

“Merthyr Express” 1 January 1910

Gellygaer School Managers: Dilapidated State of Fochriw School The monthly meeting of the Managers of the Gellygaer Council Schools was held at Hengoed on Tuesday evening. Mr. John Jones referred to the dilapidated state of the school at Fochriw. A terrific hurricane, he said, took away part of the roof - half a dozen slates or more - making a big hole; later on, the ceiling came down, so that snow and rain came through. This state of things had been allowed to continue for three weeks. The master had also called his attention to the state of the lobby where children had had to walk through up to two inches of water to get into the schoolroom. The master's house was also in a wretched state: he had put pans in the bedroom to catch up the water coming through the roof. Also, on Sunday evenings, before he went Chapel, he had to take out the fire because of the smoky flue. Apart of this, the school wall had also fallen on to the public footpath. The Clerk said that this state of things had never been reported to him. Mr. D. Pugh Jones said he had no recollection of seeing a word about the master's house. It was all very well to make speeches and complaints in such a meeting as this, but why were the facts not communicated to him. Mr. W. C. Beddoe drew attention to the fact that the Managers had the power to spend a sum of money for small matters, up to £5, and he thought the local members should have undertaken on their responsibility to replace the slates. The Clerk said that the local members had no such powers, and the master should have communicated with him. It was decided that the architect should visit Fochriw at an early date to inspect the premises.

Sad Fatality near Dowlais: Sisters Drowned in Pond The mining hamlet of Pantywaun, situated on the mountain eminence adjacent to Fochriw, was overclouded on Christmas Eve by a distressing double tragedy, the victims being Margaret Ann and Martha Jane, aged five and seven years respectively, the young daughters of William and Mary Ann Dyer, Rhas Las Cottages, Pantywaun. In the neighbourhood are several ponds which serve as a feeder to the Fochriw collieries. It appears that the children ventured on the surface for some distance, when it gave way, and they were plunged into the water and drowned. There do not appear to have been any eye-witnesses, and it was several hours before the bodies were recovered, when P.S. Williams and P.C. Wilson of Fochriw made a raft, and after considerable difficulty, took the bodies from the ice. On Monday, an inquest was held by the district coroner, when a verdict of "Found Drowned" was returned.

Siloh A Christmas tree was provided at the Baptist Chapel, Penybank, and about 60 children attended and received presents. The following assisted in making the evening a pleasant one for the children: Miss S. E. Williams, Miss E. A. Williams, Mrs. Price (White Horse) and Mr. Williams.

Noddfa Chapel A successful gathering was held at the vestry on Christmas Eve, when a large number attended. The Christmas tree was loaded with presents which were distributed to about 90 children. The following ladies assisted at the tree: Misses S. E. Williams, Lilian and Gertie Williams, Irene and Hilda Phillips.

Nazareth Chapel The children of Nazareth Band of Hope enjoyed their Christmas tree on Monday last. The tree was beautifully decorated with a large variety of attractive things presented by a few ladies from the chapel. An ample supply of fruit was also given by Councillor John Jones, who also delivered an address to the children. Rev. Isaac Roderick presided, and songs and recitations were rendered by the children at intervals.

Carmel Literary and Mutual Improvement Society: Conversazione On Wednesday week, the Society promoted a successful conversazione at the Chapel. Afterwards, a very interesting programme was gone through. A duet was rendered by the Misses E. Jones and J. A. Jenkins, and a recitation was given by Mr. James Williams. Games were also played. The Rev. D. Hughes Jones presided.

Christmas Tree A Christmas Tree was provided at Carmel on Christmas Day, and it contained a large number of toys and a quantity of sweets for over 200 children. The presents were distributed by Mrs. D. Hughes Jones, and the Misses E. Jones, M. A. Lewis and Bronwen Ballard. Later, a sketch entitled "Santa Claus," was given by the following: Misses Hannah Jones, M. Lewis, Maggie and Gwenny Gough, Nellie Jenkins and Maggie Morgan.

Cymanfa A singing festival was held at Carmel Chapel on Christmas Day, when the choirs of the three chapels took part. The morning was set apart for the children, whose singing was faultless. The singing in the afternoon and night was of a very high standard. There were very large congregations throughout the day. The singing was conducted by Councillor John Jones, with Miss Lilian Williams and Mr. Roderick Jones at the organ. The presidents were: morning - Rev. Isaac Roderick; afternoon - Rev. M. S. Young; evening - Rev. D. Hughes Jones. The prize for the best composition of a hymn tune was awarded to Mr. David John Thomas. Mr. Wm. Adams, Pontlottyn was the adjudicator.

St. Mary's Sunday School The annual entertainment was held on Thursday night week, a good number attending. There was a Christmas Tree, which was beautifully decorated and loaded with presents of all description, which were presented to the children by Mr. Charles Payne. Valuable books were also presented to the scholars by the Rev. Robert Jones, curate-in-charge. An interesting

programme was contributed to by the following: recitations, Masters Willie White and Evan Rowlands, and Misses S. J. Williams, Blodwen Watkins, and Catherine Watkins; songs, Masters Willie White and Charlie Edwards, and Misses Nan Prosser, Maggie and Gwennie Gough; mouth organ solo, Mr. Percy Pike. An interesting Christmas sketch was played entitled "In the Clouds," the characters being sustained by the following: Miss Hananh Jones, Miss Maggie Lewis, Miss Gwenny Gough, Miss Maggie Gough, Miss Nellie Jenkins. Rev. Robert Jones presided, with valuable assistance from the Superintendent, Mr. William Adams, Pontlottyn.

Don't Forget that Friday next, January 7th, is the first day of the Great Winter Sale at R. T. Jones & Co., Drapers, Merthyr. Every Department will be offering Object Lessons in Economy.

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Orders for Printing of every description may be left with Mr. J. C. Payne, 7, Railway-terrace, the local representative of the "Merthyr Express."

Obituary We have to record the death of Mrs. Mantle, wife of Mr. Percy Mantle, Pentwyn, who died on Monday morning. The funeral took place at Pant Cemetery.

Conservative Meeting On Monday evening, a well-attended meeting was held at the Council Schools, and addresses were delivered by Mr. F. Gaskell, the Conservative candidate for East Glamorgan, Mr. Lovell Fraser and Mr. Littlejohns. Mr. Sam Thomas presided.

Entertainment Another of the series of popular entertainments was held at the Church Institute on Tuesday night when an excellent programme was produced, the following taking part: recitations, Irene Davies, C. Watkins, Sarah J. Williams, W. T. Williams, Laura Harris, Eleanor A. Davies; songs, Blodwen Watkins, Octavius Richards, Gwenny Gough, Maggie Gough, and Charlie Edwards. Gramophone selections were given by Mr. Wm. Thomas. There was keen competition in the recital of the 23rd Psalm, the first prize being divided between L. Harris and C. Watkins. The entertainment was presided over by Mr. J. C. Payne.

Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held on Thursday evening week, Bro. W. Griffiths presiding. A large number were present, and an excellent programme was contributed to by the following: recitations, Mary H. Cook, Doris Davies, Evelyn Davies, Elsie Griffiths, Ruth Griffiths; songs, Agnes Cook, Bessie Ballard. H. Jones, Cyril Cook, Thomas H. Jones, Bros. Chas. Payne, Thomas Thomas, W. Jones, J. Williams, and Sister Ballard also spoke.

Soiree A successful soiree was held at the Fochriw Council Schools on Christmas Eve, promoted by members of the Noddfa Baptist Chapel. The tables were beautifully decorated and laid out to perfection. The tables were presided over by the following: Mrs. David Davies, Mrs. S. E. Williams, Miss Margaret Edwards, Miss Ann Thomas, Miss A. E. Thomas, Mrs. C. M. Jones, Mrs. E. Davies, Mrs. D. Harris, Misses Maggie Evans, Beatrice Jones, Janet Jones, Hannah Evans, Maggie Edwards, Lissie Smith, Eunice Jones, and R. W. Walters. There was also a sale of work in connection with the soiree, the following ladies were the stallholders: Mrs. P.S. Williams, Mrs. J. Williams, Miss L. Williams, Mrs. Captain Edwards, and Mrs. G. Phillips. The duties of secretary and treasurer were carried out by Messrs. G Thomas and R. Evans. Rev. Young also gave valuable assistance.

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Carmel Literary and Mutual Improvement Society A well-attended meeting was held on Thursday evening, when a splendid lecture was given by the Rev. T. P. Evans, Merthyr Vale, on "New Theology." The weekly meeting of the society was held at Carmel vestry on Friday night. An excellent paper on "Free Trade" was read by Mr. William Walters.

Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week, Bro. James Williams presiding. The evening was set apart for devotional purposes, with Brothers James Williams, Thomas Thomas and William Jones taking part.

Entertainment Another of the series of popular entertainments was held at the Church Institute on Tuesday night when an excellent programme was produced, the following taking part: solos, Gwennie Gough, Maggie Gough, Ann Griffiths, Hannah Williams, Octavius Richards; duets, Nan Prosser and Lydia M. Evans, Ann Griffiths and Maggie Gough; recitations, Mattie Jones and Hilda Davies; singing competition, test piece, "Bring them in," eight competitors, first prize Ann Griffiths; spelling competition, Gwenny Gough; boys competition, Eddie Jones. The Rev. R. Jones presided. Mr. John Williams adjudicated.

Funeral: Mr. T. Davies, Pentwyn The funeral of the late Mr. Thomas Davies took place on Saturday last at Pentwyn Churchyard. Deceased was in work on the Sunday night previous, and died on the Wednesday morning. Deceased was an uncle to the late Mrs. Percy Mantle who died so recently. He was an old inhabitant of the village, and leaves five children. The Rev. D. Hughes Jones officiated at the house and graveside. The chief mourners were: Miss Mary Gwen Davies, Miss Hannah Davies,

daughters; Mr. Tom Davies and Master Anthony Davies, sons; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Davies, son and daughter-in-law; Mr. and Mrs. William Davies (Deri), brother and sister-in-law; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Morgan, Mr. John Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Evan Morgan Davies, Mr. Thomas Davies, Mr. Edward Evans, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law. Much sympathy is felt for the children, who are orphans, having lost their mother some years ago. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. Dd. Davies, Aelybryn, Fochriw.

Obsequies: Mrs. Percy Mantle, Pentwyn, aged 21 The funeral took place on Thursday week at Pant Cemetery of Mrs. Percy Mantle. Deceased, who was only 21 years of age, and was held in great esteem. The news of her death came as a great shock in the neighbourhood. The short service was conducted at the house by the Rev. D. Hughes Jones, after which the large cortege wended its way to Fochriw Station, thence by special train to Pant Cemetery, and then to the Cemetery, the choir singing appropriate hymns en route. Rev. Jones, assisted by Mr. Rhys Jenkins, officiated at the graveside. The chief mourners were: Mr. Percy Mantle, husband; Mr. and Mrs. John Jones, parents; Messrs. John and George Jones, brothers; Miss Hannah Jones, sister; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Jones, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Davies, uncles and aunts; Mr. Thomas Mantle, father-in-law; Mr. and Mrs. John Jones, Pontllynn, Mr. and Mrs. William Mantle, Mr. and Mrs. William Cook, Mr. George Mantle, Mr. Albert Mantle, Mr. A. M. Williams, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law; Mr. and Mrs. B. Evans, Mr. and Mrs. James Williams, Mr. and Mrs. D. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Davies, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Morgan, Messrs. H. Morgan, Anthony Davies, Tom Davies, George Davies, Wm. Davies, Morgan Davies, Misses M. A. Davies, C. Davies, Hannah Davies, Maggie Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Davies (Pentwyn), cousins; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Davies (Deri), Mr. Wm. Williams, Mr. Lewis Williams, Mrs. Margaret Williams, Mrs. Ellen Williams, Mrs. Ann Williams, Mrs. Hannah Williams, Mrs. Margaret Williams, Miss Lily Williams, Dowlais, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Mantle and Mr. Thomas Mantle (Argoed), Mr. Evan J. Mantle, Mr. Geo. Mantle (Treharris), cousins; Mr. and Mrs. Septimus Mantle and Mrs. Celia Martin (Treharris), Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jones and Mrs. Lizzie Jones, uncles and aunts.

Soirees in the Council School Sir - It is difficult to know why these entertainments are allowed to be carried out in the Council School, especially when the people are permitted to remain there until the small hours of the following morning. This is a direct infringement of the Council's regulations, and ought not to be continued. In the last soiree that took place there on New Year's Eve, some irresponsible lads indulged in ringing the school bell at intervals from half past 10 till half past one the following morning, which disturbed the peaceful sleep of the neighbours. The children of the village were let loose, as it were, into the school, and allowed to run over the benches. Questionable comic songs were sung in different corners by the young people. There is more damage done to the school in the night like this, than in five years of ordinary classes. When the cleaners entered the school on the following morning, every thing was in a shocking state. It is high time to put an end to these practices. Different denominations have their vestries; why not use them for entertainments of this kind, as they have their tables and everything ready on the premises? DISCIPLINE

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Gellygaer Urban District Council: To Grocers and Butchers The above Council invite tenders for the supply to Penybanc Hospital, Fochriw, of groceries and meat for the period between 10th February, 1910, and the 30th September, 1910. Printed forms of tender, with the conditions of contract, available from the undersigned. Sealed tenders to be returned by 5th February 1910. Frank T. James, Clerk, Council Offices, Hengoed.

Sir Alfred Thomas's Campaign: Stirring Meetings at Fochriw On Thursday night, Sir Alfred Thomas addressed an enthusiastic meeting at Fochriw. Dr. Eleazer Davies presided. Councillor John Jones proposed a resolution in favour of Sir Alfred's candidature. He said that Sir Alfred was an ideal member of the progressive forces, an excellent committee man, and a staunch supporter of the Budget. He pointed out some of the great blessings foreshadowed in the Finance Bill, such as labour exchanges and insurance against sickness. The land clauses, in particular, were for the benefit of the working men. Mr. George Thomas, Fochriw, in seconding the resolution, said that Sir Alfred had been a true supporter of every Liberal measure since he entered Parliament 25 years ago, and that he was more experienced now than ever he was to champion the progressive cause. Councillor Rhys Jenkins, Fochriw, supported the resolution, and urged Liberals to bestir themselves in order to return their candidate with a greatly increased majority.

