert as to the best available site for Golf Links.

Minutes of a meeting of the Golf Committee held December 6th 1905. The town clerk was instructed to enquire of each of the following Golf Professionals, namely Messrs Sandy Herd, George Low and Jack Morris as to his charge for inspection and report upon the suggested Golf Links, including an estimate of the cost of forming and completing same. The town clerk was also instructed to obtain information of the town clerks of Scarborough, Bournemouth and North Berwick, respectively, as to the cost incurred by those towns in providing and maintaining their Golf Links, with a statement as to the income derived.

Minutes of a meeting of the Golf Committee held on December 13th 1905. Your Committee considered the report of the Sub Committee upon Golf Courses within easy access of the town . . . Your Committee recommend that . . . a Committee . . . ascertain the terms upon which the respective owners and occupiers of the lands suggested as being suitable for Golf Links are prepared to sell or let the same, and that Mr G. Lowe be requested to advise upon the several courses and as to the cost of laying out same respectively, at an inclusive fee of five guineas.

Minutes of a meeting of the Golf Committee held on March 8th 1906. Mr Jenkins the owner of Tyhen Farm attended the meeting and your Committee discussed with him the terms upon which he is prepared to let of sell Tyhen Farm. Your Committee decided to visit the Farm on Wednesday next.

Minutes of a meeting of the Sub Committee appointed in the matter of Dinas held on September 28th 1908. Your Committee instructed the Town Gardener to inspect the land on Pen Dinas recently agreed to be taken by the Council, and to report as to how far portions of the grounds might be laid out for the purposes of tennis courts, bowling greens, etc. The Town Gardener reported that there were suitable sites for such grounds and also that a portion of the land might with advantage be planted, but advised that the summit should be left in its present condition. Your Committee suggest that the matter should receive further consideration by the Council.

Minutes of a meeting of the Sub-Committee appointed in the matter of the Promenade Pier Pavilion held April 20th 1909. Having regard to the urgency of the matter, and as the Town Clerk was attending a meeting of the Council of Municipal Corporations in London on the 22nd April inst. You committee instructed him to see Messrs Boxall and Boxall and Mr Harold Moore and endeavour to obtain a modification of the terms on which Sir Thomas Tacon had offered to let the Pavilion and premised therewith to the Council.

Minutes of a meeting of the Committee appointed in the matter of the suggested tenancy of the Pier Pavilion held on May 21st 1909. The Town Clerk reported completion of the arrangements with Messrs. Adeler and Sutton in the matter of the tenancy of the Pier Pavilion (cost of £150 for July and August), &c, and further reported that Messrs Adeler and Sutton had already arranged for the season the following lettings of shops etc on the Pier, viz.

Mr I Schwartz	£50
Mr E. R. Gyde	£40
Proprietor of Ice Cream Stall	£10
Automatic Sweetmeat Co	£30
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	£130

Reported that one tender only had been received for the tenancy of the Bar Refreshment Rooms, at £30 for the season, and that Messrs Adeler and Sutton offered to take the Bar, etc, at that price with which amount they would credit the receipts for the purpose of the accounts between the council and themselves. Instructions were given to the Town Clerk to call the attention of Messrs Adeler and Sutton to the repairs necessary to be done to the decking of the Pier with a view to their putting same in a state of safety.

Minutes of a meeting of the Sub-Committee appointed in the matter of the suggested tenancy of the Pier, Pavilion, etc. held June 1st 1909. Mr Charles North, Messrs

Adeler and Sutton's local manager and Mr Phillip Lewis, the conductor of the band, attended the meeting and complained of the nuisance caused to the members of the band and visitors by children playing round the bandstand and requested that steps should be taken to prevent a recurrence of the cause of complaint. The Borough Surveyor submitted a scheme for this purpose comprising the erection of decking round the band stand and the placing of seats upon the promenade. Your Committee authorised the Borough Surveyor to carry out the scheme recommended by him.

Minutes of a meeting of the Sub-Committee appointed in the matter of the tenancy of the Pier Pavilion held August 19th 1909. . . That in exercise of the option reserved in the agreement of tenancy of the Pier Pavilion notice be given by the council to Sir Thomas Tacon requiring him to purchase the goods, chattels, effects and things at or belonging to the Pier and Pavilion which were purchased by the council at the commencement of their tenancy of the premises. That the council should consider the advisability of convening a public meeting of ratepayers . . . for considering the question of the provision of a band and other arrangements for next season, and of reporting upon the whole matter to the council. That authority be given to the committee to negotiate with Messrs. Adeler, Sutton and Allandale with a view to the continuance of their entertainments at the Pier Pavilion for a few weeks from the 2nd of October next.

Minutes of a meeting of the Sub-committee appointed in the matter of the Pier Pavilion held on October 6th 1909. Read two telegrams from Messrs Adeler, Sutton and Allandale stating that owing to the lateness of the season it was impossible for them to send a representative Company to the Pavilion for the week commencing 11th October and asking the council to consent to the performances being discontinued on the 9th October (council agreed. See also minutes for April 1st through 28th April 1910 for letting of pier for coming season, entertainments etc.)

Minutes of a meeting of the Sub-committee appointed in the matter of the Pier Pavilion held on April 2nd 1910. Your Committee subject to the approval of the Council propose to materially enlarge and improve the Band programme this year by including in it local matters of interest and information to visitors and local advertisements as is done in many leading Holiday Resorts. Instructions were given to the Town Clerk to obtain specimens of programmes published by other resorts.

Minutes of a meeting of the Subcommittee appointed in the matter of the Shop Hours Act 1904 held November 29th 1910. Your committee considered the draft of a proposed closing order affecting the following shops – drapers, outfitters, furnishers, ironmongers, jewellers, boot makers and booksellers and submit draft for confirmation by the council. Closing hours affecting the shops are –

Sept 15th – June 15th	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday	7pm
	Wednesday	1pm
	Saturday	9pm
June 15th – Sept. 15th	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday	8pm
	Wednesday	5pm
	Saturday	10pm

The attention of your committee was drawn to a suggestion that the observance of the August Bank Holiday on the Tuesday following the usual Bank Holiday was inconvenient and that by substituting another date would be more convenient to the public and the tradesmen and assistants. (See also minutes for March 11th 191 - at meeting of tradesmen held on 14th March it was decided not to proceed with proposed closing order)

Minutes of a meeting of the committee appointed in the matter of the proposed amendment of the Boating Byelaws held January 13th 1911. Your committee recommend that the town clerk be instructed to warn boatmen when their licences are granted of the necessity of exercising the greatest care when running for the Bar and of the danger of taking Pleasure Boats into the Harbour at low tide.

Minutes of a meeting of the Golf Committee held August 3rd 1911. Cost and repairs of fencing, etc, at Golf Course at Brynmyor.

Minutes of a meeting of the committee appointed to consider the opinion of Counsel in the matter of the Byelaws and Licenses relating to Pleasure Boats and Vessels and the proposed application to the Local Government Board and Secretary of State respectively for Orders declaring certain portions of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act to the in force within the Borough, held at the Corporation Offices on August 22nd 1911.. Your Committee recommend that instructions and authority be given to the Town Clerk to take all steps and proceedings necessary to obtain orders by the Local Government Board and the Secretary of State respectively under the provisions of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act 1907, declaring certain parts and sections of the said Act which are set forth in a schedule prepared by the Town Clerk, to be in force within the Borough.

**C12** Treasurer's books

- 12/1 General district rate fund, 1874-1901  
 12/2 Borough fund accounts, 1875-1897

**D Corporation Property Records**

- D1-3 Registers of leases and rentals 1798-1904

**E Court of Summary Jurisdiction Records**

- E1-2 Minute books and registers, 1883-1891

**F Harbour Records**

**F1** Minute books of harbour trustees, 1780-1906, 6 vols. Many of the earlier meetings were regularly adjourned due to insufficient numbers of Trustees attending, e.g. between April 1799 and January 1800 no meetings held due to this. Orders and resolutions relating to the repair, enlargement and preservation of the Harbour, harbour dues, rates and duties, subscription lists and tally holders for works, appointment of trustees, application to build or lease on the harbour, the frequent build up and clearing of stones and sand from the entrance to the harbour, damage from storms and sea, etc. Includes:

**F1(a)** 1780-1808:

First meeting held August 21st 1780. Resolved that notice agreeable to the Act of Parliament be given of the intention of the Trustees to borrow the sum of One Thousand Pounds. . . . Resolved that on the 22nd day of August 1870 the Harbour keeper does put in force the Act of Parliament for improving the Harbour so far as relates to removing and preventing nuisances and ordering vessels to their proper moorings.

**F1(b)** 1808-1839:

Meeting held May 7th 1834. Resolved that the Town Clerk obtain the terms of some efficient persons to estimate the expense, purchase specifications and superintend the several works recommended in Mr Nimmo's report . . . Resolved that the thanks of this meeting be conveyed to the Right Honourable the Earl of Lisburne for his munificent donation of £500 towards the improvement of the harbour (ditto to Wm Edward Powell who also donated £500 for same)

Meeting held July 2nd 1834. Resolved that thanks be conveyed to Pryse Pryse for his donation of £500 towards the harbour improvement subscription.

Meeting held October 1st 1834. Resolved that George Bush to prepare estimate of expense and specification of the several works recommended in Mr Nimmo's report.

Meeting October 3rd 1885. Resolved that application be made to the next session of Parliament for an Act to alter, explain, amend and enlarge the provision of the present Harbour Act and to increase the dues now payable under the said Act.

Meeting October 25th 1837. Resolved that the critical state of the works, the pecuniary incumbrances (sic) and the pressing claims upon the funds, imperatively demand that most serious attention of the Trustees, as well as the noblemen and gentlemen who have put down their names as subscribers towards the improvement of the Harbour of Aberystwyth. Resolved that partly to meet the various debts of the Trust, amounting to £3,600 or thereabouts, a most urgent application be made to the subscribers to pay forthwith to the Treasurer one moiety of their several subscriptions as the only means of averting the threatened legal proceedings on the part of Messrs Bailey & Co for the Iron rails

Meeting held October 3rd 1838. Resolved that the proposition of Mr John Downie contained in his letter dated the 29th of September 1838 be accepted and that the sum of £8000 be borrowed from his clients to enable the Trustees to pay off the existing debts of the Trust and to carry on the works at the Harbour.

**F1(c)** 1839-1868:

Meeting held January 22nd 1850. Resolved that every steam vessel employed exclusively in carrying passengers and luggage shall enter or leave the port or harbour free of duty and that each passenger's luggage shall not exceed 1 cwt.

Meeting held February 21st 1860 includes copy of report of Theodore Paul, CE, for completion of pier and other works.

Meeting April 24th 1860 includes abstract of receipts, income and expenditure of Harbour or year ending 29th February 1860

Meeting December 30th 1862 discussed proposed extension of lines of the Manchester and Milford and the Welsh Coast railway companies to the harbour and the resolution of the Trustees that only one co. can have the extension.

Meeting January 13th 1863. Resolved that railway communication should be extended to the pier by one line only

Meeting January 20th 1863. Resolved that the application made by Mr Dawson to make a promenade pier be entertained and that every facility be given to carry out the project by the Trustees and that proper means be taken to convey their rights in perpetuity to Mr Dawson or his assignees shewing the rights of the Trustees to their dues.

Meeting April 2nd 1867. Resolved that the Clerk to the Trust intimate to Mr Theodore Paul the Superintendent of the Pier works that in consequence of the depressed state of the Trust funds that they are compelled to dispense with his services after the 2nd day of July next (he had recently agreed to a reduction in salary, minutes 14th September 1866)

**F1 (d)** Contains minutes of the Corporate Leases Committee, May 1873; a notice and newspapers cuttings re the same June 1873; cuttings and minutes re the transfer of the Harbour to the Corporation, November 1873.

**F1 (e)** Includes a loose paper containing details of harbour dues on at Aberystwyth, and the ports of Caernarfon, Bangor and Porthmadog, undated.

**F1 (f)** Includes a loose newspaper cutting, paper unknown, entitled Town Council Committees, being a report of a recent meeting of the various committees, undated but mentions imminent visit of the Prince of Wales.

Meeting June 6th 1901. A letter was read from Capt. Lewis and others complaining of obstructions causing inconvenience to parties making use of the steps along the Quay. Your Committee recommend that instructions be given to the Harbour Master that no boats be allowed to be moored alongside the steps after discharging.

Meeting July 4th 1901. Your Committee recommend the placing of 3 seats on the Stone Pier.

Meeting December 24th 1901. Letter, December 19th 1901, from C.S. Dennis, Cambrian Railway Co re running of steamer between Aberystwyth and New Quay.

Meeting January 9th 1902. Letter received from owners of S.S. Bonahaven complaining of the berthing of this steamer. Your committee instructed the Harbour Master to consult the Town Clerk on the matter.

Meeting March 6th 1902. A letter was received from the Secretary of the Steamer Co. enclosing bill for £2 2 0 for damage sustained by the S.S Countess of Lisburne (trade vessel) on account of defective state of the discharging berth at the Harbour. And a claim was also submitted from Capt. Tho. Daniel for grappling chain lost in connection with the "Queen Bee" disaster amounting to £1 10 0. These several claims were deferred pending further information. (meeting March 20th – recommended that claims be discharged)

Meeting March 19th 1903. Letter read from Secretary of the Aberystwyth Steam Packet Co claiming the sum of £1 17 6 for damage done to the blades of the propeller of the Countess of Lisburne. After full consideration, and the Harbour Master being present, your Committee were unanimous in not acknowledging the liability of the Corporation, and the Town Clerk was instructed to write to the Secretary to that effect.

Meeting September 7th 1906. Recommended that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to take the necessary steps for the removal of the accumulation of gravel from the berth of the S. S. Countess of Lisburne.

**F2** Entry books of mortgages and transfers, 1841-1890

**F3** Rentals, 1845-1863

**F4** Bundle of correspondence and reports, c. 1835-1860s. Includes:

MS of accounts of John Morgan, Harbour treasurer, for 1800-1801

Report, 1832, of the late Alexander Nimmo, Civil Engineer, on the means of improving the Harbour of Aberystwyth (re-print of 1845)

Handwritten account, anonymous and undated, of the history, improvements and present state of Aberystwyth Harbour (possibly draft of Bush's report of 1835)

Printed report of George Bush, Civil Engineer, on the means of preserving and improving the Harbour of Aberystwyth, January 31st 1835.

