

Aug 24. Thursday, fine, ^{W. & N. E.} dusty, trade fair, to the Mechanics in the evening, & then on to the Generals.

Aug. 25. Friday, fine, S. E. by trade dull up down 'Aun' saw Mr Parsons in at Leamington House, she is looking well, things going on much as usual over in the Bays.

To the Literary Societies meeting in the evening, debate "Is an untruth justifiable under any circumstances". Mr Seater opened it in the negative very ably for a young man, holding out that under no circumstances can it be justifiable, Dr Newton, opposed, verily, not willingly, but to cause a debate, he brought forward several instances in which it might be said an untruth might be justifiable, which were refuted by others, either by showing that they were not untruths, or by showing that they were unjustifiable. Several got up & spoke on the opposing side to the opener but the arguments were most in favour of the opener's views, & taboring the matter either secularly or scripturally; after Mr Seater's defence of his subject, Dr Parless who took the chair in the absence of the President &

vice-president) summed up, & at the same time giving it as his opinion that there are, or maybe extreme cases in which an untruth may be justifiable, He then put it to the vote when it was carried by a majority of two that "an untruth was unjustifiable under any circumstances". For a walk down to the beach, & sat chatting some time on the subject.

Aug 26. Saturday, W. S. W. fine & dusty trade fair, week average.

Aug. 27. Sunday, fine & commenced raining about 8 a.m. calm, till 11 a.m. viz. S. W. & wet all day, to Ch. morning & evening, within reading. pm & evening

Aug. 28 Monday, showery till 6 a.m. by S. W. trade fair. to the generals in the evening

Aug. 29. Tuesday, fine, S. E. by trade dull, to the Volunteer concert in the evening, & I never before have seen the hall so full, literally crammed performance very good, & well received, & prolonged in consequence, well nigh unto the small hours in it came to a close.

Aug 30 Wednesday, fine, Northw. trade fair to Capt Wilson's melodic class in the evening