Sir Alfred Thomas, who was received with loud and prolonged cheers, said that the chief question before the electors was whether the people or the peers were going to dominate the country. Which was it going to be? He was strongly in favour of doing away with the veto of the Lords. Still, he was a second chamber man, but that chamber must be elected and a sensible one. The present House of Lords was greatly one-sided and obsolete, and ought to be done away with. The peers said that the Budget

was a revolutionary measure, but they themselves did the most revolutionary and unconstitutional action by rejecting it. The Budget was a bundle of treasures for the working men of the country.

Mr. T. C. Thomas, Bedlinog, followed with a rousing speech. He stated that Tariff Reform was a system to make the rich richer and the poor poorer. He compared the cost of commodities in this country with other countries: England: butter - 1s; bread - 6d; tea - 2s; jam - 10d; Germany: butter - 1s 10d; bread - 9d; Austria: tea - 10s; jam - 3s 9d; For every £1 that the English miner paid in rent, the German miner paid £1 4s 6d. The average wage per day in England was 6s, whilst in Germany it was 4s 6d. The German miner lived to a great extent on black bread and horseflesh. These were the fruits of Tariff Reform. Let them stick to Free Trade. As regards royalties, he said that Lord Bute received £50,000 a year in royalties from the parish of Gellygaer without contributing a penny to the rates. Under the Budget, one half of the royalty tax would be returned to the parish in relief of taxes.

Miss Lizzie Jones, Fochriw, sang a Welsh election song in a spirited manner, which raised the audience into a very high pitch of enthusiasm. Rev. Isaac Roderick, seconded by Rev. Moses Young, proposed a resolution in favour of the Budget, and of thanks to Sir Alfred, and this was supported by Mr. J. D. Jones, schoolmaster.

Obituary We have to record the death of Mr. Lewis Evans, Penybank Farm, which occurred on Tuesday morning. Deceased was 84 years of age.

Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week, Bro. James Williams presiding. Bros. Sam Lewis and Wm. Jones read papers on "Beware of Strong Drink," which were much appreciated.

Carmel Literary and Mutual Improvement Society The weekly meeting of the Society was held at the Vestry on Wednesday evening. Mr. Rhys D. Jenkins presided. An excellent lecture on "D. L. Moody, the Great Missioner, and his work" was given by the Rev. J. R. Salmon, Pontlottyn. The lecture was brimful of interest, and much appreciated by the large number present. A hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer was proposed by Rev. E. Evans, Bedlinog, seconded by Mr. Thomas Lewis, and supported by Rev. D. Hughes Jones.

On Wednesday night, the Rev E. O. Evans, Bedlinog, preached an effective sermon in the chapel on behalf of the London Foreign Missionary Society.

Entertainment Another of the popular series of entertainments was held at the Church Institute on Tuesday night, and there was a large audience. Selections were given on the gramophone, manipulated by Mr. Alfred Evans. Miss Nan Prosser gave an excellent rendering of "The Honeysuckle and the Bee." Pictures were shown by the lantern, which was manipulated by Mr. J. E. Jones, Tirphil. The pictures were highly interesting, the comical ones causing roars of laughter amongst the children. Mr. J. C. Payne proposed, and Rev. Robert Jones, curate-in-charge, seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Jones, Mr. Evans and Miss Prosser. Mr. Charles Payne presided.

Soirees in Council Schools In last week's "Express," a letter appeared complaining of the conduct of certain persons at a soiree held in the Council School, Fochriw, on New Year's Eve. Representatives of the Baptist Church, under whose auspices the soiree was held, refute several of the statements made in the letter. They state that soirees have been held in the school for a number of years, and that never before has a complaint been made. The programme was similar to those of previous years, and the proceedings were quiet and orderly. The bell was only rung for a few minutes to herald in the coming of the New Year.

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Obituary Sympathy of readers will go out to Mr. Percy Mantle, Pentwyn, whose child passed away on Saturday last, just three weeks after Mr. Mantle buried his wife. The funeral took place at Pant Cemetery on Tuesday.

Noddfa Literary and Mutual Improvement Society The weekly meeting of the Society was held at the Vestry on Thursday evening, Mr. Williams presiding. An excellent paper on "The Budget parallel with the Bible" was read by the pastor, the Rev. Moses Young, which proved an intellectual treat, and was much appreciated by all present. The following contributed to the discussion: Messrs. John Williams, Rees Thomas, Walter Walters, and Miss Lilian Williams.

Entertainment Another of the popular series of entertainments was held at the Church Institute on Tuesday night. The following contributed to the programme: solos, Misses Mary Tyler, Nan Prosser, Maggie Gough, Masters Sheady, William Thomas, Johnny Cole; quartet, Misses Gwennie Gough, Nan Prosser, Lydia May Evans, and Mary Tyler. In the impromptu speech competition on "The Clock," the prize was divided between Master Healy and Miss Harriet Lewis. There was also an orange competition, the prize being awarded to Master Vincent Wood. Mr. Charles Payne presided.

Carmel Literary and Mutual Improvement Society The weekly meeting of the Society was held at the Vestry on Wednesday evening, when the Rev. D. Hughes Jones presided. Splendid papers were read on "You and I" by Mr. David Lewis, and "Woman's Place in Christian Societies" by Mrs. D. Hughes

Jones. The following took part in the discussion: the chairman, Mr. George Thomas, Mr. Rhys D. Jenkins, and Mr. David Jones. To close the meeting, a solo was given by Miss Bessie Ballard, and a duet was given by Miss Mary A. Walters and Miss Hannah Jones.

Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week, Bro. Wm. Jones presiding. The following were elected officers for the coming quarter: Chief Templar, Sister Bronwen Ballard; vice-templar, Sister Beatrice Griffiths; secretary, Sister Ceridwen Thomas; financial secretary, Sister Maggie Griffiths; treasurer, Brother Thomas Thomas; chaplain, Brother Samuel Lewis; marshal, Brother D. Evans; guard, Brother Thomas Lewis; sentinel, Sister Mary A. Lewis; assistant secretary, Sister Catherine Jones; deputy marshal, Brother John Walters. The following hold annual offices: past chief Templar, Brother James Williams; lodge deputy, Brother Charles Payne; electoral superintendent, Brother Thomas Thomas; superintendent of the Juvenile Temple, Brother Thomas Lewis. After the election of officers, the remainder of the evening was devoted to "Questions," and all present took part.