Printed report of W. Cubitt, Civil Engineer on the works in progress at the Harbour of Aberystwyth and correspondence with his grace the Duke of Newcastle relating thereto, August 1837.

Printed report of J. R. Haslam on the state and quality of the stone at Alltwen raised for the works at the Harbour, October 4th 1837

Printed report of George Bush, CE, on the works erected in the Harbour of Aberystwyth, March 6th 1841.

Letter, March 1st 1842, from Aberystwyth Fishing Club to Trustees of Harbour asking for a lease of the fishing rights for 5 years, stating that 'if the periodical supplies (of fish) are stopt (sic) in their inland course from the sea by nets at the mouth of both rivers, every attempt at preservation will be futile'.

Letter, 21st March 1842, from W. E. Richardes to Trustees of Harbour re lease for fishing.

**F5** Account book of harbour trustees, 1846-1874

**F6** Account book of receipts and payments, 1876-1904

**F7** Journals of harbour dues received, 1860-1867

**F8** Account books of harbour dues received by trustees, 1861-1887, 2 vols.

**F9** Account book of harbour dues received by the Corporation, 1874-1894

**F10** Ledgers, 1860-1874, 3 vols.

**F11** Registers of sailings, 1842-1874, including inwards, outwards & arrivals, 4 vols.

**F12** Manifest books, 1863-1903, 17 vols.

**F13** Journal of goods imported, 1900-1902

**F14** Harbour costs (pay sheets), 1864-1875, 2 vols.

**F15** Cash book, 1867-1871

## **G Burial Board Records**

**G1-9** Minute books, letter books cashbooks, etc. 1850s-1920s

## **H Public Library Records**

**H1** Account books, 1874-1913, 2 vols.

**H2** Minute book, 1883-1902, mainly books issued, new books added, newspapers, bills etc. Includes also minutes of General Purpose committee meetings, 1901-, which discuss summer/winter advertising, stands for hackney carriages and donkeys, warning against touting by proprietors of hackneys, licensing of bathing machines, band programmes, railway provision:

Meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on Monday July 1st 1901. Your committee recommend that the tender of the Birmingham Advertising Agency for printing 25,000 Circulars with view of Aberystwyth as per sample marked A Quality for the sum of £7 10 0. 20,000 of above circulars to be sent to the publishers of the Leisure Hour, for the purposes of inserting the same in their holiday number. 5,000 to be sent to the Corporation Offices to be used as required. Your Committee recommend accepting the offer of Mr G. W. May to insert for 13 weeks an advertisement in the Broad Arrow Naval and Military Gazette at 5/- per insertion an article on Aberystwyth also to appear as per letter. Several papers having applied for orders to insert an advertisement of Aberystwyth, your Committee having already agreed upon the amount to be expended for summer

advertising cannot recommend increasing that amount.

Meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on September 4th 1901. Advertising: Your Committee recommend that the sum of £10 10s 0 be voted for advertising in the Guide (illustrated) covering the whole of the coast from Aberystwyth to Pwllheli, to be uniform in size with the *Ilfracombe Illustrated* and printed in the same artistic manner.

Meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on October 4th 1901. Winter Advertising; Your committee recommend that a sum not exceeding £120 should be spent in advertising Aberystwyth as a health resort during the winter months.

Meeting of the GP Committee held on November 26th 1909. Advertising:

British Medical Journal	6 / 11 / 8
Smith Advertising Agency	7 / 14 / 2
C. Tinkling & Co (Liverpool Courier)	6 / 10
Warley & Son (The Lancet)	7 / 5 / 7
H Freeman (The World)	1 / 19 / 2
Religious Tract Society	4 / 34 / 7

A petition was received from the ratepayers of North Parade asking for the removal of the Cab Stand from that street. A petition was also received from the ratepayers of the Marine Terrace appealing to the Corporation not to grant permission to erect a shed or pavilion on the beach as was done last season. These were deferred for further consideration.

Meeting of the GP Committee held on Friday February 21st 1902. The application of Mr James Lewis for leave to place bathing machines on South Terrace Beach was considered and your Committee recommend that licenses be granted for 12 bathing machines, 8 for gentlemen and 4 for ladies. The stands to be fixed by your Committee and the bathing machines to comply with modern requirements. Mr Lewis undertook to submit plans of same for the approval of the Committee. Your Committee do not recommend that mixed be allowed. Mr Lewis's application that a water tap be provided for a supply of fresh water on South Terrace Beach was considered subject to Mr Lewis defraying the expense of laying same and to the payment by him of an annual charge of 5/-, the Council are recommended to grant same.

## I Statutory Registers

I1 Registers of Licences for:

1/1	Hackney carriages, 1887-1909, 3 vols
1/2	Petroleum, 1906-1926, 3 vols

## J Miscellanea

J1 Aberystwyth Bye-Laws, MS, date on bundle is 1869. Title is Local Government Act 1858: Byelaws - made by the Town Improvement Commissioners acting at the Local Board for the district of Aberystwyth, confirmed by the Secretary of State 1870. Byelaws relate to streets, buildings, rubbish, nuisances, common lodging houses, bathing, pleasure boats, hackney carriages, horses and donkeys, etc, e.g.:

Bathing – licensing, positioning of machines, persons to bathe from machines and not from boats, bathers to wear suitable coverings and not bathe from any machine after 7 am without coverings, copy of byelaws to be fixed on machines, no owner of machines to refuse persons to bathe, machines not to be off their stands, bathing machines to be licensed and numbered, fares fixed as below:

Gents	Ladies		
For every person bathing and occupying a machine for less than half an hour		6d	
6d			
For every additional half hour		6d	6d
Children under 14 (if more than one bath at same time form one machine)		3d	3d
Ladies and children requiring attendants while bathing		3d	each extra

Pleasure Boats and Watermen – re proximity to bathing machines, fitness of boats, boats to carry name of owner, certain number of passengers, life-buoy, every boatmen to be furnished with copy of byelaws, boatmen not to refuse to go out except in very dangerous weather, no persons to bathe from boats, no person to loiter within 30 yards of ladies bathing machines, fares as below:

Sailing boats over 30 ft for one hour	10s	0
Sailing boats under 30ft for one hour	5s	0
For every additional half hour whatever length of boat	2s	0
Rowing boats for up to one hour	2s	6
For every additional half hour or portion thereof	1s	

When the whole boat shall not be taken, for each passenger up to one hour 9  
 For every additional half hour 3

Hackney Carriages – classes of carriages, number of passengers, words child or children not to apply to persons under 10, drivers to have copy of byelaws and to produce copy when asked, drivers not to loiter or stand in streets, owners to give names of drivers on demand, places of taking up and setting down passengers, number of licence to be painted on carriage, carriages to be kept in good order, horses not to be fed in the streets except from nosebag or hand, one carriage only to remain on each stand, distances not to exceed 5 miles from the Clock Tower, fares as below:

For every hackney carriage drawn by two horses:

By time:	By the day	one pound and one shilling
	By the hour	four shillings for first hour
	Every subsequent half hour	one shilling and six pence

By distance:	For each and every mile	one shilling and sixpence
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(Fares differ for carriages drawn by one horse, drawn by an ass, third and fourth class carriages, carriages drawn at night, etc.)

**J2** Letter book (legal matters only) of J. J. Atwood, 1859-1861

**J3** Plans and report on Aberystwyth Castle by H. Harold Hughes, n.d.

**J4** Ledger of the Aberystwyth Public Baths Co., 1900-1915, showing cash or banker's accounts, revenue account, amounts paid in bathing fees, interest, general accounts of expenditure (e.g. rent, rates, coal, insurance, printing and advertising, wages of attendants, engineman, ticket seller washerwoman etc.). UCW also used baths in winter months. Inside are printed balance sheets from 1904 to 1910.

#### **Aberystwyth Borough Council – Water Supply Records:**

Manuscript, typescript and printed material, including copies of acts or bills, correspondence, reports, etc., relating to Aberystwyth Borough and Rural District Councils Water Supplies. These records seem to be 1913 and after, according to the catalogue entry.

#### **Non-municipal Records:**

##### **MSS Diaries and Journals:**

'Narrative of a Tour through Wales by an Anonymous English Gentleman' (setting out from Gloucester and returning to London 'after a journey of a thousand miles').

Manuscript journal, c. mid-late 18th cent/or early 19th (?). Contains short description of Aberystwyth, with an index which has been added by a later possessor of the journal.

[NLW Deposits 18943B]

'Journal of a Tour'.

A journal of a tour of Wales undertaken from Bath by Dr. [ ] Robertson, in company with J. Goldwyer, between 24 June and 19 July, 1799. The tour comprised visits to Bristol, Caerwent, Caerleon, Newport, Caerphilly, Llandaff, Cardiff, Cowbridge, Llantwit [Major], St. Donats, Pyle, Margam, Aberavon, Baglan, Neath, Melincourt, Pont Neath Vaughan and the neighbouring waterfalls, Brecon, Builth, Rhaeadr (Rhayader Gowy), Devil's Bridge, Aberystwyth, Aberdovey, Towyn, Peniarth, Barmouth, Dolgellau, Bala (with an account of the stocking market), Llangollen, Llanfyllin (Llanvitlin), Welsh Pool, Montgomery, Bishop's Castle, Ludlow, Leominster, Hereford, Monmouth, Chepstow, Bristol, and Bath. Pasted on the fly-leaf is the following inscription: 'My grandfathers' Dr. Robertson and J. Goldwyer's walking Tour in S. Wales in 1799 mentions Baglan. H. L. Goldwyer'. [NLW Deposits 11790A (Brawdy 1)]

'Welsh Tour'

Two notebooks marked 'Welsh Tour 1818' containing an account of part of a tour made by an unidentified writer, apparently an ordained clergyman of the Church of England, with two companions, 'Eliza' and 'Harriet'. The narrative covers the period between 25 July 1818, when they left Tenby (no description of Tenby), and 28 August, when they reached home, 'having traversed in ye same vehicle 680 miles without a single accident or even alarm.' The itinerary includes Stackpool [sic], Pembroke, Pater [church], Haverfordwest, Picton Castle, Milford, Egglwys Wrw [sic], Newcastle, Cenarth Bridge, Cilgerran, Aberayron, Aberystwith, Borth, Llanbadern [sic], Devil's Bridge or Pont y Monach [sic], Hafod, Machynlleth, Dolgelly . . . (to N. Wales) . . . and Gloucester [sic]. Mention is made of meeting Mr Sims by chance at Aberayron; others met en route were three clergymen, Oxonians, viz. Mr Natt of St. John's, Mr Yeden [sic] of Lincoln and Mr Hughes of Jesus, who

consented to accompany the writer's party on the ascent of Snowdon, and Mr Mitchell, an artist in lodgings [? at or near Betws-y-coed]. The writer also mentions writing to his brother Henry and on 27 August records 'Left my Brother Thomas'. There is no indication where the writer lived (? possibly Gloucestershire) but he appears to have had an interest in schools. Loose in (2) are some notes on an itinerary corresponding in part to the one followed, including a note to 'see Hafod, within 2 or 3 miles from Devil's Bridge', and also including the Lake District. [NLW Cwrtmawr 3 MSS 542B (1) and (2)]

'A Journal of a Tour in Wales'. (Anonymous)

A journal, with sketches, of a walking tour from Kington to Aberystwyth, and through parts of North Wales, e.g. Dollgellau, Barmouth, Beddgelert, Caernarfon, Denbigh, Conway, Ruthin, in May 1828. With sketches of the Devil's Bridge, Aberystwyth Castle from Constitution Hill, and hand-drawn maps of routes walked. Contains long description of Devil's Bridge and shorter one of Aberystwyth. Inserted in between some blank pages are ferns and seaweed samples. English. XIX cent. [NLW Deposits 6716D]

D. R. Rees, Llandoverly: Diary 1830

Marshall's Daily Journal for the year 1830, containing brief entries by David Rice Rees (1787-1856, DWB), Llandoverly, co. Carmarthen, printer and publisher, and accounts, mostly of expenses incurred during a holiday, 10-27 August 1830, in Aberystwyth, including cost of travel, lodgings, provisions, etc. He and Rice (son?) visited baths, bathed in sea and also walked to top of Pen Dinas. 110 ff. [NLW Deposits 23379A]

'A Journal of a Tour in Wales, &c'. (Anonymous)

A journal of tours to Tenby, Aberystwyth, etc., from August 9 to September 3, 1831; to the English Lakes from August 1 to August 29, 1833, and to Matlock and Bakewell from August 24 to 29, 1835, with notes on a later tour, 1840, and some sketches. Gives detailed descriptions of towns, journeys, travel means and times, costs, accommodations, towns and attractions visited. Letter Lord Carnarvon loosely inserted. [NLW Deposits 6685C].

'Tour in Wales'.

