

hour's drive with Mrs Maltby left my card at St Clare, Col. Harcourt's—At three Mr Barrow called in his one-horse four-wheel chaise; to Bonchurch to call on Mr Saxby at Bellevue House. A hurricane had swept over the Island about a fortnight since, accompanied with a deluge of rain, & heavy storms, and vegetation suffered severely. Many of the trees were literally stript bare, & the foliage of the greater part was killed, & hung dead & rusty-brown as if burnt up: but new buds were already bursting forth as if in spring: the injury appears therefore to have been mechanical not electrical. Mr Saxby's fossils were all sent to Cambridge. Mr Barrow called for me at seven, & we returned through Ventnor, over the downs, by Appuldurcombe, & Newchurch to Ryde, reaching my cottage at nine. A most lovely day, & evening bright "with all her stars". Very tired: to bed at ten.

Saturday. 4. Went to Folkstone's & bought some fossils. Left by steamer for Gosport at one; home by six o'clock safe & tolerably well. Found all right. Mr Lee called; paid his bill £39.10- for the nine wood-cuts for the Medals.

Sunday. 5th. To Clapham. Answered all letters &c

6th. Letter from Reginald, Augt. 17. in reply to mine of July 30. and from Prof. Silliman of August 20th *Attended Med. Socty.*

7th. Called on Mr Bohn & Geological Society. The Editor of the Annals of Natural History has not inserted my reply to the Quarterly Reviewer: it is hopeless to expect fair-play from any of the proprietors of our monthly periodicals; the mercenary creatures are afraid of offending any one connected with a public institution lest they should lose patronage. A more dastardly affair than this cannot be: they allow me to be attacked by an anonymous writer, and then refuse to insert my reply. Lyell was right in affirming that it would be useless for him to reply to the attack made on him in the Quarterly, for his defence would either be garbled, or not inserted.

9. Thursday. Hard at work on my Medals.

12. Sunday. In the afternoon to Kew & back by boat, to get a little fresh-air. On Friday Ellen Maria dined with me & left at ten.

13. Letter from Dr. B. Silliman Junior. Muddling on as usual.

15. Wednesday. Went to the Treasury & obtained the Queen's warrant for my annuity: took it to the audit office to be entered; at Somerset House yesterday, & got it back to day. The Duke of Wellington died yesterday. announced in this morning's Times.

16. Thursday. Another week; and though constantly at home & unremittingly employed have done but little in any thing. In truth I am used up. Went by steamer to Woolwich, walked round the