The Late Mr. Lewis Evans The funeral of the late Mr. Lewis Evans, Penybank Farm, took place on Saturday last, the place of internment being Gellygaer Churchyard. Deceased was born at the above farm in August 1825, and had attained the age of 84 years. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Evans, who kept the farm, at which his grandfather and great-grandfather also lived. It is now in the occupation of the deceased's eldest son, William. Deceased lived at the farm until he was 16 years of age, when he left with his parents, who went to keep the Penygarreg Farm, Bargoed. He remained there until he was 23, when he married Hannah, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Richards, Tylaglas Farm, Bedlinog, returning to Penybank Farm, where he resided until his death. His wife died 14 years ago. There was hardly any department in the public life of his native village in which he did not participate. He was a representative of Gellygaer on the Board of Guardians, a member of the Highway Board and the School Board, and was for many years a faithful member of the Gellygaer and Rhigos Rural District Council. Deceased was a Non-conformist, and a member of Carmel Congregational Chapel, where he attended until his health failed him. He leaves seven grown-up sons to mourn his loss. The funeral was strictly private. The service at the house, the Church, and at the graveside was conducted by the Rev. T. J. Jones, Rector of Gellygaer. The following were the bearers: Mr. Lewis Edwards, Bedlinog; Mr. E. Watkins, Ysgwyddgwyn Farm; Mr. Thomas Kinsey, Colby Farm; Mr. James Davies, Cwm Farm; Mr. Richard Evans and Mr. David Evans, Penybank; Mr. Thomas Lewis and Mr. John Matthews, Fochriw. The chief mourners were: First Coach: Mr. and Mrs. Evans, Penybank Farm, son and daughter-in-law; Mr. Lewis Evans and Mr. Thomas Evans, Fochriw, sons; Second Coach: Mr. David Evans, Deri; Mr. J. R. Evans, Penybank; Mr. and Mrs. George Evans, Bedlinog, sons and daughter-in-law; Third Coach: Mr. Josiah Evans, Gellygaer, son; Mr. Thomas Richard, son-in-law; Mr. W. Watkins, brother-in-law Mr. Lewis Pritchard, grandson; Fourth Coach: Mr. W. Evans, Pencoed, brother; Mrs. A. Davies, Cefnbach, sister; Mr. Lewis Evans and Mr. Watkins, grandsons; Fifth Coach: Mr. D. Lewis; Messrs. T. and L. Richards; Mr. George Richards, nephews. The coaches were supplied by Mr. T. Saunders, Tirphil.

Theft of a Sovereign William John Griffiths, of Fochriw, was charged at Merthyr on Tuesday with stealing a sovereign from the Canford Inn, Dowlais, the property of James Stevens. Mrs. Stevens said she went to the house with her husband, and had a drink. Prisoner was there. She took a shilling out of her purse to pay for the refreshments, and later on, when she left the house, she missed her purse, which contained a sovereign and other money. She returned to the house, and the landlord handed her the purse. The sovereign had been taken out. Prisoner said he picked up the purse, and handed it to the landlord. He denied taking anything from it. John Evans, a labourer of Castle-street, said he saw the prisoner pick up the purse. The landlord said the prisoner handed in the purse, and another person said he saw the prisoner open the purse before he handed it over. Police Sergeant Isaac Jones said he arrested the defendant, who denied the charge. The sovereign was found in his pocket, however, and he was sent to prison for a month.

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Treat of the Season: Fochriw Dramatic Society On Saturday and Monday nights next, Feb. 5th & 7th, at the St Mary's Institute, the Fochriw Dramatic Society will produce the sensational drama "The Lucky Horseshoe." Children's performance at 3p.m. Saturday afternoon.

Bethlehem Baptist Chapel On Monday evening, an excellent and highly-interesting paper on "The Present Political Crisis and its Old Testament Parallel," was read by Rev. Moses Solva Young. Mr. Wm. Morgan was in the chair.

Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week, Bro. Wm. Jones presiding. A

"Spelling Bee" was the programme for the evening, and it caused much amusement. The programme concluded with "Topical Temperance Talks," in which all took part.

Noddfa Literary and Mutual Improvement Society: Dress and Character The weekly meeting of the Society was held at the Vestry on Thursday evening, and an excellent paper on "Is Dress an Index of Character?" was read by Miss Gertie Williams, followed by a free discussion. Afterwards, recitations were given by Misses Enid and E. A. Evans, followed by a duet from Misses Jennie Edwards and Hannah Evans. Rev. M. S. Young presided.

Nazareth Chapel On Monday evening, the annual lecture was delivered by Rev. H. T. Stephens, Aberdare. His subject was "The Characteristics of the late William Prydderch." He said that William Prydderch was a typical product of Welsh Non-conformity in the last century: a powerful speaker, and a very acceptable preacher. He was quite original in all his sayings, always smart and witty with his answers, yet he was never offensive. He rendered great service to the Non-conformity of Wales in his time; the leaders today were the children of those great pioneers gone by. Rev. Isaac Roderick proposed a vote of thanks, seconded by Mr. G. Pugh, bringing a very interesting evening to a close. Coun. John Jones presided.

Carmel Literary and Mutual Improvement Society: "Christians and the Theatre" The weekly meeting of the Society was held at the Vestry on Wednesday evening, when the Rev. D. Hughes Jones presided. There was a large attendance, and two excellent papers were read on "Should Church Members Frequent the Theatre?" The affirmative was taken by Mrs. Judith Ann Jenkins, and the negative by Mrs. Catherine Thomas. The papers are well received and greatly appreciated. A warm discussion followed, in which the following took part: Messrs. George Thomas, Daniel Rowlands, Thomas Thomas, Misses Elizabeth Jones and Rachel Mary Walters, Mrs. David Jones, Mrs. Edith Cole Jones, and the chairman. A recitation was given by Miss Mafanwy Cole, and a quartet was rendered by Messrs. Daniel Jenkins, David John Thomas, Miss Elizabeth Jones, and Mrs. W. G. Davies, which brought an enjoyable evening to a close.

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Performances at St Mary's Institute Performances of the sensational drama "The Lucky Horseshoe," were given at the above Institute on Saturday and Monday nights by the Fochriw Dramatic Society, under the leadership of Mr. W. J. Payne. There were very large audiences who appreciated highly the wonderful talent displayed by the artistes. Indeed, had they been strangers they could easily have been taken for professionals. The actions and voices are almost faultless. The characters were ably sustained by the following: Mr. Stephen Lewis, Mr. James Lawrence, Mr. W. J. Payne, Mr. Wat Williams, Mr. Tom Baldwin, Mr. Levi Pritchard, Mr. J. S. Edwards, Mr. Frank Attwell, Mr. Percy Pike, Miss S. A. Evans, Miss Martha Mary Jones, Mrs. Esther Thomas and Miss L. M. Lawrence. The stage managers were Mr. Charles Payne and Mr. Thomas Jones, and the scenic artist was Mr. H. C. Seaborne, each of whom deserves high praise. Mr. Harry Hughes supplied the pianoforte accompaniment, and Mr. Austin Price the violin accompaniments. Before the last act on Monday night, the Rev. Thomas Rees, vicar, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Dramatic Society, who had worked so hard in order to obtain funds towards clearing off the debt on St Mary's Church. Mr. W. Haggart lent the swords, wigs, etc, and Mr. W. John lent the scenery, which was hauled to Fochriw by Mr. Cumpstone. The proceeds are in aid of the Church Building Fund.

Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week, Bro. Wm. Jones presiding. The new officers for the coming quarter were installed by Brother Charles Payne, and after business had been dispensed with, an excellent paper on "The Three Great Treasures of Life," was read by Sister Bronwen Ballard. The paper was rich in thought and was much appreciated by the brothers and sisters present. The lodge was closed in due form by Sister Ballard, the new Chief Templar.

Noddfa Literary and Mutual Improvement Society: Dress and Character The weekly meeting of the Society was held at the Vestry on Thursday evening week, and was presided over by Rev. Moses S. Young. An excellent paper on "The life of Christ" was read by Miss S. E. Williams. Afterwards, a free discussion took place, almost all present taking part. Miss Williams was highly complemented and thanked for her able paper. A solo was given by Master Aneurin Evans, and recitations were given Master Emrys Evans, Miss E. A. Evans, and Miss Lily May Rees. A solo was also rendered by Miss Enid Evans.

Carmel Literary and Mutual Improvement Society The weekly meeting of the Society was held at the Vestry on Wednesday evening, when the Rev. D. Hughes Jones presided. There was a large attendance, the Vestry being crowded. Excellent papers were read on "The Influence of the Mother," by Mrs. David Jones, Brynteg, and on "Florence Nightingale," by Miss M. A. Ballard. A solo, "My Mother's Prayer," was rendered in fine style by Master Thomas Howell Jones, and an excellent Welsh recitation was given by Miss Hannah Jones.

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Colliery Fatality at Fochriw: Boy Sees His Father Killed About nine o'clock on Monday morning, a collier named Solomon Williams, aged 53 years, living at Dowlais Top, and working at No. 2 Pit, Fochriw, was killed by the fall of a big stone. He leaves a wife and 10 children, of whom only three are working. An inquest was held at the Clarence Hotel, Dowlais, by the borough coroner, Mr. R. J. Rhys. Wm. Williams, son of the deceased was the identifying witness. A younger son, Thos. John Williams, aged 13 or 14, was next called. He said he had worked with his father since last August. He was standing by his father while he was cutting top coal. His father's lamp went out, but his own, which was hanging on a post, did not. It was a bed of rippings that came on his father. His father had tried that top before he went to get the coal, and he had only been at it a short time. There was no warning at all. David Thomas, collier, who worked in next stall, said he heard the fall and the boy call, and was first to get there. Solomon Williams was underneath the stone, and he had to get help to move it. Simon Cole, firemen, said he had examined Williams' place that morning, and it seemed all right, and no sign of a squeeze near. The stone was 7 ft long and 2 feet 9 inches wide, and 8 or 9 inches thick. Mr. G. H. Jones, deputy manager, said that the deceased was a most experienced man. That the stone was in a dangerous position could not have been foreseen. A verdict of "Accidental Death" was returned.

“Merthyr Express” 26 February 1910

Pits Idle Both pits were idle on Thursday week, also on Monday and Wednesday, owing to a shortage of waggons.

Scholastic Success Mr. John Francis, Hill-row, Pentwyn, has passed to the preliminary certificate examination, part one, which was held at Pengam in December 1909.

Gale Fierce gales swept over Fochriw and district last weekend, doing damage to property. On Sunday, the chimney of Mr. John Mantle's house in Pentwyn was blown down. Some of the bricks fell through the roof, and others into the fire, filling the house with soot, etc, whilst they were at dinner. A portion of the roof of the Old Church at Pentwyn was also damaged, a portion of the stone roof being dislodged, and many of the saddle tiles on the vestry blown off.

Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week, Bro. Wm. Jones presiding. Excellent papers were read on "How to take the drudgery out of work," by Sister C. Thomas, and "Hans in luck" by Sister M. A. Lewis, Pentwyn. Addresses were also delivered by Brothers Charles Payne, Thomas Thomas, James Healy, Sam Lewis, and Thomas Lewis.

Carmel Literary and Mutual Improvement Society The weekly meeting of the Society was held at the Vestry on Wednesday evening, when the Rev. D. Hughes Jones presided. An interesting Welsh debate took place on "A yw enwadaeth yn niweidiol i Gristionagaeth " ("Is sectarianism detrimental to Christianity?") The affirmative was taken by Miss M. A. Lewis, and the negative by Mr. Rees Rees. The following took part in the discussion: Messrs. Thomas Lewis, Thomas Thomas, Daniel Rowlands, George Thomas, Evan Evans, Rhys D. Jenkins, and the chairman. Solos were rendered by Miss Edith May Sibley and Miss Bessie Ballard, with Mr. Tom Walters at the organ.

Noddfa Literary and Mutual Improvement Society: Dress and Character The weekly meeting of the Society was held at the Vestry on Thursday evening week, and was presided over by Rev. Moses S. Young. An excellent paper on "Professor Drummond: his life and teachings," was read by Mr. E. E. George, Merthyr Vale. Mr. George showed intimate acquaintance with the life and work of the famous Scottish preacher and scientist. Then followed a solo from Miss Mary Rees; a recitation by Master Gomer William; and a solo by Miss Enid Evans. Miss Eunice Jones read a paper on "Lloyd George's Youth," and Mr. George read another paper on the life of Mr. David Lloyd George. The meeting was brought to a close by the singing of "Hen Wlad fy Nhadau."

Personal I, James Way, of 21, Aelybryn, Fochriw, hereby give notice that I will not be responsible for any debts contracted by my wife, Clara Way, after this date. Witness, Samuel Way, 2, Aelybryn, February 23rd. 1910.

“Merthyr Express” 5 March 1910

Pits Idle Both pits were idle on Monday and Tuesday evening owing to a shortage of waggons.

Condolence At the meeting of the Checkweighers' Committee of No. 2 Pit, Fochriw, a vote of condolence was passed with the families and relatives of two workmen – Mr. Solomon Williams, and Mr. William Edmunds - who met their deaths through fatal accidents at the Pit, all present standing with bare heads.

Football On Saturday, the Fochriw Hotspurs entertained Dowlais Church Lads before a good crowd. The game ended in a draw, 1-1. The scorer for Fochriw was Fred Wright.

Carmel Literary and Mutual Improvement Society The weekly meeting of the Society was held at the Vestry on Wednesday evening, when the Rev. D. Hughes Jones presided. Excellent papers were read

on: "Handel - his life and works," by Mr. Thomas Walters, Brynteg; and "Woman's Indebtedness to Christianity," by Mrs. Edith Cole Jones, Bryngoleu. The following took part in the discussion: the chairman, Messrs. Daniel Rowlands, Rees Rees, Rhys. D. Jenkins, and Evan Evans. Miss Ceridwen Thomas sang "He was despised" (Handel) and Mr. James Jones sang "Y Bachgen Dewr." Mr. Thomas Walters presided at the organ.

Noddfa Literary and Mutual Improvement Society The weekly meeting of the Society was held at the Vestry on Thursday evening week, and was presided over by Mr. Williams. Two excellent papers were read on, "Which has the more influence over the child - the mother or the father?" Mrs. Price, White Horse Inn, Pentwyn, spoke in support of the mother, and Mr. John Williams, Martin-street, in support of the father. There was a very appreciative audience. The following took part in the discussion: Miss Gertrude Williams, Miss Judith Jenkins, Mrs. David Jones, Miss Rachel Walters, Mr. Thomas Evans senior, Mr. Thomas Evans junior, and Mr. Albert Walters. Both papers were read in Welsh. To conclude the evening, solos were sung by Miss E. A. Evans and Miss Enid Evans.