Bound hardback journal of a tour around the whole of Wales in 1836, containing numerous engravings and sketches. Short account of Aberystwyth (stayed briefly at Belle Vue and Hafod Arms) and two fine engravings by Radclyffe of the promenade with boats and bathing machines, towards Constitution Hill, and another by Radclyffe of a storm and shipwreck at Aberystwyth [NLW MS 12392B]

'A Journal of a Tour' (Cover title 'A Summer Trip, Anonymous)

A journal of 'A Picturesque Trip in the Summer of 1850', to Aberystwyth, Oswestry, Llangollen, Bangor, Caernarvon, Beddgelert, Tremadoc, and Dolgellay. Frontispiece is an engraving of Aberystwyth from the north, and inside engravings are pasted in of Aberystwyth from Craiglais, Church of Llanbadarn Fawr, Marine Terrace. [NLW Deposits 7999C]

'A Tour of North Wales'

An account of a tour of North Wales, about 1850, with steel engravings, lithographs, and press cuttings bound up in a quarto album. The initials 'M.D.' are lettered at the foot of the spine. The manuscript account runs from Chester via Gresford, Wrexham, Ruabon, Llangollen, Chirk, Oswestry, Welshpool, Llanidloes, Llangurig, Devil's Bridge, Aberystwyth, Machynlleth, Dolgellay, Barmouth, Harlech, Tremadoc, Beddgelert, Capel Curig, Llanberis, Caernarvon, Beaumaris, Conway, St. Asaph, Caerwys, Holywell, Flint, and Northop to Hawarden, and includes much folk-lore and legend. Engravings of Devil's Bridge, Church and Porch of Llanbadarn Fawr, The tourists setting off from Chester included a 'Mr. and Mrs. Stamp and their companion in travel'. [NLW Deposits 10566D]

#### MSS Letters and papers:

'A Miscellany' A miscellany collected by R. Kenrick, letting agent, Aberystwyth, and containing 9 letters from medical men paying tribute to Aberystwyth as a health resort, dated between 1889-1897, at the request of the Corporation, which testimonials were requested by the Corporation to be used in tourist guides (although there is no mention of any of their names in the 1902 *Souvenir*). The MOs are J. B. Stuart, Wigan; J.L. Ranking (Rawlings?), late Indian army; J. A. Ball, Consulting Surgeon to Stockport Infirmary; James Black Roberts, Nottingham; Theo. B. Hyslop, London; J. M. Black; Arthur Hawley, Coventry and Warwickshire Hospital. The bundle also contains some unrelated Welsh hymns and lyrics. [NLW Deposits 4860C].

Aberystwyth Old Social Club: 1780-1934: rules, minutes, accounts, financial records, correspondence and papers [NLW Deposits MSS 8913-8921]

Aberystwyth, St Michael's Church, records, 1762-1933: Documents relating to the following church properties in the parish of Aberystwyth: St Michael's Church: documents, letters and plans relating to the building of the successive churches, commencing with a list of subscribers towards the first church, 1762; an historical account of the Church, legal papers relating to building land, the right of presentation, consecration of the church, etc.;

letters and plans concerning the building of a sea wall, 1832-1833; extracts from wills containing legacies to the Church and to the poor of the parish; rate books, 1816-1855: St Mary's Welsh Church: lists of subscribers, accounts, and minute book of meetings, 1851-1863: The National Schools: minute books from 1813, and teachers' agreements. The archive also contains letters and newspaper cuttings relating to Downie's Bequest, 1859-1913, and several miscellaneous items not directly connected with the parish of Aberystwyth, 1792-1920.

'Analysis of the Chalybeate Water at Aberystwyth' (1817) and a section headed 'Llandrindod' (1818) compiled by Richard Williams of Aberystwyth. c. 1817-8 [NLW Deposits, Padarn Davies MS 1, 19910B]

An Album, being a visitor's book for Devil's Bridge, 1805. Inside is 'An Album in which the Company who may visit the Devil's Bridge are respectfully requested to insert their names and whatever statement the romantick beauties of this place may inspire', and added underneath, 'Pray whom does this request some from? Not I presume from Mr Jones' – with Jones crossed out and Mr J. R. Powell inserted. There is also an index of names, incomplete. Most of the entries are in poetic form. [Nanteos Papers, Miscellaneous A88]

A Diary kept by John Benn Walsh, 1st Lord Ormathwaite (1798-1881), (one of numerous diaries kept by the Ormathwaites) covering the period between July 1 1833 and November 30th 1834. Containing accounts of debates and political news, candid entries on personal matters and family affairs, and also a detailed account of a month's holiday in Aberystwyth September 20th to October 21st 1833, travelling via Chepstow, Monmouth, Kington, Penybont. Pages are numbered and the diary is indexed at the end of the year. See also related letters, below. [NLW Ormathwaite Papers, FG 1/7]

A Visitors' Book belonging to George Eyre Evans for the period 11 August 1894 to 19 August 1939 and relating, among other places, Ochr-y-bryn, Trefor Road, (1898-9), Tan-y-bryn, Llanbadarn Road, 1899-1906), Ty Tringad, Aberystwyth, (1906-28) There are also some photographs, sketches, messages, Christmas cards and visiting cards etc. [NLW Deposits 13435B]

Cardiganshire County Roads Board Records, 1770-1870: Minute books of the Aberystwyth district of the Cardiganshire Turnpike Trust, 1779-1845; minutes and accounts of the Cardigan district, 1802-1844; and minutes, letters and account books of the Cardiganshire County Roads Board, 1844-1870.

Dolau Cothi Visitors Book, 1885-1920 [NLW Deposits 21914B]

Letter, August 9th, 1765, from J[ohn] Paynter, Hafod, to the Earl of Powis, Oakley Park near Ludlow, inviting him to Hafod and recommending the bathing at Aberystwyth. [NLW Powis Castle Correspondence (1) 3202]

Letter, January 13th 1770 from J. Paynter, Hafod, to Robert Lance, Secretary to the Society for Promoting Manufacturers and for Employing the Poor in the Counties of Pembroke and Cardigan. The great potentiality of a woollen industry in Cardiganshire, the writer's plan for beginning one, a discussion of the poor of the county and of the general administration of the poor, the atrocious husbandry of the county, the possible benefit of summer visitors. Also attached is a letter from Paynter to Thomas Johnes, from whom the writer held Hafod on a life-lease), re the writer's letter to the Society and estate matters. Copies. [NLW Noyladd Trefawr (1) 1678]

Letter, June 25th 1788, from (Thomas?) Johnes, Hafod, to John (Johnes ?), saying 'We set out this morning for Aberystwyth in hopes of many benefits from the sea – we remain there a month' [NLW Dolaucothi Correspondence (12) V16/6]

Letter, July 25th 1789, from J[ohn] Probert, Aberystwith, to Thomas Ryder, No. 1 Lincolns Inn, London. Mostly about the Game suit, but also says 'I am here with my Daughter taken (sic) care of ourselves, and as I fancy I find much benefit by Sea Bathing, sampling (?) Sea Air & c I should be sorry to leave the Country till the middle of next month'. [NLW Powis Castle Correspondence (2) 2470]

Letter, c. 1789, to John Lloyd from C. F. Greville, Carnarvon, 1789, with brief news of a journey to North Wales with places visited, and a proposed visit to Aberystwyth [NLW MS 12419D (Wigfair 19)]

Letter, June 26th 1790, from J[ohn] Probert, Cophthorn, to Thomas Ryder, No. 1 Lincolns Inn, London. Mainly legal matters, and says he postpones his visit to Aberystwyth on account of a trial: 'I was going in about a fortnight to Aberystwyth for a month's Sea bathing, but in case the trial is to come over I shall be obliged to postpone my Dippings to the month of August'. [NLW Powis Castle Correspondence (2) 2551]

Letter, July 25th 1800, from Job Sheldon, Aberystwyth, to Robert Wilding, Powis Castle. Mainly business, but also sea bathing: 'Hope to see Mr and Miss Probert in this Country ere long – the season is now warm and fine for Bathing and a good deal of Company now in this place.' [NLW Powis Castle Correspondence (2) 1664]

Letter, July 16th 1807, from E. M Johnes to his brother, John Johnes, Dolaucothi, with news, and comments re expense of staying at Aberystwyth. NLW Dolaucothi Correspondence, V17/12]

Letter, c. 1811, from Elizabeth Lloyd (afterwards Curtis), to her sister, giving an account of her stay at Aberystwyth. See also Nos 1784-1801). [NLW Aston Hall Correspondence (3) 4440]

Letter, October 6th 1818, from Elisa Parry to George Parry, Haverfordwest, with news, business matters etc, and also visitors and improvements to Aberystwyth. [NLW Llidiardau, Box 8/1/103]

Letter, September 4th 1819, from Elizabeth Parry, Aberystwyth, to George Parry, Haverfordwest, with news of Aberystwyth and visit of Lord Hill. [NLW Llidiardau, Box 8/1/107]

Letters, September-October 1833, of John Walsh and his mother, Margaret Walsh, mainly about family affairs, ill-health of Lord Grey, Lady Jane Walsh's brother, and letters from John Walsh whilst on holiday in Aberystwyth (ff. 100-45 passim. See also Diary, above) [NLW Ormathwaite Papers, G44].

Letters, 1833, from Lady Jane Walsh to Margaret Walsh, including letters whilst on holiday in Aberystwyth, Sept-Oct, 1833 (ff. 58-67) (**see Notes on Aberystwyth 93**) [NLW Ormathwaite Papers, G45]

Letter, dated Sept. 29th, 1818, from C. F. Pensam, Aberystwyth, which describes an uncomfortable journey from Tenby to Aberystwyth. [NLW Aberpegwm 1, Letters and MSS 256].

Letter, dated July 31, to Mrs Morgan, wife of Col. Morgan, from F. Cornelia Murray, Tenby, in which she says she and her husband, Charles, had decided not to travel to Aberystwyth as 'When on our road, we found the distance there greater than Col. Morgan had calculated, & the post chaises very indifferent, which formed to its being a very long distance from thence to Chepstow, induced us to keep to our original plan to coming here; but I have hopes to make a trip to Aberystwyth some day when we are travelling in our own carriage; when we have this of course we shall take advantage of the steamboat at Chepstow.' (No year given but probably early-mid 19c) [NLW Aberpegwm 1, Letters and MSS 1176].

Letter, dated August 23rd, from Harriet Lewis, Hawarden, to Mrs Lloyd, Aston Hall, re their intended visit to Aston, and stating 'We have given up our sea plan - as no accommodations now to be had at Hoylelake (?) and at Park Gate (?) there is we find very bad bathing. If I find myself weakly when I get home I must go to our own Sea, I believe Aberystwith.' (No year given but probably early-mid 19c) [NLW Aston Hall Correspondence (3) 4249]

Letter, June 13th 1896, from Grace Lloyd, Victoria Terrace, Aberystwyth to Lady Hills-Johnes, mentioning that 'Everything here is in a state of preparation for H. R. H. A great number of people are expected here for his visit, some say 50,000. I hope plenty of policemen will be provided'. [NLW Dolaucothi Correspondence (6), L8005]

'National Union of Teachers Conference, Aberystwyth'. A volume containing extracts from The Schoolmaster, January - May, 1911, relating to the Conference of the National Union of Teachers held at Aberystwyth, 1911, in the form of a presentation copy to Edwin Jones, Vice-Chairman of the 'Benevolent Purposes Committee'. [NLW Deposits 7342D, Edwin Jones 27]

'Petition for a Railway'. Two copies, entitled 'East and West Wales Railway. Petition in Favour' - one copy intended for presentation to the House of Lords and the other to the House of Commons of a petition signed by John Jenkins, mayor, and many other residents of the town and district, in favour of a proposed railway between Trawscoed, Cardiganshire, and New Radnor, 1898, which 'would greatly benefit the district through which the line would pass, and would afford facilities for the development of trade, and the mining and other industries which have for many years lain dormant, in consequence of the total want of railway communication in the districts the proposed Railway is intended to accommodate'. [NLW Deposits 4942E]

'Reminiscences of a Journalist'. The reminiscences of W. R. Hall (1849-1937), journalist, of Aberystwyth, written in forty exercise-books and published serially in the *Cambrian News*, 1920-1. [NLW Deposits 7194-7233]

'Royal Commission on Coast Erosion'. A typewritten report of 'Tour No. VI' by the Sub-Committee of the Royal Commission on Coast Erosion in the United Kingdom, July-August [1907], and of a resolution of the Sub-Committee taken at Carmarthen, 24 July [1907]. The tour comprised visits to, among other places, Caldicot Level, Berwick

Embankment near Llanelly, Burry Port, New Quay, Aberayron, Aberystwyth, Borth, Barmouth, Criccieth, the track of the Cambrian Railway, Nevin and Morva Nevin, Carnarvon, Llanfairfechan, Colwyn Bay, Rhuddlan Marsh Embankment, and Rhyl. [NLW Deposits 11963D]

'The centenary of printing in Aberystwyth'. Material relating to the exhibition held at Aberystwyth in 1909 to celebrate the centenary of the introduction of printing into the town. It comprises minutes of the exhibition committee, correspondence and press cuttings, and copies of the booklets issued and of addresses given, by David Samuel. It also includes the signatures of visitors to the exhibition. [NLW Deposits 4296C, Eyre Evans 17]

'Visit to Aberystwyth'. Prize essays by Birmingham school-children describing a visit paid by them to Aberystwyth as guests of the Navy League on the occasion of the visit of the Second Battle Squadron of the British Fleet, September, 1919. [NLW Deposits 4425E]

## **VISUAL MATERIAL**

### **Paintings:**

A view of Aberystwyth, oil, 1750

View of Aberystwyth in c. 1752 (James Bourne Drawings vol. 36, no 7)

Aberystwyth Harbour, oil, 1792

Aberystwyth, watercolour, 1794

Market day at Aberistwith, Thomas Rowlandson, pen and ink drawing, 1797

Aberistwith N[orth] W[est], Thomas Rowlandson, pen and ink drawing, 1797

Near Aberistwith, Thomas Rowlandson, pen and ink drawing, 1797

Llanbadarn Fawr, near Aberystwyth, watercolour, 1800

Through a window of an inn, Aberystwyth, pencil and wash, 1810

Aberystwyth from the north, lithographic, 1815

Aberystwyth from Penglais Hill, lithograph, 1815

Plas Crug, Aberystwyth, engraving, 1829

Aberystwyth, from Craiglais, lithograph by W. Crane, 1840

Marine Terrace, Aberystwyth lithograph by W. Crane, 1840

Aberystwyth, two views, engraving, between 1840 and 1859

Aberystwyth, H. Warren, W. Radclyffe, engraving, 1844

View of Aberystwyth from Craiglais, Cardiganshire, south Wales drawn on stone by G. Barnard from a sketch by C. Walker, lithograph, 1850

Laura Place, Aberystwyth, lithograph, 1850

Aberystwyth, watercolour, 1854

Aberystwyth from the North, watercolour, 1861

View of Aberystwyth, oil, 1861

Aberystwyth Harbour, oil, between 1880 and 1899

Rheidol Bridge, Aberystwyth, destroyed, oil, 1886

Old bridge at Aberystwyth, destroyed, oil, 1886

Aberystwyth from Constitution Hill, watercolour, 1889

Aberystwyth from Penglais Hill, oil, 1892

Plas Crug Castle, Aberystwyth, watercolour, 1900

Aberystwyth, oil, 1900

The royal album of Aberystwyth (Aberystwyth, A.J. Jukes). 10 p (uncut) 16 x 21 cm.

