

Thrusbury & Hereford Ry.
near Salop.

Sept 2/65 7.10 a.m.

On Wednesday morning we left Dolgelly
and had a lovely walk to Beddgelert
diverging from the road to visit the
waterfall of Pistel-cain, about the
finest I have seen in these countries,
in going to it through an upland
valley we passed some small ruins
when a woman gave some directions
I asked her if she was Irish, she seemed
much surprised and said she was a
Wicklow woman and had not been
in Ireland for 27 years.

Continuing our walk we passed
through Maentwrog in the vale
of Ffestiniog and so on by the grand
pass of Pont-aler-glass-lyn

to Beddgelert, this was a 28 mile walk if we had kept to the road but we increased it considerably by going to visit the waterfalls.

There is a very nice hotel at Beddgelert and I am glad to see that the ladies use the coffee rooms.

in Wales largely. ~~At~~ Thursday morning was very wet, but it cleared up at 10.30 and we set off to go up Snowdon, without expecting any view however, and accordingly we were not disappointed when we entered a thick mist about half way up and remained in it till half way down. There are some wooden huts called huts

at the top, where the charges are proportional to the height. We came ~~down~~ down to Stauber's and walked by the grand pass of the same name to Capel Curig and Bethws-y-coed where we did not arrive till after dark. I think this place and Beddgelert are the best I have seen. They are almost Swiss like.

Bethws-y-coed is the artists great rendezvous and there were a large number of that class staying there, in fact they were in possession of the hotel and we had, as usual to sleep out. We started on Friday morning at 8 and walked by the grand Holyhead road.

to a place called Carrig-a-bruidion ^(12 miles)
from which we drove down to Corwen
and took rail for Salop where we
arrived at 4.30. R.F. had sent
down a portmanteau and hat box
from London to Shrewsbury Station,
much to his disgust he ~~had~~ found
that the station master had quietly
sent them up to the office in
Westminster knowing J.F.'s address
and thinking he was doing a
kindness. However they were tele-
graphed for and were to be back
to day. We spent a very pleasant
evening with the Nevitts and I
slept at the George which I
recommend in preference to the
Raven. Shrewsbury looked much

the same as ever - quieter and
sleepier if possible than before.
I am quite sorry to think of only
passing through it and Pembrokeshire,
but I don't see any way to a longer
visit. R.F. stays a few days ^{visit}
with the Nevitts and will ^{visit} the
Severn Valley &c. We have had
a very pleasant time of it on the
whole seen most of Wales and
you will see by the map and
my expenses as far as Salop have
been £ 6. 15. 3. The hotels
in Wales are fair enough in their
charges except as regards attendance
which is 1/6 per night and is very
bad. I think we only twice slept in
the hotels, they are so crowded that

that if you arrive late, there is scarcely
ever a bedroom to be had.

Except up Snowdon I walked for
more than a week in slippers with
cotton socks and two pair woolen
ones over them. This train does
very well as long as it is not
very wet or stony. I ~~was~~ completely
wore out one pair. I have looked
through third class to Gloucester
via Hereford - it is very cheap
6/8½ from Talor to Gloucester and
once more after is put into a 4th
second class carriage than a third

Gloucester - I have just seen
the Cathedral and town and
don't think much of either.
The Cathedral seems small
and poor internally.
It is tremendously hot here
and I shall post this without
waiting till I get to Bath

Your affectionate son

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