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Noddfa Literary and Mutual Improvement Society: Soiree The members of the Society promoted a social and entertainment on Tuesday to commemorate Dewi Sant. The members partook of a splendid spread. The following ladies assisted at the tables: Mrs. J. Lewis Mr. M. Davies Miss L. Williams, Miss G. Williams, and Miss S. E. Williams. After the spread, a fine Welsh programme was gone through, over which Mr. H. Williams presided, in the absence of Rev. M. S. Young, through illness. The meeting was opened with a song from Mr. Thomas Evans, after which an address was given by Police Sergeant Williams on Dewi Sant. Messrs. Thomas Evans, Albert Walters, John Jones, Richard Evans, and Samuel Evans also spoke. Others who contributed to the programme were: solos, Miss Mary Rees; violin duet, Messrs Sydney Phillips and Austin Price; solo, Miss Mary Davies, solo, Miss E. A. Williams; solo, Miss Enid Evans. During the evening, several persons were fined for the introduction of English words into their speeches. The singing of the National Anthem brought an enjoyable evening to a close.

Carmel Literary and Mutual Improvement Society: Social A social was held on Tuesday in connection with the Society to commemorate Dewi Sant. The chapel was decorated for the occasion with flags, with the motto of the Welsh dragon, with leeks, whilst every member carried the same badge. An elaborate programme had been drawn up, everything being conducted in Welsh. The Rev. D. Hughes Jones presided, and addresses were given by the following: "Dewi Sant" - Rev. D. H. Jones; "Wales and education" - Miss E. Jones; "Wales and politics" - Mr. George Thomas; "The religious element in the Welsh nation" - Mr. Evan M. Davies. Others who took part were: recitations - "Mr. Moody, y Fam, a'r Plentyn," and "Ond," Mr. David Evans, Aelybryn; solos - "Cartref," and "Ar Hyd y Nos," (to words on Dewi Sant composed by Rev. D. H. Jones) - Miss E. Jones; solo - "Canwn Gerddi Cymru" - Miss Ceridwen Thomas; solo - "Baner Ein Gwlad" - Mr. Wm. Morris; solo - "Gwlad y Delyn" - Mr. Wm. Griffiths; solo - "Gwlad yr Eisteddfodau" - Mr. Caradoc Shnkland; duets, Messrs. Shankland and Morris; Welsh airs - "Gogoniant I Gymru," "Pa Wlad fel Cymru Lan?" and "Hen Wlad fy Nhadau" (new arrangement), by the Female Party; readings - selections from "Rhys Lewis" (by Daniel Owen) - Mr. Thomas Lewis, Mr. R. D. Jenkins, and Mrs. E. Cole Jones. The accompanist was Mr. Thomas Walters. The large gathering partook of a fine spread, the following ladies presiding at the tables: Mrs. Howell Thomas, Mrs. David Jones, Mrs. David Davies, Mrs. John Davies, Mrs. J. Phillips, Mrs. Thomas Thomas, Mrs. Howell Jones, Mrs. David J. Thomas, Miss Rachel Walters, Miss M Rees, and Miss Rachel M. Walters. A short address on "The Characteristics of the Welsh" was given by Mr. Evan Evans. The singing of the Welsh National Anthem brought the proceedings to a close.

Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week, with Sister Bronwen Ballard, Chief Templar, presiding. A paper entitled "Never too Late to Mend" was read by Bro. Thos. Lewis, which was brimful of good advice. The following contributed to the discussion: Bros. Wm. Jones, Daniel Rowlands, Charles Payne, Sisters Bronwen Ballard and A. Jones, Tirphil.

"Merthyr Express" 26 March 1910

A Nuisance Joseph Thomas, for committing a nuisance at Pontllynn Railway Station, was fined 20s. and costs.

Transfer of Licences: Penybank Inn and Bargoed Inn The licence of the Penybank Inn was transferred from Chas. Samuel to Thomas Rosser, and that of the Bargoed Inn, Fochriw, to Henry Evans.

Lecture A very interesting Welsh lecture was given at Noddfa on Monday evening on "Yr Hen Flaenor," by the Rev. J. D. Hughes, Blaenwaun, who gave the large audience a rich treat. The chair was taken by Dr. Eleazer Davies.

Pentwyn Church On Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock, the Rev. Thomas Rees, vicar, occupied the pulpit, and preached his annual memorial sermon to a very large congregation. A large number of people visited the churchyard during the day, and many of the graves were covered with flowers.

Noddfa Literary and Mutual Improvement Society: Dress and Character The weekly meeting of the Society was held at the Vestry on Thursday evening week, and was presided over by Rev. Moses S. Young. An interesting paper was read by Mr. George Phillips on "Why I am a Baptist." A discussion followed, in which many members took part.

Carmel Literary and Mutual Improvement Society The weekly meeting of the Society was held at the Vestry on Wednesday evening, when the Rev. D. Hughes Jones presided. A very interesting debate took place on "Should the Church provide for games and amusements?" The affirmative was taken by Miss Ceridwen Thomas, and the negative by Mr. Daniel Rowlands. The following took part in the debate: Messrs. Evan Evans, Evan M. Davies, Thomas Lewis, Rhys D. Jenkins, Rees Rees, Thomas Thomas, and the Chairman. A solo was contributed by Mr. Thos. George Davies, and a recitation was given by Miss C. Thomas, Brynteg. Mr. Thomas Walters was the accompanist.

Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week, Sister Bronwen Ballard presiding. Mrs. Edith Cole Jones read a paper on "Woman."

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St Mary's Church A three hours' service was held on Good Friday from 12 to 3 o'clock when an address was delivered by the Rev. Robert Jones, curate-in-charge, on "The Seven Words spoken from the Cross." Master Richards presided at the organ.

Carmel Literary and Mutual Improvement Society The weekly meeting of the Society was held at the Vestry on Wednesday evening, when the Rev. D. Hughes Jones presided. Excellent papers were read on "Women of the Bible" by Miss A. G. Williams, and "Two Books: Some Impressions," by Miss Elizabeth Jones. Messrs. Evan Evans, Daniel Rowlands, Rhys D. Jenkins, Thomas Lewis, and the chairman took part in the discussion. The Rev. D. H. Jones complimented the readers.

International Order of Good Templars An excellent programme had been arranged by Brothers Charles Payne and Thomas Walters. The following took part: address, Sister Ballard; solo, Brother Watkin Jones; solo, Sister C. Thomas; solo, Brother William Jones; solo, Sister Jones, Tirphil; reading, Sister M. Griffiths; solo, Brother Charles Payne. Sister Ballard presided.