Lithographs of the town and surrounding area.

### Photographs:

Aberystwyth. Ten photographs of Aberystwyth by Francis Bedford, 1865-1870 [NLW 291A]

Aberystwyth from the south, B&W photograph, 1880

Aberystwyth from the north, B&W photograph, 1880

Freda Jarman Album 3. Photographs taken on a cycling tour, 1909, including Aberystwyth [NLW 415A]

Aberystwyth Construction Album, 1901-1913, including photographs of the building of the promenade [NLW 334B]

One hundred stereographs by Francis Bedford, from the Devil's Bridge Illustrated and other publications, including scenes of Aberystwyth, c. 1860-1880 [NLW 1446B]

Aberystwyth. Photographs of aircraft, 1910-1970, including the first flight in Aberystwyth in 1914, and the Daily Mail Aeroplane [NLW 972B]

G. E. Evans Album 3. Two hundred photographs of places and people in and around Aberystwyth, 1860-1865 [NLW 239A]

Aberystwyth 1. One hundred and twenty-nine photographs, streets and buildings, etc, 1880-1990 [NLW 829B]

829/33	North Parade, with carriages and girl on donkey, Edwardian
829/81	North Parade with carriages, c. late 19th c.
829/81	North Parade with carriages, c. late 19th c.
829/85	Bath House, Marine Terrace, Edwardian
829/29	People sitting outside Deva Guest House, Edwardian
829/53	Sketch of Aberystwyth, c. 1850, with tourists in foreground and sailing/steamships on the sea in background.

Aberystwyth 4. Eighty-seven photographs of beaches, hotels, pier, promenade etc, 1870-1980 [NLW 832B]. Includes:

832/1	Beach, bandstand, bathing machine, Constitution Hill and Cliff Railway in background, lots of people. Edwardian
832/6	Crowd at lower end of Marine Terrace, bunting in background, Edwardian
832/10	Pier with Constitution Hill in background, and boats, bathing machines, people, no date but Edwardian. No sign of Cliff Railway.
832/23	Motorised charabancs on the prom, outside Deva hotel, c. 1920
832/22	Horse drawn charabanc outside Belle Vue, early 20th c
832/28	Marine Terrace from Constitution Hill, before development of lower end, with bathing machines on beach.
832/34	Family group on beach, bathing machines in background, Edwardian
832/32	Five piece brass band on Marine Terrace, Edwardian.
832/37	B&W photograph of beach, some children paddling, Edwardian.
832/39	B&W photograph of South Parade, a few people walking, one or two bathing machines in background, Edwardian.
832/40	B&W photograph of beach and prom, crowded with people, boats, good view of Constitution Hill and Cliff Railway in background, Edwardian.
832/47	Hydro Waterloo Hotel, Edwardian
832/50	B&W photograph of beach, with boats, bathing machines, people, a number of children. Edwardian.
832/53	Early (? 18th c) engraving of prom from Constitution Hill, before real development of Marine Terrace, number bathing machines, four or five sailing/fishing boats, some people walking on hill and on prom.
832/69	Lucas Hotel, no date.
832/73	Coloured card entitled 'View from Craiglais Aberystwyth', ? c. early-mid

19th, with one or two bathing machines on beach, more on the end of the prom below Craiglais

832/75 B&W photograph of beach and prom, crowded with people, a couple of donkey carriages, 1910.

832/77 Beach, bathing machines, people, 1910. Post card.

832/78 Pier, 1905. Post card.

832/79 Beach, with people sitting, paddling. Pleasure boats Maggie and Victoria ply for trade alongside local fishing boats, 1910.

Aberystwyth 5. Fifty-one photographs B&W of the harbour. 1870-1930 [NLW 833B]. Including:

833/1 Post card advertising Reduction in fares between Liverpool, Aberystwyth and Bristol taking in Goods or Passengers for Holyhead, Portmadoc, Abedovey, Aberayron or New Quay' on the Cambrian Steam Packet Company's new steamer 'The Plynylmon', no date. '

833/20 Sketch of harbour, ? early 19th c. Lots of fishing boats. South Parade undeveloped.

833/23 Crowded beach and prom, with full motor pleasure boats, 1920s/30s

833/24 People on beach, with sail pleasure boats in water, Edwardian

833/30 Boat with 'Bobs-a-time' trippers, early-mid 20th c.

833/31 Postcard, with early photo of sailing ships in harbour.

33/37 Construction of sea wall at Marine Terrace, no date

833/44 Postcard showing fishing boats, local ones and 'Morcombe Bay Knobbies', with two children playing on a breaker in the foreground, c. 1910

833/45 Large crowd watching launch of lifeboat, 1906

PZ6811/104 Photo of sailing trawlers in harbour, no date

PZ7264 Steam boat in harbour, people (? Passengers) on Quay, no date, early 20th c.

Aberystwyth 6. Fifty photographs of public events, royal visits, gardens etc, 1870-1995 [NLW 834B]. Including:

834/2 Procession on Castle, Edwardian

834/16 Marine Parade, children on donkeys, people on beach, boas, bathing machines, Edwardian

834/26 Eisteddfodic procession on Marine Terrace, early 20th c

834/36 Opening of promenade extension

834/37 Crowd in Queens Square, outside skating rink/picture house, 1923

Aberystwyth 10. Two hundred and thirty photographs of Aberystwyth and district, 1910-1920 [NLW 838B]

Aberystwyth 11. Thirteen photographs of Aberystwyth, 1864-1980 [NLW 1739D]

Holiday in North Wales. Sixty photographs, including Aberystwyth, 1910-1920 [NLW 954B]

**The Arthur Lewis Collection is accessible as photographic copies in several volumes on the open shelves in the South Reading Room.**

Arthur Lewis Collection. One hundred photographs of Aberystwyth, 1880-1930 [NLW 1382B]

Arthur Lewis Collection. One hundred photographs of Aberystwyth, including tourists, entertainers, children, 1900-1911 [NLW 1383B]. Including:

- PZ5917/23-27 Brakes and charabancs loaded with passengers for Aberystwyth, 1905-1910.
- PZ5917/28 Group on prom, includes child and lady in bath chair, 1905
- PZ5917/39 Aberystwyth YWCA on beach, 1905
- PZ5917/55 Large group of well dressed children and adults on beach, with banner proclaiming 'Young People's Service'
- PZ5917/58, 65, 99 Harry Collins Merry Mascot Minstrels, c. 1905
- PZ5917/60-62 Brakes loaded with passengers at Devil's Bridge and in Aberystwyth, 1900, 1905

Arthur Lewis Collection. One hundred photographs of Aberystwyth, including families and groups, 1900-1940 [NLW 1384B]

Arthur Lewis Collection. One hundred photographs of Aberystwyth, including cinema, King's Hall, 1865-1950 [NLW 1385B]. Includes:

- PZ5919/47 Viewing shelter on Constitution Hill, c. 1900
- PZ5919/59 Carriage with passengers outside Belle Vue, 1895
- PZ5919/66 Waterloo Hydro Hotel, with three ladies on a balcony and a child in the street below, 1910
- PZ5919/76 Castle grounds with people sitting around, playing bowls, c. 1925
- PZ5919/79 Castle Point, 1900
- PZ5919/80 Cliff Railway 1900

Arthur Lewis Collection. One hundred photographs of Aberystwyth, including streets, buildings, etc, 1900-1940 [NLW 1388B]

Arthur Lewis Collection. One hundred photographs of Aberystwyth, including buildings, military parades, etc, 1880-1940 [NLW 1389B]

Arthur Lewis Collection. One hundred photographs of Aberystwyth, including streets scenes, 1900-1930 [NLW 1390B]

Arthur Lewis Collection. One hundred photographs of Aberystwyth, including streets scenes, 1900-1930 [NLW 1391B]

Arthur Lewis Collection. One hundred photographs of Aberystwyth, buildings, band, processions, 1880-1940 [NLW 1392B]

Arthur Lewis Collection. One hundred photographs of Aberystwyth, including streets scenes, events, aeroplanes, outings, 1900-1937 [NLW 1393B]

Arthur Lewis Collection. One hundred photographs of Aberystwyth, including beach, promenade, band, processions, 1900-1935, mainly later period. [NLW 1394B] Including:

- 9834 Bandstand, mid 20th c.
- 9848 Bandstand and prom, mid 20th c.
- 9882 Prom and beach, mid 20th c.
- 9887 Boat trips, mid 20th c.
- 9901 Beach with people, boats and bathing machines, Edwardian

Arthur Lewis Collection. One hundred photographs of Aberystwyth, including beach, promenade, band, processions, 1900-1950, mainly later period. [NLW 1395B]

Arthur Lewis Collection. One hundred photographs of Aberystwyth, including railway stations, 1900-1940 [NLW 1396B]

Arthur Lewis Collection 1. One hundred photographs of Aberystwyth, including activities, 1900-1930 [NLW 1262A]

Arthur Lewis Collection 2. One hundred photographs of Aberystwyth, including ships, 1880-1938 [NLW 1263A]

Arthur Lewis Collection 4. One hundred photographs of Aberystwyth, including events, 1880-1938 [NLW 1265A]

Arthur Lewis Collection 5. One hundred photographs of Aberystwyth, including band, 1871-1950 [NLW 1266A]

Arthur Lewis Collection 6. One hundred photographs of Aberystwyth, 1890-1950 [NLW 1267A]

Arthur Lewis Collection 8. One hundred photographs of Aberystwyth, including Aberystwyth fishermen, 1880-1950 [NLW 1269A]

Arthur Lewis Collection 10. One hundred photographs of Aberystwyth, 1890-1950 [NLW 1271A]

Arthur Lewis Collection 11. One hundred photographs of Aberystwyth, 1890-1940 [NLW 1272A]

Arthur Lewis Collection 13. One hundred photographs of Aberystwyth, 1910-1950 [NLW 1274A]

Arthur Lewis Collection 14. One hundred photographs of Aberystwyth, including steamers in harbour, pleasure boats, 1880-1938 [NLW 1275A]

Arthur Lewis Collection 15. One hundred photographs of Aberystwyth, 1911-1950 [NLW 1276A]

### Postcards:

Cardiganshire Postcards 2. Interesting collection of 388 B&W and coloured postcards of Aberystwyth and district, beaches, prom, buildings, college, National Library, streets, some theatrical, sporting and nautical ones too. Most have some text on them, 1900-1971 [NLW 1374B]. Includes:

PZ5914/36-37 Two coloured cards, same view of Marine Terrace, 1903, with text, one from ? Evans to Lizzie Evans, Buarth, Aberystwyth '...and now intend to enjoy myself for sometime on the "prom" and elsewhere', and one from Davis to Alex Hayward, Llanelli 'I journeyed this morning from Builth Wells to Aberystwyth'

PZ 5914/56 Coloured card of the Marnie Parade, with people, boats on beach, no date. Addressed to Miss Daisy Hayward, Market Street. Text on back 'During the whole of the time Alec was at Aber, he was doing nothing but mouching about & sleeping. If he will at any time suffer from insomnia, you need only shew him this card & he will go to sleep at once.' (same Alex as in above?)

PZ 5914/52-53 One coloured and one B&W card of Aberystwyth Golf Links, no date, no text.

PB7455 Two B&W cards with wood-like border, one of the beach the other of the castle, 1911. Both to the Allsop family, Manchester, from Stan. 'This is a grand place. Beautiful sunny weather'

PZ 3320/291 Coloured card of Esplanade, 1909, with text

PB8565 Coloured card of Esplanade, 1910, with text

PB6824 B&W card, of relatively busy prom, some people out walking, and a number of boats on beach and water, 1903, to L. Evans, Buarth, Aberystwyth from 'SE' (same as 5914 above?), with text 'What think you of this on a Sunday night at 8.30 or so?'

PZ 5914/64 B&W card of prom, 1906, from GJW to Miss E Williams, Blaenau Ffestinion, with Welsh text

PB6933 B&W card of North Parade, some pedestrians and carriages, c. 1907, from Ellen to J Llyw Richard, Llandrindod, 'Just a line to tell you that I think to go to Towyn on Thursday and I will send you a better P.C. than this.'

PZ 5914/63 Audience watching entertainment in Elysian Grove, no text, n.d.

PZ 5302/3 B&W card of Devils Bridge Railway and few people on platform, 1912, from W G Jones to Nancy Maud, Old Hall, Llanidloes, with Welsh text, 'Pob hwyl sydd y dydiau hyn? Iawn, mi obeithiff. ? Cawsom law trwm yma bore heddyw. A ydych wedi torri'r gwair. Cofion anwyl atoch.' (How are things these days? OK, I hope. We had heavy rain here this morning. Have you cut the hay? Warm remembrances to you.)

PB186/6 B&W card of Clarach Bay, from JCP to Jack Masters, Aston, Birmingham, 1911 'This is our bathing place. Isn't it ripping? We are having glorious weather. Better than Aston, eh?'

710a B&W card of yachts in the bay, Edwardian

PB6714 B&W card entitled 'Catching Sprats on Pier Rocks, Aberystwyth, no date but ? Edwardian/early 20th. Sailing boat in background. No text.

PB9012 Coloured card of the harbour with steamboat and sailboats, no date. Pencilled on rear 'Possibly the only photo to show a Vale of Rheidol Rly wagon on the Stone Quay.'

PB9012 Coloured card, no date, no text, entitled 'Aberystwyth – Launch of the

Lifeboat.' Crowd watching in Edwardian dress.

PB9012 Coloured and B&W card, same view, entitled 'Aberystwyth - The Beach.' People in Edwardian dress, pleasure boat on beach.

PZ 6914/171 B&W card of two children on donkey, no date, c. early 20th c.

PZ 2014/35 Coloured novelty card, no date, entitled 'The Sun Always Shines at Aberystwyth' with pull out string of B&W photos, c. early 20th c. Pictures concealed beneath flap of red umbrella with outline of a man and women underneath, and little rhyme beneath 'Just you and me. Where none can see. When the sun shines. How happy are we.'

PG3320/569 Coloured card of castle, 1907, from Charlie to Mr and Mrs Croxson, Salop 'After a terribly long and tedious journey we arrived safely at 7-45. Weather is charming. Prospects of a most enjoyable holiday.'

PB8565 Coloured card of prom, some people, bathing machines, boats, from Annie Bevan to Ivor Thomas, Briton Ferry, August 1910 'I am having a ripping time. Trust you are quite well. With kindly greetings.'

#### Posters:

'No Police!! Well done Aberystwyth boys!' poster, E. Williams & Sons, April 1850, opposing establishment of a police force and extolling the good conduct of the inhabitants during the previous trial month 'Even the Trees on the North Parade, so lately the objects of silly revenge have not been touched.' [NLW PY 0831. Also on Digital Mirror]

#### Maps and Plans:

Map of the town and burgh of Aberystwyth in the county of Cardigan, Streets in the town of Aberystwyth named, by Wm Couling, October 1809 [NLW Folio 116 146/2/14 (Nanteos 77 032/2)]

A new map of the vicinity of Aberystwyth, By John Evans Penygraig 1824, Aberystwyth, pr. by J. Cox for Lewis Jones, 1824 [NLW MAP 5795]

Plan of Aberystwyth, Cardigan, by John Wood 1834. J. & W. Smith, Lithog. Edinr. Aberystwyth showing town centre, harbour and Trefechan. Important buildings numbered and referred to in key. Post miles to several regional towns and villages given, together with information on fairs and population. [NLW MAP 5446]

Plan of Aberystwyth harbour shewing the proposed improvements Geo Bush engineer. Map, 1835

Aberystwyth, 1 map : col. ; 34 x 22 cm, 1837

A Map of Lands Situate in the Borough of Aberystwyth, Belonging to Pryse Pryse Esq. 1838: Copy. Plan of Queen's Road and eastwards to lower Penglais Hill, showing 'Road from The Quarries', 'Rope Walk', 'Portland St', 'North Parade' & Llanbadarn Road. Terrier showing tenants & acreages, 1838 [NLW Map 10134]

One-inch map of England and Wales. Sheet 57 NE, Aberystwyth, (London, Ordnance Map Service, 1838) [NLW MAP 11296 140/9/3]

Plan of Aberystwyth harbour by Richard Page, 1845

Plans & sections of the intended Manchester & Birmingham Continuation and Welsh Junction Railway from Crewe to Aberystwyth [S.I.]: Maclure, Macdonald & Macgregor, 1845

Street plan of Aberystwyth, showing street names to the north of Bridge Street. Rope yard indicated, with property to north & east belonging to Edward Davies, 1850 [NLW Map 10174]

Aberystwyth harbour, 3 maps and charts, 1853 [NLW MAP 6271]

Aberystwyth harbour: Plan and sections shewing breaches made in pier by gale of December 1852 with proposed alterations and extension to accompany Mr. Beadmore's report of February 24th 1853: the proposed alterations and extensions are shown in red. Shows wharf or quay, breakwater, pier and roads, together with some buildings in Aberystwyth and Trefechan. Three sections through pier. Photocopy of original. Another version of this chart is MAP 6272 (BRN 22010). 1853 [NLW MAP 6271]

A Map of Aberystwyth Castle and Grounds in the County of Cardigan 1857, John Matthews, land surveyor. Survey of Castle Grounds, with pathways, roads, ruins, excavations, beach & cliffs, adjoining owner and ground plan of Saint Michael's Church set out in pencil. 1857 [NLW MAP/Gee & Matthews 20]

Aberystwyth and Welsh Coast Railways: plans & sections. London, Vincent Brooks, 1861.

Mid Wales Railway: Extension from near Rhayader to Aberystwyth, Deviation between Newbridge and Builth, Junction with Central Wales Extension Railway, London, Malby & Sons, 1861.

Aberystwyth Harbour & Ship Builders' Yards, John Matthews. Plan of roads, housing and property around 'The Trap', showing owners/tenants, street names and land around South Marine Terrace marked out prior to building, 1862. [NLW Gee & Matthews 21]

Aberystwyth Coffee Room (Castle House, Aberystwyth). 1 architectural rendering: Pencil and colour on tracing paper, mounted on linen, 1864

Hafod Hotel Company Ltd: Hotel and Falls, Devil's Bridge. Prospectus with tariff and map of Wales available from J. B. Balcombe, Managing Director of Hafod Hotel Company. Map on p.4 shows railways completed and under construction in North and Central Wales. Details of LNWR and GWR services. Line to Aberystwyth "under construction". Hafod Hotel Company, ca. 1864. [NLW MAP 5805]

Hafod Hotel Company: Hotel and Falls, Devil's Bridge. Prospectus with tariff and map, 1864 [NLW MAP 5805]

Plan of land at Aberystwyth to be let on building leases, 1864. H. D. Davies, architect; J. B. Balcombe, North Parade [NLW Gogerddan 452 / NLW MAP 5757]

Lands Adjoining Aberystwyth - Hayward - Lands within the Borough - Mines &c. Large-scale street plan of Aberystwyth showing proposed location of railway station (Plas Crug Avenue) later abandoned, some public buildings, and detailed marking out of the Queen's Hotel. Names of leading land owners given in incomplete key. 1865 [NLW Gee & Matthews 12a]

The Queen's Hotel, Aberystwyth C. F. Hayward & H. D. Davis Architects, 1 plan: colour; 90 x 56 cm., 1865

One inch old series map of England and Wales: Aberystwyth sheet 57 NE [NLW Ab 4906 85/10/3]

Aberystwyth. Rough plans and elevations for new corn market and music hall. For approval Nov.15 1866

Aberystwyth Gas: Plan Session 1873, James W. Szlumper, engineer; E. Weller, litho. Plan of gas work site adjoining Morfa Mawr Road. Reference book provides copy of application to Parliament; description of properties required, owners, lessees etc., 1873

Ink and coloured plan numbered to a missing schedule showing block plans of some buildings and plots in the vicinity of Marine Terrace and Queens Road, Aberystwyth. Catalogue, 1876

Plan of Aberystwyth water supply showing proposed line of cast iron water mains from Felin Graig to Llyn Llygad y Rheidol thro' the Manors of Nant-yr-Arian and Perfedd by John E. Thomas. 1879

A field plan with lots numbered to a missing schedule of land in and around Llanbadarn village, Aberystwyth. Adjacent landowners named. Also includes a few block plans of buildings (most not shown), local roads and the track of the Cambrian Railway. 1880

Ink and coloured plan numbered to a missing schedule showing block plans of some buildings and plots in the vicinity of Marine Terrace and Queens Road, Aberystwyth. 1890. On OS Cardiganshire 6 SW [NLW MAP 13067 141/2/6]

Plan Lion Royal Hotel and stables, 1895 [NLW Cards. 201 Filing Cabinets]

The Footpaths Society Map showing public footpaths within four miles of Aberystwyth Wm. Jenkins, Aberystwyth, 1890 [NLW MAP 5796-7]

One-inch map of England and Wales (OS). Sheet 163, Aberystwyth, 1900 [NLW MAP 9099/134/3]

One-inch map of England and Wales (OS). Sheet 163, Aberystwyth, 1910 [NLW MAP 11321]

Street plan of Aberystwyth. Shows centre of Aberystwyth highlighting several important buildings which are numbered. Possibly initial ms. draft of MAP 4156-4159 (BRN 22119).

N.U.T. conference, Easter, 1911. [NLW MAP 4160 (Box)]

## **CEREDIGION ARCHIVES**

### **MANUSCRIPT MATERIAL**

#### **Municipal Records:**

#### **Minutes of the Aberystwyth Council (Minutes of the Town, Borough and Liberty of Aberystwyth) [ABM/SE/1]**

ABM/SE/1/1a. Aberystwyth Corporation Minute Book, 1847 - 1875

ABM/SE/1/1 Aberystwyth Town Council Municipal 1875 (Town Borough and Liberty of Aberystwyth minute book, 9th March 1875-March 6th 1888). Includes:

At a special ,meeting of the Council of the Town Borough and Liberty of Aberystwyth held on 22nd June 1887 . . . Report of Finance Committee read and approved – Cardigan Bay Visitor. Your Committee recommend the insertion in the above paper View of Plinlimon Lake and a condensed report by Major Tullock of the Water Supply, the Medical Officers Returns of the Death Rate and other matters of a favourable sanitary character the sum not to exceed £20.

Your Committee also recommend that 3000 copies of the Visitor be ordered for distribution provided other towns subscribed for 2,000.

At a special ,meeting of the Council of the Town Borough and Liberty of Aberystwyth held on 5th July 1887 . . . The Town Clerk suggested that improved facilities to Visitors and Residents for fishing purposes on the Rocks opposite the Castle might be provided at a very small cost. Resolved that the Public Works Committee be requested to visit the spot and be authorised to carry out any suggestion in the matter of which they might approve at a cost not exceeding £5.

ABM/SE/1/2 Aberystwyth Town Council Municipal 1887 (Town Borough and Liberty of Aberystwyth minute book, March 20th 1888-July 2nd 1898)

At a special meeting of the Council of the Town Borough and Liberty of Aberystwyth held on 19th March 1889 . . . Castle Rocks. Read a letter from Mr Robert Doughton suggesting that planks should be placed on certain parts of the Rocks on the Castle Beach for the use of visitors and others. Resolved that the letter be referred to the Public Works Committee for their consideration and report. Advertising. Your Committee met Mr Conacher of the Cambrian Railways and he placed before them his views with regard to the extension of the Advertisement scheme. Your Committee requested Mr Conacher to obtain an estimate of the cost of inserting the advertisements in the Truth and the Queen and the further consideration of the matter was adjourned until these estimates had been obtained.

At a special meeting of the Council of the Town Borough and Liberty of Aberystwyth held on 21st May 1889 . . . Tourist Bookings. Read a letter from Mr W. J. Watkins North Parade calling attention to the fact that no tourist or cheap tickets were issued between Carmarthen and Aberystwyth and that return tickets from Pencader were only available for 14 days from date of issue and suggesting that the Railways Companies should be applied to in the matter. Resolved that the letter be referred to the General Purposes Committee with a view to obtaining additional facilities to tourists and others.

ABM/SE/1/3 Minutes of the Town, Borough and Liberty of Aberystwyth, 1895-1900

ABM/SE/1/4 Minutes of the Town, Borough and Liberty of Aberystwyth, 1900-1904

ABM/SE/1/5 Minutes of the Town, Borough and Liberty of Aberystwyth, 1904-1906

ABM/SE/1/6 Corporation of Aberystwyth, minutes of Borough of Aberystwyth, 1906-1907

ABM/SE/1/7 Corporation of Aberystwyth, minutes of Borough of Aberystwyth, 1908-1909

ABM/SE/1/8 Corporation of Aberystwyth, minutes of Borough of Aberystwyth, 1909-1911

ABM/SE/1/9 Corporation of Aberystwyth, minutes of Borough of Aberystwyth, 1911-1912

ABM/SE/1/10 Corporation of Aberystwyth, minutes of Borough of Aberystwyth, 1912-1913

ABM/SE/1/11 Corporation of Aberystwyth, minutes of Borough of Aberystwyth, 1913 (including some minutes of individual committees)

ABM/SE/1/12 Minutes and agenda of the Council of the Town, Borough and Liberty of Aberystwyth, 1913 (some minutes overlap with previous item)

ABM/SE/1/13 Minutes and agenda of the Council of the Town, Borough and Liberty of Aberystwyth, 1914

ABM/SE/2/1a. Aberystwyth Town Council Acting under the Sanitary Authority (Town Borough and Liberty of Aberystwyth minute book), August 1876 – January 4th 1888. Includes:

Special Meeting of the Council of the Town Borough and Liberty of Aberystwyth held on 17th February 1880. . . Resolved that Mr Morris Jones, the Medical Officer of Health, be requested to prepare a monthly report of the data as shown by the meteorological instruments under his care belonging to the town set up on the Castle Grounds.

Special Meeting of the Council of the Town Borough and Liberty of Aberystwyth held on 10th December 1881 . . . Resolved that Mr Morris Jones, the Medical Officer of Health, be reappointed at the salary of £50 subject to the approval of the Local Government Board. That Mr Morris Jones the Medical Officer be requested to furnish the council with as little delay as possible with a full and comprehensive report of the sanitary condition of the town and to continue the practice quarterly during his term of office.

Quarterly meeting of Town Borough and Liberty of Aberystwyth held on 2nd May 1882. First Annual report of Morris Jones, MOH, for 1881 read and adopted:

Number of deaths was 145, population around 7,800. 'With regard to the high rate of mortality in the first quarter I attribute it entirely to the prevalence of Scarlatina in the town and this disease was imported here in the autumn of 1880 by a family who visited the town.

Special Meeting of the Council of the Town Borough and Liberty of Aberystwyth held on 3rd October 1882 . . . Resolved that the medical officer of health be requested to procure samples of water used by the occupants of houses in Llanbadarn Road and to submit the same for analysis forthwith. That the Medical Officer of Health be requested to furnish the council with a meteorological report in addition to his quarterly report and that the quarterly report should be more exhaustive than the one presented to the council this day. . . . That the letter dated October 3rd instant received by the mayor from Mr Edward Ellis Auctioneer suggesting that the Medical Officer of Health do bring in his report every 3 months during the winter and every month during the summer and that 2,000 or 3,000 copies of the report be printed in the form of a circular letter and distributed among the Hotel and Lodging House keepers, tradesmen and others in the town and that the said reports be communicated to the local papers by the Medical Officer through the year be adopted and that the Town Clerk be instructed to see that same is done.

Special Meeting of the Council of the Town Borough and Liberty of Aberystwyth held on 6th March 1883 . . . Report of MOH for 1882 read and adopted. ' I am pleased to be able to say from the facts and figures herein detailed that the health of the Borough has never been so good and is equal if not better than any other similarly situated town as a health resort in this country. And it is important to observe that this state of health is not of sudden but of gradual growth as can be proved from the returns of past years. . . . In fact there has been no infectious disease whatever in the Borough for 21 months previous to the end of the year 1882. . . The population of the Borough is by the last census %133 being 3140 males and 3993 females, an excess of the latter census population 853, but allowing for visitors I find the average population to be about 8,000. . . The number of deaths for the year is 120 from all causes being a death rate of 15 per thousand.