Concert A concert was held at the Council School on Saturday, promoted by the Fochriw Juvenile Choir, when the following took part: soprano, Miss S. Williams, Dowlais; contralto, Miss C. Thomas, Fochriw; tenor, Mr. W. J. Edwards, Dowlais; bass, Mr. Crad Shankland, Fochriw. The choir did credit to themselves in rendering the part song "Twelve by the clock" (Lloyd); test piece at Abergavenny Eisteddfod, "Onward" (D. Jones, Bargoed); test piece at the Bargoed Eisteddfod, "Clang of the Forge" (C. F. Lloyd); "Sweet and Low" (Barnby); test piece at the Llanbradach Eisteddfod, "Nant a'r Blodeuyn" (T. Price). The choir was conducted by a Mr. David John Thomas. Mr. Thomas Walters was the accompanist. The chair was taken by Mr. J. D. Jones, schoolmaster, Fochriw.

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Carmel Literary and Mutual Improvement Society The weekly meeting of the Society was held at the Vestry on Wednesday evening, when the Rev. D. Hughes Jones presided. Mr. Thos. H. Llewellyn read a paper on "Libraries" which was much appreciated. Messrs. Rhys D. Jenkins, Thomas Lewis, Thomas Walters and the chairman took part in the discussion. A pianoforte solo was given by Miss Annie Evans, and a soprano solo by Miss Mary A. Walters. Mr. Thomas Walters was the accompanist.

Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week, Sister Bronwen Ballard presiding. The Juvenile Temple provided an excellent programme of entertainment, which was as follows: songs, Sister D. Davies, Sister Agnes M. Cook, Brother Cyril Cook; recitations, Sister Ceredwen Thomas, Sister Evelyn Davies, Sister Mary Hannah Cook.

St Mary's Church The annual Vestry meeting was held at the Institute on Wednesday evening, when a good number were present. The Rev. Thomas Rees, vicar, presided. The accounts were presented by Mr. Joseph Payne, and read by the Vicar. Mr. Payne was warmly thanked for his services, as were the past year's sidesman. The following sidesmen were elected for the coming year: curate's sidesmen, Messrs. Josiah Richards, Percy Pike and William Curtis; parishioner's sidesman: Messrs. William Davies, Charles Payne, and William Payne. Mr. William Lewis, superintendent of the Sunday School, was warmly thanked for his services, and re-elected. The teachers were also thanked. Master Octavius Richards was thanked for his faithfulness, as was Miss E. C. Morgan. Thanks were also accorded Mr. John Williams, choirmaster, and the Dramatic Society, for their performances which had realised about the £130 towards the building fund. A vote of thanks to the vicar and to Mr. Robert Jones, curate-in-charge, brought in very harmonious meeting to a close.

Interment: Mr. John Edwards, Martin-street, aged 28 The funeral of the late Mr. John Edwards, 22, Martin-street, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Wednesday afternoon last. Deceased had been confined to his bed for a long time. He was a faithful member of Noddfa Baptist Chapel, and was held in high esteem by all. He passed away on Saturday morning last. Deceased was only 28 years of age, and leaves a widow and two small children. The officiating ministers were the Rev. Moses S. Young, the Rev. Isaac Roderick, and the Rev. D. Hughes Jones. The following hymns were sung: by the house - "Lausanne," to the words "Daeth yr awr i'm ddianc adref;" at the graveside - "Cofia, f'enaid cyn it' dreulio," to the tune "Diniweidrwydd." The chief mourners were: Mrs. Esther Edwards, widow; Mr. John Evans, father-in-law; Mr. and Mrs. John Edwards, mother and father; Mr. Percy Edwards, brother; Miss Olwen Edwards and Miss R. Edwards, sisters; Mr. and Mrs. Wyndham Edwards, brother and sister-in-law; Mr. Daniel Isaac Evans, brother-in-law; Mr. and Mrs. David Lewis, brother-in-law and sister-in-law; Master Tom Idris Evans, brother-in-law; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Evans (Deri), Mr. and Mrs. Davies (Ystrad), uncles and aunts; Mr. Evan Jones, uncle; Messrs. David Thomas, Rees Harris, B. John, and Mrs. Davies, Mrs. Jenkins (Pontlottyn), Mrs. Mills (Rhymney), Mr. & Mrs. Job Davies, Mr. & Mrs. W. J. Ballard, Mr. Wm. & Mr. David John Jacob, Miss Rachel Jacob (Fochriw), Mr. & Mrs. Myall Williams (Dowlais), Mrs. E. Morgan (Tredegar), cousins The deceased's Sunday school class of children walked before the coffin.

"Merthyr Express" 16 April 1910

Sale of Desirable Leasehold Dwelling Houses Mr. J. Lloyd Atkins has received instructions to sell by public auction, at the Rising Sun Inn, Fochriw, on Tuesday, 19th April, 1910, at 7:00p.m., the following valuable leasehold properties:

Lot 1 - All those leasehold dwelling houses, gardens, and premises, situate and being Nos. 14 & 15, Pentwyn, Fochriw, now let to monthly tenants. These premises are held under a lease for a term of 99 years, from the first day of November, 1858, and subject to the annual ground rent of £1 18s.

Lots 2, 3, 4, and 5 - All those dwelling houses, gardens, and premises, situate and being Nos. 1, 2, 3, & 4, Pleasant View, Fochriw, now let to monthly tenants. The premises comprised in Lots 2, 3, 4 and 5, are held under a lease for a term of 99 years, from the first day of May, 1875, subject to an annual ground rent of £3 13s 2d, which will be apportioned on the night of the sale. For further particulars applied to Messrs. Lewis and Jones, Solicitors, Merthyr Tydfil.

Personal The numerous friends of the Rev. Moses S. Young, pastor of Noddfa Baptist Chapel, will be pleased to learn of his recovery from his recent illness. He has again taken up his duties at the church.

Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. Brother Thomas Thomas presided. A discussion took place on "Great Men's Opinions of Temperance," the following taking part: Bros. Thos. Thomas, Sam Lewis, Wm. Jones, Chas. Payne, and Sister M. A. Lewis.

Carmel Literary and Mutual Improvement Society The last of the series of weekly meetings of the Society was held at the Vestry on Wednesday evening, when the Rev. D. Hughes Jones presided. The meetings have been very successful, enthusiasm being maintained to the end. A very interesting lecture on "Mynyddog" was given at the last meeting by the Rev. E. O. Evans, Bedlinog, which was much appreciated by all present.

Interment: Mrs. Geo. Honeybun, Aelybryn The funeral of the late Mrs. Geo. Honeybun took place on Saturday last, the place of interment being the New Cemetery, Rhymney. The deceased had been ill for a considerable time. The funeral was large, the deceased being highly respected by one and all. A short service was held at the house conducted by the Rev. B. Glover, curate, Pontlottyn, before the journey to the Cemetery, where it was met by the Rev. Thos. Rees, vicar, and Mr. H. L. Jukes. The chief mourners were: Mr. George Honeybun; Mr. and Mrs. T. Fox, brother-in-law and sister; Mr. and Mrs. John Tippett, brother and sister-in-law; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Tippett, brother and sister-in-law; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tippett, brother and sister-in-law; Mr. and Mrs. John Lewis, brother-in-law and sister; Mr. and Mrs. J. Penny, brother-in-law and sister-in-law; Messrs. W. Thomas and T. Tippett, nephews; Miss Cissy Bartlett, niece; Mrs. Davies, aunt.