Special Meeting of the Council of the Town Borough and Liberty of Aberystwyth held on 1st April 1884 . . . Annual Report of MOH for 1883 read and adopted. 'Population. The population of the Borough at the last census was 7,133 but taking the number of strangers that frequent the place during the year I think the average population cannot be less than 10,000. . . The number of deaths from all causes during the year is 105 being 14 per thousand on the population according to the census of 1881, but taking the average population including visitors that death rate will be 10.5 per 1000.

Special Meeting of the Council of the Town Borough and Liberty of Aberystwyth held on 13th January 1885 . . . Annual Report of MOH for 1884 read and adopted. 'During the last summer season there was a greater influx of strangers into the town than for many years past which did considerably increase the average population. . . Deaths. The number of deaths from all causes during the year was 122. . . Scarlet Fever. In the month of September two cases were reported as having occurred in two houses on the Marine Parade amongst visitors, in both instances the families had come to the seaside from the same neighbourhood. Moreover I was informed that Scarlet Fever was prevalent at the time in that locality. Immediate steps were taken in both houses to isolate the cases as far as possible and proved effectual as the disease did not spread beyond these houses. . . Diarrhoea. Only one death occurred who was an infant and a visitor, and I was told by the medical attendant that the child was ill when brought here.

Special Meeting of the Council of the Town Borough and Liberty of Aberystwyth held on 16th February 1886 . . . Annual Report of MOH for 1885 read and adopted, but not detailed, copy forwarded to Local Government Board.

Special Meeting of the Council of the Town Borough and Liberty of Aberystwyth held on 5th October 1886 . . . Report of the Town Surveyor read: Sea Wall. The wall in front of Victoria Terrace was subject to sever test during the recent high tides, two of the bastions are considerably damaged and no time should be lost in restoring them. I recommended the work be carried out as shewn in the annexed sketch, at an estimated cost of £90. The footway leading from the Town Hall to North Road over the Ropewalk premises is in a very dilapidated condition the wooden bridge is in a tumble down state and the stone steps is nothing but a receptacle for all manner of filth as this path is much frequented by visitors and others. I beg to suggest the council to negotiate with Mr E. J. Jones with a view to have a roadway made through the Ropewalk to join the North Road. Rees Jones, Borough Surveyor. Resolved that the matter be referred to Public Works Committee.

Special Meeting of the Council of the Town Borough and Liberty of Aberystwyth held on 7th December 1886 . . . Bastions on Victoria Terrace. No tenders having been received in respect of the sea wall bastions on Victoria Terrace, your committee recommend that the work be proceeded with by the mason employed by the corporation.

Special Meeting of the Council of the Town Borough and Liberty of Aberystwyth held on 1st March 1887 . . . Annual Report of MOH for 1886 read and adopted. Deaths were 112 giving an annual rate of 13.1 per thousand on average population of 8,500. An inspector from the Local Government Board visited this town in connection with other seaport places in January to see what precautions could be adopted to prevent the spread of cholera should it visit this town. He recommended that a hospital should be provided for the reception of such case and advised the conversion of some old offices on Rhofawr into such a building. This has since been carried out but happily it has not been required hitherto.

ABM/SE/2/1a. Aberystwyth Town Council Acting under the Sanitary Authority (Town Borough and Liberty of Aberystwyth minute book), 1888-1898

ABM/SE/2/2 Aberystwyth Town Council Acting under the Sanitary Authority (Town Borough and Liberty of Aberystwyth minute book), 1898-1904

ABM/SE/2/3 Aberystwyth Town Council Acting under the Sanitary Authority (Town Borough and Liberty of Aberystwyth minute book), 1904-1908

ABM/SE/2/4 Minutes of Committees of Aberystwyth Town Council, 1890-1902

ABM/SE/2/5 Borough of Aberystwyth, minutes of committees, 1910-1911 (printed)

ABM/SE/2/6 Minutes of meetings of committees of the whole council, 1905-1914 (printed)

**Quarterly and Annual Reports of the Medical Officer of Health to the Borough of Aberystwyth (ms volumes). Daniel Rees Davies was MOH between 1886-1893; Abraham Thomas, 1893-[ABM/HE/1/ 1-3]**

ABM/HE/1/1, 1886 – 1897. Includes:

Annual Report for 1886 states population is 8,500

Recommendation. June 1888, by MOH for necessity of purchasing a Sunshine Records: 'I beg to bring under your notice the desirability of adding a Sunshine Recorder to the Meteorological Instruments at the Castle, so that we may be better able to compare our results with other places. Since we commenced to send weather reports daily to towns in England, our readings have compared very favourably with those of the other places mentioned in the newspapers. I have ascertained from Messrs ?? in London that the cost of a Records and Chart would be £3 10/-.'

Second Quarterly Report of MOH, July 1888:

'The death rate is a little above the average for the year, but this is owing to the number of deaths over 60 years of age, which is in a great measure due to the unseasonable character of the weather. A Sunshine Recorder has been added to the Meteorological Instruments at the Castle, the readings of which, together with other observations, have been sent daily to the Cambrian Railway Office for transmission by telegraph to eight English newspapers.'

Third Quarterly Report of MOH, October 1888:

'During this period I have kept an account of the amount of sunshine registered

here by means of Jordan's recorder, which was added to the Meteorological Instruments at the end of June. I am happy to state that from comparison made by Mr Baddeley with other places, Aberystwyth has had the best record, the total amount for July, August and September having been 469 hours. I took the meteorological observations every afternoon, as well as in the morning, and prepared a daily telegram which was transmitted by the Cambrian Railway Company to eight of the leading provincial newspapers, viz, the Manchester Guardian, Courier and Examiner and Times, The Liverpool Mercury, Daily Post, & Courier, and The Yorkshire Post and Birmingham Evening Mail. I have kept the paragraphs from the Manchester Examiner containing a register of the weather in several health resorts, our own included, and have posted them in a book for future reference, and I am going to prepare a report containing comparisons of our weather with that of the other places.'

Annual Report of MOH for 1888:

'I consider that you are to be congratulated on the sanitary state of the town, and feel convinced that every effort ought to be made to bring before the public, and the medical profession especially, the many advantages offered by Aberystwyth as a health resort and watering place, the mild climate, the supply of pure water and the excellent sanitary arrangements, rendering it particularly suitable as a residence for invalids, particularly in winter.'

Second Quarterly Report of MOH, July 1890:

'There has been one case of Scarlet Fever but this was imported, some visitors having brought a child here suffering from that complaint. The child of the person who let the apartment having shown symptoms of infection, I was called in and took immediate measures to prevent the disease from spreading. I mentioned the matter to the Committee and they agreed to compensate the woman for loss of lodgers, on condition that she should have no-one else in, until after the period of infection was over.'

Annual Report of MOH for 1890:

'I was called to another house in Mill Street, where I found a child suffering from Scarlet Fever (same case as above) – the mother was in the habit of taking in lodgers, but I of course advised that she should take none during the period of infection. As it was the commencement of the season (June), however, I mentioned the case to the Committee, advising them that some compensation should be made to the woman for her loss, so that she might have no excuse for taking lodgers before the prescribed time. This the Committee agreed to, and the child was isolated for six weeks, after which the house was thoroughly disinfected under the superintendence of the Inspector, and I am happy to state that no other case occurred.' Number of deaths was 130. Population – 8,500

Annual Report of MOH for 1892:

'I have much pleasure in drawing your attention to the very favourable death-rate for the year, 14.7 per thousand, and also to the rarity of cases of infectious diseases. These two points speak very well for the sanitary condition of the town, which can hardly be surpassed by that of any other.

Great progress has been made with the paving of the town, especially in some of the smaller streets, and the remainder of the Marine Terrace has been completed, forming a very pleasant and clean promenade in damp weather.' Number of deaths was 122

Third Quarterly Report of MOH, October 1893:

'I am sorry to state that a no. of cases of Infectious diseases occurred during the quarter. An outbreak of cases of sore-throat occurred amongst the inmates of Piercefield during the latter half of July & first week of August . . . There was no doubt of the cases being Scarlet Fever when seen by me on September 4th & 5th. 3 other cases occurred in a family who had come from Bedfordshire to spend their holidays with relations at Rhydyfelin. There can be no doubt whatsoever that in these cases the source of infection was derived from contact with inmates from Piercefield.'

Annual report of MOH for 1894: Number of deaths was 124 – 9 of whom were 'visitors'

Second Quarterly Report of MOH, July 1895:

'Two fatal cases of infectious diseases occurred during the quarter, one being a case of diphtheria in a child 8 years old and the other case that of an adult 28 years who suffered from Scarlatina, accompanied with several severe complications. This case must have been imported from Derbyshire as the person was ill within 36 hours of his arrival at Aberystwyth.'

Third Quarterly Report of MOH, October 1895:

'Enteric Fever. During the last 3 months 7 cases have been notified. The first patient was staying at Queen's Road. She was a visitor who first went to a North Wales

watering place and contracted in all probability the disease there. She came to Aberystwyth at the end of the incubation period. She was admitted as a private patient to a private room at the Infirmary & disinfection of the stools was thoroughly carried out almost from the very onset of the fever and I do not think that the origin of any of the other cases could be traced to this one.'

Annual Report of MOH for 1895:

'The Sanitary Authority is urged to provide sufficient & proper Hospital accommodation for infectious diseases in place of the very imperfect arrangements they at present possess . . . I do not think that we have sufficient & proper Hospital accommodation for Infectious Diseases for an important and rapidly growing watering place like Aberystwyth & should there be an outbreak of fever during the summer season we would be very awkwardly placed.'

Second Quarterly Report of MOH, July 1896:

'Owing to the Royal Visit in connection with the Installation of HRH the Prince of Wales as Chancellor of the University of Wales, which took place on the 26th of June, it is estimated that there were well above 30,000 persons at Aberystwyth during the day. . . .

I trust that the prominence given to the town in connection with the Royal Visit may be the means of further extending its already well earned fame as one of the first class watering places of the Kingdom.' Number of deaths was 132 – of whom 9 were 'visitors.'

ABM/HE/1/2, 1897 – 1901. Includes:

Annual Report of MOH for 1896:

'There is hardly sufficient and proper Hospital accommodation for infectious diseases for such an important and rapidly growing watering place as Aberystwyth so I strongly urge the Council to carry out the Recommendations of the Local Government Board made in 1893 with reference to this matter.'

Annual Report of MOH for 1897:

'Our service reservoir is well protected from risk of contamination, yet in view of the great importance of the matter it would be well worth while the sanitary authority to have at least an annual analysis made of the water at the reservoir, the results of which analysis could then be widely made known for the benefit of the town as a watering place, as our supply is abundant in quantity and can hardly be equalled in quality.

Typhoid Fever. Only one case of this disease was notified & that occurred during the month of August, the patient being a visitor from Tredegar & the disease was imported from his home . . . He made a good recovery.' Total deaths 132 – 16 of whom were 'visitors'

Annual Report of MOH for 1898:

'One person was affected by Enteric Fever contracted through drinking impure river water at St Petersburg. The patient was suffering from diarrhoea when he arrived at Aberystwyth and unfortunately died from the effects of the disease. Disinfectants were freely used & all due care exercised to prevent the spread of the disease.

Scarlet Fever. One case was imported by a visitor from Edgbaston during the month of August. She made a good recovery. The remaining 38 cases occurred in epidemic form . . . The Epidemic also emphasises the great need of an Isolation Hospital. And no sanitary authority can be regarded as fulfilling its duty in the prevention of infectious diseases unless it has provided – in addition to the proper means of disinfection as already referred to – an isolation hospital. . . Now the importance of the town as a first class watering place & health resort, as well as its importance as a great educational centre, are additional reasons for progress in this direction. All watering places are so very liable to outbreaks of infectious diseases due to importation from outside by visitors – and if an outbreak were to occur at the height of the season the town would suffer greatly owing to the want of hospital accommodation.' Number of deaths 153 – 20 of whom were 'visitors.'

Annual Report of MOH for 1899:

'No great scheme of sanitary reform was affected during the year. Yet the work of sanitary inspection was carried out in a far more systematic manner than in previous years. There has been however a growing consensus of public opinion in the town concerning the necessity of carrying out several important measures essential to the prosperity of the town as a first class health resort. These measures include,

- 1 The extension of the Promenade round the Castle Ground
- 2 The erection of workmen's dwellings.
- 3 The extension of the main sewers
- 4 The erection of an Isolation Hospital
- 5 The completion of the paving of the streets and courts of the town
- 6 The extension of the Borough

## 7 The erection of a new Town Hall

Having annually drawn the attention of the Council to these recommendations I am please to find that the Council have at last, at a meeting held on January 9th 1900, unanimously passed a resolution "as to the advisability of erecting an isolation hospital." Number of deaths 139 – 19 of whom were 'visitors'

The question of Promenade Extension and Castle Grounds Protection was also considered by Col. Dwnford at the said enquiry (held 4th Jan to consider housing of working classes). The Corporation sought powers to borrow £12,723 for this purpose. This important scheme is essential if the town is to hold its own as a leading health resort. The sea wall when constructed will afford protection to that popular resort – the Castle Grounds – from destructive effects of the sea storms. And the extension of the promenade will relieve the unpleasant overcrowding which attains during the height of the season, & what is the one objection invalids have to Aberystwyth, as well as connect the North with the South end of the town & extend the sea front to a mile and a quarter, affording a variety of aspects, which is of great value to a health resort.

The following Meteorological Observations testify to the claims of Aberystwyth as a desirable winter resort (statistical report follows, and comparisons made with south coast resorts such as Torquay and Falmouth) . . . I beg to draw the attention of the Corporation to the desirability of developing the town as a winter resort. As stated, the climate & conditions are highly favourable. But to make the town attractive to visitors during the winter months it is necessary to lay out recreation grounds, to erect shelters, winter gardens and to provide other attractions.' (included is a printed table of temperature/climates of other health resorts in England and Wales, 1899, and a printed table of sunshine figures in the English Lake District., 1899).

## Annual Report of MOH for 1900:

'Aberystwyth has during the past decade entered upon a period of great prosperity. This is partly due to its many natural advantages as a health resort and partly to its importance as a great educational centre. The invigorating climate has conduced many visitors to take up permanent residence in our midst. The result has been that houses have become very difficult to obtain – notwithstanding the fact that there are upwards of 500 more houses in the Borough now than there were at the commencement of the last decade. Moreover nearly 400 leases have been renewed on conditions requiring more or less considerable sanitary and structural alternations depending on the state of the premises at the time of application for renewal of the lease.' Number of deaths was 117 – 14 of whom were 'visitors.' (included is a printed table of temperature/climates of other health resorts in England and Wales, 1900).

## Annual Report of MOH for 1901:

'The difficulty that then arises is the fact that in this year's tables the term "non-residents" is considerably narrowed and restricted & is applied only to persons brought into the district on account of sickness or infirmity & dying in public institutions there. This is obviously unfair as applied to health resorts – for example at Aberystwyth last year there were twenty deaths amongst non-residents – 3 only of these deaths occurred in a public institution, viz. the infirmary, & hence are to be subtracted from the total registered. The remaining seventeen deaths occurred to persons occupying apartments in the hotels & lodging houses of the town. Some of these deaths were painfully sudden such as cases of apoplexy, uraemia, pneumonia while 4 young men were drowned through a boating disaster in the Bay. Yet these deaths are to be added accordingly to the present tables to the deaths of residents & thus greatly increases the already exceptionally heavy death rate. I shall be glad if the Council will be able to estimate the floating population of Aberystwyth during the ensuing year so that I can base next year's returns on an estimated populating allowing for visitors.' Number of deaths was 153 – 3 non residents, and 17 visitors (i.e. tourists). Population estimated at 8013.

## ABM/HE/1/3, 1902 – 1909. Includes:

## Annual Report of MOH for 1902:

'I may be allowed at its outset to pass a rather cursory and retrospective glance at some of the more important sanitary improvements effected within the Borough during the decade as well as to draw attention to the matters of the utmost importance to a first class health resort, which ought to have been carried out during the period. The decade has been one of great prosperity to the town . . . the invigorating climate has induced many visitors taking up permanent residence in our midst, the result being that a very large number of modern and substantial houses and villas have been erected within the borough as well as just beyond the confines. Almost every available building site in the borough has been eagerly taken up. . . The changes insisted upon in some places have led to the clearance of crowded sites, the disappearance of unsanitary courts & alleys, the demolition of various obstructive buildings, the widening of certain streets and cornels, the erection of substantial houses.

The small pox scare. During the month of March 1902 a visitor from London was

staying at Cambrian Square for 10 days. A day or two afterwards on her return from London she was admitted into one of the small pox hospitals & on receipt of a telegram I visited all the houses in Cambrian Square with the inspector of nuisances & warned the people of the possibility of an outbreak in their midst. I strongly advised them to be vaccinated & also to have their yards and premises lime-washed. Disinfectants were freely supplied by the inspector. The room where the visitor had slept was thoroughly fumigated and the bedding destroyed. The tenants were compensated for their loss by the council.' (included is a printed table of climatic comparison with other health resorts, 1902)

Annual Report of MOH for 1903:

'The water supply. While the quantity that passes into the service reservoir is equivalent to a supply of 50 gallons per head for a population of 8,500, during the summer months the supply in some of the higher portions of the town - such as the Buarth where a large no of new houses have lately been built, & Brynymor Road which altho' outside the Borough is supplied from the town mains - is intermittent. This is partly accounted for by the greater population due to a considerable influx of visitors, partly to the quantity used to water the streets & to flush the drains. Some scheme ought to be devised to increase the intake into the service reservoir so as to render the supply consistent during the summer season as during the rest of the year. The quality of the water is above suspicion & can hardly be excelled in the United Kingdom.

The small pox cases were three in number. The first case was introduced in the month of June by a young lady from Nr Chester. The patient went to Liverpool for medical treatment on June the 8th and probably contracted the disease on that date. She travelled to Wrexham on the 16th & from there to Aberystwyth on the 17th. On the 19th of June she was seen at my surgery and advised to stay in bed at her apartments. . . She made a good recovery. . . The other two patients were attacked in the month of September. They were inhabitants - husband and wife - residing in Castle Square. In my opinion they contracted the disease from a visitor who resided for some weeks on their premises. This visitor had a peculiar eruption which I suspected might be a modified form of small pox. I hence sought further opinion on the eruption. 4 other medical men saw the patient. 3 were London doctors (down for their holidays) who were well qualified to express an opinion on this subject as one of them was a Medical Officer of Health for one of the London Districts and had seen upwards of one thousand cases of small pox during the London epidemic. The other two medical men were Resident Medical Officer at the London Fever Hospitals. It was decided that the case was not one of small pox but in the light after events the patient in my opinion undoubtedly suffered from a very modified form of the disease.' Number of deaths was 147 and 3 'non-residents, making a total of 150. This figure includes 15 visitors (this number is practically the average no of deaths amongst non-residents of the Borough each year)

Heath resorts of the size of Aberystwyth which do not possess sanatoria and other public institutions except an infirmary are by this definition placed at a considerable disadvantage as during the summer season their population are practically doubled, yet the death rates are calculated upon their normal population.'

Annual Report of MOH for 1904:

'In the year 1903 small pox was introduced by visitors on two occasions into the Borough but owing to vigilance and prompt isolation only 3 cases were notified. During last year, although no case of small pox was notified, the town was fortunate in escaping the introduction of the disease as a visitor who slept the August Bank holiday week at one of the principal Boarding houses on the Marine Parade was admitted on the 5th or 6th day after his return from Aberystwyth to the isolation hospital at his home suffering from small pox. This visitor must have been in contact with small pox previous to his arrival in Aberystwyth & the week spent in the town was a portion of the incubation period of the disease during which stage the disease is not infectious.'

Annual Report of MOH for 1905:

'Hospital accommodation for infectious diseases. I am very sorry to have the necessity to refer to this question once more as in the previous twelve annual reports I have strongly urged the council to carry out the Recommendations made by the L G Board as far back as 1893. . . It is hardly credible that a town of the importance of Aberystwyth as a leading watering place & as a great educational centre is still without proper hospital accommodation for infectious diseases. It is not possible to state to what extent the epidemic of Scarlet Fever last year might have been checked had the town possessed an isolation hospital. . . Moreover the value of such hospital provision as a protection to the lodging house keepers and tradesmen of the town is of the utmost importance. This is proved by the epidemic already referred to, as among the patients were 2 serving girls, one in a large boarding house the other in a tradesman's house. Also 6 young people employed in business establishments were affected.' (MOH traces cause of infection to child of visiting party from South Wales)

Letter, folded inside volume, from Herbert Williams, MOH for the Port of London, Greenwich, to Dr J. P., Aberystwyth, dated January 24th 1905, re proposed situation of new isolation hospital:

'I should advise it be placed as far out of sight and knowledge of the town as possible your town depends on visitors largely for its prosperity and the idea of an infection hospital within view might cause alarm to many, especially as your water reservoir is so near. Then you have to consider the fact that Aberystwyth is a Radical constituency & therefore not a well vaccinated place and in the event of small pox occurring the suggested site (between town and Llanbadarn) would not be suitable and the LGB would not be likely to sanction a loan for the building of a hospital which must contain provision for treatment of small pox cases if this hospital is situated within a moderate distance from houses &c.'

Letter folded inside volume from W. Williams, Health Department of Glamorgan County Council to Dr Thomas, MOH, Aberystwyth, dated January 28th 1905. re proposed situation of isolation hospital:

'Aberystwyth is a well known health resort and it should certainly possess an Isolation Hospital, but I do not consider it would be wise to erect it in the near neighbourhood of a service reservoir. If it be erected on such a site and the fact became known to the visitors it would doubtless prejudice the minds of many of them against the town.'

Letter folded inside volume from J. D. Jenkins, MOH of Rhondda Urban District Council, to Dr Thomas, MOH, Aberystwyth, dated January 29th 1905, re proposed situation of isolation hospital:

'It seems to me however that in a town like Aberystwyth which depends so largely upon its visitors for its prosperity the sentimental side in the present state of public opinion and knowledge, is of extreme importance and should have corresponding weight in the formation of your decision. Had the question arisen in connection with an industrial centre at which people had taken up their abode not from choice but because their living is there, this side would carry less weight, but at Aberystwyth my advice would, on the whole, be antagonistic to the proposed site being utilized.'

Annual Report of MOH for 1906: Number of deaths was 149 (gross). This total includes 14 visitors,

Annual Report of MOH for 1907:

'The water supply. During the height of the summer season in past years complaints were received as the intermittent water supply in the higher portions of the town. Last year in order to lessen the complaints the water used for supplying the Railway Companies also for the watering of the streets and the flushing of the sewers was obtained from the Plas Crug well. These measures however did not entirely alleviate the complaints during the months of July and August as to the intermittent supply in some parts of the town. The provision of an adequate constant supply of water for consumption and use by the large number of visitors who frequent the town during the summer season is one of vital importance to the prosperity of the town as a health resort.' Number of deaths was 34 (gross). This includes 10 visitors.

Annual Report of MOH for 1908: Number of deaths was 134 (gross) – included in this are 15 visitors.

Also:

Reports of the Medical Officer of Health, quarterly reports (ms) 1909 -1913; annual report 1909-1920 (printed) [Annual MOH Reports (printed) 1909 – 1920 are also in NLW XRA 488. A147]

### **Non-Municipal Records:**

Aberystwyth Harbour Records [ABM / PL]

Plans:

- 1-2. Plan of Aberystwyth harbour Shewing the Proposed Improvements 1835, by George Bush
3. Plan of Aberystwith Harbour" by Richard Page 1845
4. Plan of Rhofawr etc. showing the portions of the works damaged "by the late Storms and Heavy Freshes in Feby. 1846" R. Page
5. Plan of Aberystwith Harbour by Richard Page 1848
6. Plan of Aberystwyth Harbour by Richard Page 1852
7. Aberystwyth Harbour Plans and Sections Shewing Breaches made in Pier by Gale of December 1852 with Proposed Alterations and Extension. To accompany Mr. Beardmore's Report Of February. 1853.

Aberystwyth Port Book, 1854-1901, Ref: TSR/12 ACC 1071

Aberystwyth Golf Club: Minute books, 1911-65.

**VISUAL MATERIAL****Posters (? mid 20th c):**

'Aberystwyth. Where Holiday Fun Begins', being a Woman in Bathing Costume and net (like cover of 2002.85.2). Stamped Ronald Allinson, Rhyl (printer?) n.d. [Ceredigion Archives AMB/KH/2/19]

'Aberystwyth Offers Everything for a Different yet Delightful Holiday'  
Stamped Ronald Allinson, Rhyl (printer?) n.d. [Ceredigion Archives AMB/KH/2/ not numbered]

*Aberystwyth Official Souvenir: The Queen of Welsh Watering Places.* (1911-1919). Description of town and surrounding areas, NLW, amusement and recreation, country rambles, excursions, Aberystwyth as a winter resort, UCW, many adverts. Notes by J Denley Spencer. Oval hole in cover to expose a picture from Constitution Hill. 32 pages including adverts. [Ceredigion Archives, ADX 120/2. 1919/20 edition in NLW 1345 A3 A14 (Box labelled XDA 1345 A3 A (1))].

**CEREDIGION MUSEUM****PRINTED MATERIAL****Tourist guides:**

Ballinger, John, (editor), *Aberystwyth and district.* A guide prepared for the conference of the National Union of Teachers, (1913). Cover and title page missing. Includes on p. 32 a high water chart for 1913. [CM, AYB23]

*Nelson's Guide to Aberystwyth and neighbourhood.* With maps, plans, and illustrations. (Thomas Nelson and Sons, London, 1908). Made up from Baddeley's 'Thorough' Guide series, with local and general information, description of town, attraction, walks, excursions, etc., with fold out map of Aberystwyth and Cader Idris and fold out panorama from Cader Idris summit. Photographs include Aberystwyth from Constitution Hill, UCW, and Devil's Bridge. 64 pages, no local adverts. [Ceredigion Museum; also in NLW XDA 1345 A3 A14 (Box labelled XDA 1345 A3 A (7))]

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**UCW ABERYSTWYTH****PRINTED MATERIAL****Tourist guides:**

*Cardigan Bay Illustrated: including Aberystwyth, Barmouth, Pwllheli, and Mid-Wales district, served by the Cambrian Railways,* (W. Mates, Bournemouth 1905). 4th ed, with illustrations. 90 pages. Previous editions in 1901 [Location UCW Aberystwyth (RSLP)]

*North Wales,* (M. J. B. Baddeley and C. S. Ward). Part 2: Llangollen, Bala, Dolgelly, Barmouth, Oswestry, Shrewsbury, Welshpool, Llanidloes, Machynlleth, and Aberystwyth sections. 3rd ed. (London, Dulau & Co., 1891). [UCW Aberystwyth (RSLP). 6th edition, 1901, also in UCW Aberystwyth (RSLP); other editions in UCW Bangor, Swansea, Cardiff (RSLP)]

*Photographic view album of Aberystwyth and district,* (Cambrian News stores, Aberystwyth, c. 1910), Containing 250 photographic views (including two coloured) with descriptive guide. Cover title '250 Views of Aberystwyth and District'. 67 pages. [UCW Aberystwyth (RSLP)]

**MANUSCRIPT MATERIAL****Municipal Material:**

Public Health in mid-Victorian Wales: Correspondence from the Principality to the General Board of Health and the Local Government Act Office, 1848-71. Transcribed and edited with an introduction by A. H Williams (1983). Three volumes, with material relating to Aberystwyth in Vol. 1, pp. 221-282, dates cover period June 1855-June 1871. Originals held at the National Archives, Kew (MH13) [UCW Aberystwyth Celt RA248.2.P9 Qto] Includes:

2B/4 Petition dated December 1866 from a number of prominent Aberystwyth

inhabitants and ratepayers re the bad sanitary state of the town, December 1866, related letters, January/March 1866, and reports of subsequent enquiries held in 1867 and 1868.

2B/5 Letters, 1866, from W H Crealock re inactivity of local council.

2B/7 Report, May 1867, by Thomas Atwood on an enquiry held at Aberystwyth in response to the above petition.

2B/9 Report, May 1868, by Arnold Taylor on an enquiry held at Aberystwyth in response to the above petition.

2B/10 Petition from Improvement Commissioners to borrow money under the Local Government Act of 1858

2B/11-18 Papers re the water supply.

2B/12 Letter, dated May 8th 1869, from Elizabeth Jones, 3 Pier Street, Aberystwyth, to the Board of Health, re the nuisance from the privy of the public house which backs on to hers, which soaks through her kitchen wall, deterring summer lodgers: 'In the summer months I have had some very respectable parties lodging here, who owing to the stench were compelled to leave. . . Now the summer season is coming, visitors will arrive, & I shall be as usual quite unfit owing to this nuisance to make my House comfortable to receive any lodgers.'

2B/16 Report, date, by Arnold Taylor on the deficient water supply to Aberystwyth, especially in the summer months: 'Looking at the present population of Aberystwyth, in comparison to the census of 1861, and regard being had to its growing popularity as a bathing place and town of summer resort, I do not consider the late Mr Duncan's estimate of half a million gallons of water per day in any way extravagant.'

#### **NATIONAL ARCHIVES KEW**

Aberystwyth and Welsh Coast Railway Co. Bill for three days at Cambrian Hotel, Borth, and miscellaneous books and records. Date range: 1861 - 1866 [RAIL 4/8]

Aberystwyth Improvement Company papers, 1897. Includes memorandum and articles of association, summary of capital and shares and correspondence regarding the running of the Company [NA Kew BT31/ 7599]

Board of Transport, Railways. Petition, 17th August 1872, from the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Town, Borough and Liberty of Aberystwyth to the Directors of the London and North Western, the Great Western and the Cambrian Railway Companies re better services and facilities for passengers on their lines [NA Kew RAIL 256/12]

Board of Trade, Harbour Department: papers relating to the encroachment of the foreshore by the Aberystwyth Corporation and the Vale of Rheidol Light Railway Company, 1900-01. Includes indenture dated 22nd July 1901 granting the same, a letter, May 7th 1901, re the complaints by fisherman of loss of space to the Railway Co, and the Corporation's Resolution to widen the mooring place to compensate, and a petition, March 26th 1901, signed by the fishermen in protest of the encroachment [NA Kew MT10/822]

Board of Trade, Harbour Department. Papers re the Aberystwyth Corporation's powers to require that the owner of a motor launch, C.J. Cliff, have a licence from them to pick up and let off passengers from the sands. Conclusion of Department is that Corporation do have the power under sec. 172 of Public Health Act 1875.

Bound volume of Local Government Board papers, 1855-1871, containing correspondence and reports etc. relating to the sanitary condition of Aberystwyth. Includes material relating to the sewage and water supply; and a petition from the inhabitants and ratepayers re the bad sanitary state of the town, December 1866, related letters, January/March 1866, and report of an enquiry held in March 1867; a printed report by Walter Holroyde and James Szlumper, 1868 and E. Frankland's report of 1870 on the water supply [NA Kew MH 13/2. Duplicate of MH13, June 1855-June 1871, held at UCW Aberystwyth Celt RA248.2.P9 Qto]

Papers relating to the Local Government Board (sanitation), March 1899-1950s, including correspondence from the Town Clerk's Office, mainly regarding appointments and salaries of sanitary inspectors and inspectors of nuisances, and the printed report of the sanitary inspector for 1908. [NA Kew MH 96/405]

Reports of the Sanitary Inspector for 1911 and 1937, mainly relating to the lack of adequate housing for rural dwellers, with general remarks on the situation of the Aberystwyth district, the water supply and sewer provision of the outlying villages. Includes details of Act and Byelaws in force (Infectious diseases preservation act, 1890;

PH acts amendment act 1890; New Buildings, May 1899; Slaughter Houses, May 1894; Common Lodging Houses, 1899) [NA Kew MH96/598]

Reports of the Sanitary Inspector for 1914 and 1924, mainly relating to the lack of adequate housing for rural dwellers, with general remarks on the situation of the Aberystwyth district, the water supply and sewer provision to the outlying villages, with a list of principal landowners. [NA Kew MH96/597]

## **OTHER REPOSITORIES**

### **PRINTED MATERIAL**

#### **Tourist guides:**

***A Guide to Walks and Places of Interest around Aberystwyth*, (J.E.J. Lloyd, 1885) [British Library]**

Anon, *The Aberystwyth Welsh interpreter*: containing a sketch of the history of the principality; explanatory introduction to the language; copious lists of names of places, creatures, relations, divisions of time, artisans, sciences, coins, weights and measures, colours, victuals, etc. With familiar dialogues, of general and local interest; and other useful and entertaining instructions. 1849 (1st edition); 1856 (2nd edition, revised and corrected); 3rd edition, revised and corrected, Aberystwyth, 1867. 48pp. This contains extracts from T.O. Morgan's Guide, (1848) [UCW Cardiff and Bangor (RSLP); also NLW 2.596 microfilm]

Clarke, J. H., *Guide to Monmouthshire and South Wales, No. 1: Gloucester to Milford, within easy distance to the South Wales Railway*. (Usk, 1870). 88 pages. [Not located]

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Harries, T.D., *Guide to Sea-bathing, London and Aberystwyth*, J Morgan (Late J Cox), 1874. [Not located]

*Onwhyn's Welsh Tourist; or new guide to North and South Wales*. (1840, 1853). c. 22 pages, with map. [UCW Cardiff and Bangor (RSLP)]

*Souvenir of Aberystwyth*, by Jack Edwards. (Aberystwyth, Jack Edwards, 1911-1920?). Cover title: *251 Views of Aberystwyth*. 64 pages [UCW Aberystwyth (RSLP)]

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*The South Wales coast from Chepstow to Aberystwyth*, (Ernest Rhys, London: T. Fisher Unwin, 1911). With illustrations and maps, 390 pages. County Coast Series. [UCW Aberystwyth (RSLP)]

*The traveller's companion or stranger's guide, from Hereford to Aberystwyth*, 2nd ed. (Kington, printed and sold by J. Wilson, c.1839). 36 pages with map. [Cardiff RSLP]

*Throup's North Wales cyclists' and motorists' guide*, (T. Throup, Bradford, 1903?), 102 pages with maps and plates. [UCW Swansea (RSLP)]

*Visitors' guide to Devil's bridge, Aberystwyth*. Printed at the Welsh Gazette Office, 1905, 24 pages. [UCW Cardiff (RSLP)]

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*A seven years residence at Aberystwyth: or, hints and suggestions respecting sea-side influence on impaired health and disease*, by Henry Bell, MD. (Aberystwyth, J. Cox, pr., 1856) 31 pages. [UCW Cardiff, special collections: Salisbury, WG37]

*The Land We Live In: A Pictorial and Literary Sketch Book of the British Empire, Part XXXIX: South Wales and its Mineral Wealth*, (London, 1851) Description of South Wales, its principal towns, landscape and industry, with maps and drawings. [UCW Swansea W/DA 1328 LAN PAM]

Morgan, Thomas Owen, (1799-1878), *Flora Cereticæ superioris*. A catalogue of plants indigenous in the neighbourhood of Aberystwyth, etc. (Aberystwyth, 1849) 18 pages. [British Library]

*Rules and regulations for the conduct of the traffic, and for the guidance of the officers and men in the service of the Cambrian Railways, and Aberystwyth and Welsh Coast Railway*, (London, M'Corquodale & Co., Printers, 1864). 70 pages [UCW Bangor (RSLP)]

**APPENDIX 1****Survey of visitors to Aberystwyth, July-September 1869**

**Visitor lists are comprehensive and duplicated, i.e. same names every week as people stayed for several weeks, with possibly more of a turnover in Aberystwyth than in Tenby. Many visitors seem to belong to upper and middle classes. For peak time, July to beginning of October, the papers contain 3-4. Numbers seem to peak in early July and remain consistent until early October, but visitors seem to begin to tail off earlier in Aberystwyth, i.e. last week of September, and a bit later in Tenby, i.e. first week or so of October.**

Place / Date	17/7	24/7	31/7	5/8	14/8	19/8	28/8	2/9	11/9	16/9	23/9	30/9
Bangor			2		1		1					
Bath			3		5		5		1			
Bedfordshire			1									
Berkshire	1		2		4		2					
Bewdley	2		2		1		1		1			
Birmingham	21		24		23		19		8		5	
Brecon	1		5		3		3		2		2	
Bridgenorth	1				2		4		3		1	
Bristol	1		1		2		2					
Buckinghamshire	2		2						2			
Builth							1		2			
Cambridge					2		2		3			
Cardiff			2				1		1		1	
Cardigan/shire	1										1	

Carmarthen/shire	1		3	1	1				
Cheltenham	7		13	7	2	1		1	
Chepstow						2			
Cheshire			2	3		3		1	
Clifton	2		3	4	3	2		2	
Coventry	1								
Crickhowell			1	1	1				
Ledbury	1		5	2	1				
Leicester/shire	2		2	2				2	
Leeds	1		1	1	2	3			
Leominster	3		6	4	3				
Liverpool	5		12	7	12	2		2	
Llanidloes	2		1						
Llanelly			1			2			
London	8		9	15	26	20		11	
Ludlow	3		4	4	2	6		1	
Malvern	4		6	3					
Manchester	13		5	4	2	5		1	
Merthyr	1		1			1			
Monmouthshire	2		1	3	6				
Montgomeryshire			3			1		1	
Newport			1			1			
Newtown			1	3	1	1			
Norfolk					1				
Northampton/shire	1		1	2		1		1	
Nottingham/shire			3	2	2	1		1	
Oswestry	1		2		2	1			

Oxford/shire	1		1	4		1			2	
Pembroke/shire	1									
Presteign				1		2		2		
Radnorshire			1	4				2		
Rhayader	1			1						
Salop	13		13	7		7		4		3
Scotland	1									1
Shrewsbury	2		8	12		6		5		2
Staffordshire	7		5	3		6		5		4
Somerset			2							
Stockport	1		1			1				
Stourport	2		1							
Stourbridge	1		4	4						
Stratford-on-Avon	2							1		
Stroud	1									
Surrey								1		2
Sussex			1	1						
Swansea								1		
Tenby	1		1	4		2				2
Tewkesbury			1	1		3				
Wales (other parts)	5		6	3		5		4		3
Walsall	1			1						
Warwickshire	1		1	2						1
Welshpool	7		2	4		2		4		4
West Bromwich	2		1	2				1		
West Midlands			1	2				3		
Weston Super Mare			1							

Wiltshire	1		1		1						
Wolverhampton	10		10		9		3		2		3
Worcester/shire	8		7		6		12		7		
Wrexham			2		2		1		1		
Yorkshire	1				2		4		2		1
Overseas			1								

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Place / Date	17/7	24/7	31/7	5/8	14/8	19/8	28/8	2/9	11/9	16/9	23/9	30/9
Bath			2		1		3					
Bedfordshire									1			
Berkshire	2		2						1			
Birmingham	20		53		53		47		37			
Brecon	3				3		11		5			
Brighton			1				1					
Bristol	1		1		3				3			
Buckinghamshire			1		2		1					
Builth	3		4		1		2		4			
Cambridge			2				1		1			
Cardiff	3		1		1		3					
Cardigan/shire			1						1			
Carmarthen/shire	2		3		1		4		3			
Cheltenham	1		1		3		4		5			
Chepstow							1					
Cheshire	8		8		9		15		8			
Clifton	1		2		1		5		5			

Cornwall			1							
Coventry	1		2	1	2	2				
Cumberland						1				
Derby/shire	2			4	6	3				
Devon			2		1					
Dorset					1	1				
Dudley			2	5	5					
Evesham				1						
Essex			1	1		1				
Glamorganshire	8		2	1	1	4				
Gloucester/shire	2		2	3	2					
Hampshire			1		1					
Haverfordwest	1		1							
Hay	1			2	3					
Hereford/shire	9		16	19	22	14				
Herts				1						
Ilfracombe			1			1				
Ireland	1			1	3	1				
Isle of Wight	1		1	1	1					
Kent				1	2	3				
Kington					2	1				
Kidderminster			1	1	2	3				
Lampeter			2			1				
Lancashire	6		4	1	4	4				
Leamington	3		2	4	3	2				
Leicester/shire			3	7	2	6				
Leominster	4		3	3	4	1				

Liverpool	9		11	12	9	5			
Llanidloes	1		3	1	1				
Lincolnshire	1		1	2	1	1			
Llanelly	1		1	2	1	1			
London	16		39	40	58	49			
Ludlow	2		3		3	2			
Malvern			1	3	2	4			
Manchester	4		7	9	14	11			
Merthyr			2	1	2				
Middx					1				
Monmouthshire	2		1	5	1	2			
Montgomeryshire				2	5	3			
Newport			3		1	2			
Newtown	3		5	4	10	10			
Norfolk	1				1				
Northampton/shire	4		4	3	5	1			
Northumberland					1				
Nottingham/shire	2		2		5	7			
Oswestry	2		4	2	7	3			
Oxford/shire	1			1	3	1			
Radnorshire			1	6	3	4			
Rhayader	1		1	1	3	3			
Salop	9		12	14	22	14			
Scotland	2		1	5		2			
Shrewsbury	4		4	9	9	16			
Staffordshire	9		11	3	17	11			
Somerset			2	1	2	2			

Stockport	1										
Stoke	1	1	1	3	5						
Stourbridge		2		2							
Suffolk				1							
Surrey		1	1	2							
Sussex					1						
Swansea			1	1	2						
Tenby		1		1							
Wales (other parts)	4	22	24	43	30						
Walsall	1		1								
Warwickshire	3	4		2	1						
Welshpool	4	4	6	5	5						
West Bromwich		5	8	4	1						
West Midlands		5	3	1	2						
Wolverhampton	6	16	17	9	16						
Worcester/shire	1	2	2	8	12						
Wrexham				2	2						
Yorkshire	5	8	11	3	8						
Overseas	2	3	2	1	1						

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