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Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week, Sister Bronwen Ballard presiding. An excellent paper on "Handel" was read by Brother Thomas Walters, Brynteg, who was heartily thanked.

Cricket A Cricket Club has been formed at Fochriw The following are the officials: captain, Mr. David Davies; vice captain, Mr. Evan Jones; chairman, Mr. T. H. Llewellyn; treasurer, Mr. Jesse Williams; secretary, Mr. William Evans. The team will play their first match of the season on Saturday week on their new pitch, which would be laid out with cocoanut matting.

Pentwyn Church The first annual meeting since the re-opening of the Church, to pass accounts and appoint sidesman, was held at the vestry on Wednesday evening week, and was presided over by the

Rev. T. Rees, vicar. The accounts were presented by Mr. Joseph Payne, lay reader. They were considered highly satisfactory, and unanimously passed. The following were elected sidesman: Messrs. David Jones, Penybank; Frank Attwell; Thomas Jones; and M. Parry, Pentwyn. The Vicar heartily thanked Mr. Payne, and all who helped in the work of the Church. Mr. T. Baldwin, on behalf of the people, also spoke in glowing terms of the work which Mr. Payne was doing in the Church. Mr. Payne thanked the sidesmen, the organist (Mrs. Everett), Mr. Mantle, Mr. Evan Jones, Mr. Morgan Parry, Mr. Wood (conductor of the choir), and others who had rendered assistance.

Property Sale A successful sale of leasehold property was held at the Rising Sun Inn, on Tuesday evening. Two leasehold dwellings, Nos. 14 and 15, Pentwyn, were sold together for £147 10s. to Mrs. Llewellyn, Fochriw. Four leasehold dwelling houses, Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4, Pleasant View, were offered in separate lots, and knocked down to the following purchasers: No. 2 to Mr. William Evans, Dowlais, for £170; No. 3 to Mrs. Williams, Fochriw for £150; Nos. 4 & 5 to Mr. Wm. Morgan, Pontlottyn, for £155 and £145 respectively.

“Merthyr Express” 30 April 1910

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for year ending March 1909 Fochriw: Births 132; Birth rate 36.8; Deaths 74; Death rate 20.6 (rate in 1908 - 18.2)

Advert T. Fine & Co., Pontlottyn for your Whitsuntide Suit and Boots; New Stock just arrived; Men's stylish suits ready to wear 24s 6d to 45s; Youths' suits, latest styles, from 12s 6d to 32s 6d. The most fashionable stock of Hats, Caps, Ties, Collars, and Shirts in Wales.

Wedding: Pritchard - Wellings A pretty wedding took place at Gellygaer Church on Thursday week, the contracting parties being Mr. Levi Pritchard and Miss Mary E. Wellings youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Wellings, Pentwyn. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Jesse Jones, Rector of Gelligaer, and the bride was given away by her father. Mr. John Griffiths, Brook-row, was the best man. Mrs. Coggan, sister of the bride, and Mr. Joseph Payne, accompanied the party. The happy couple were the recipients of numerous presents, and also the good wishes of their many friends.

Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week, Sister Bronwen Ballard presiding. The following were elected officers: Chief Templar, Sister Bronwen Ballard; vice-templar, Sister Beatrice Griffiths; secretary, Sister Mary A. Lewis; financial secretary, Sister M. Rees; treasurer, Bro. Thomas Thomas; guard, Brother James Healy; marshal, Brother William Griffiths, deputy marshal, Brother Thomas Lewis; chaplain, Brother William Jones; assistant secretary, Sisters C. Jones. After the election of officers, a reading was given by Brother Thomas Lewis.

Presentation At the Bargoed Inn, Deri, on Saturday last, Mr. Harry Evans, Fochriw, was presented with a gold albert, medal, and a pipe, by his fellow workmen on the occasion of his resigning from Fochriw collieries after 35 years service. He has held the position of foreman for the past 20 years. The presentation was made by Mr. William Williams, Pentwyn. At intervals, songs, etc, were rendered by Mr. James Healy, Mr. W. T. Williams, Mr. J. Evans, Mr. Wat Williams, and Mr. H. Hughes. The accompanists were Mr. J. Evans (Dowlais), and Mr. H. Hughes. Mr. W. T. Williams gave an excellent rendering of "The Veteran." The singing of "Hen Wlad fy Nhadau" by Mr. W. T. Williams brought a very pleasant evening to a close. Mr. J. Evans carried out the arrangements, and the vice-chairman was Mr. G. Uzzell, Deri.

“Merthyr Express” 14 May 1910

Noddfa Chapel On Sunday evening, a service in memory of the late Mr. John Edwards, Martin-street, was held at the Chapel. The pastor preached an impressive sermon. “The Dead March” was played on the organ by Miss Lilian Williams. The singing was conducted by Mr. Thomas Evans, junior.

The Late King Touching references were made last Sunday at Carmel Congregational Chapel, St. Mary's Church, and Pentwyn Church, to the death of the late King, and deep and sincere sympathy was expressed with Queen Alexandra and the Royal family in their great sorrow. At Nazareth Chapel, the preacher described the late King as the King of Peace, and as one of the greatest of rulers, always tactful and wise.

Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week, Sister Bronwen Ballard presiding. The officers were installed by Brother Charles Payne. The past officers gave their reports, which were accepted with thanks. An excellent paper on "Ann Griffiths" was read by Brother William Jones, and was much appreciated.

Annual Tea Party The people of Nazareth held their annual tea party on Monday last in ideal weather. The tables were tastefully laid, and ample justice was done to all the good things that were provided. The following ladies superintended at the tables: Mrs. David Jones, Mrs. Elias Davies, Mrs. J. D. Jones, Mrs. Isaac Roderick, Mrs. Maggie Davis, Miss Elizabeth Ann Parry, Mrs. Sam Evans, Mrs. Hopkins, Mrs. J. Jones, Miss Jennie Jones. Assistance was also given by Mrs. Captain Jones, Mrs. T.

Robert, Mrs. James Evans, Miss Gwenny Rees, Miss Beatrice Jones, and Messrs. Peter Jones, James Lawrence, John Lawrence, Tom Lawrence, Willie John Angell, Roderick Jones, Edward Parry, and Rev. Isaac Roderick.

Cricket: Fochriw v Dowlais Dowlais 51; Fochriw 56 for 3 wickets. E. Jones was top-scorer for Fochriw with 26 not out.

“Merthyr Express” 21 May 1910

Cricket: Fochriw v Bedlinog, played at Bedlinog Fochriw, put into bat, lost their first three wickets for one run. D. L. Jones and D. Evans then made a stand, but the innings ended with the Fochriw score on 45. The Bedlinog innings started equally badly, and continued so, the side being dismissed for 17 runs. D. Davies took 8 wickets for 8 runs.

Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. Bro. James Williams presided, and also read a paper on "How to Become a Man." Bros. Thomas Thomas, Wm. Jones, and Chas. Payne took part in the discussion.

Ambulance Parade The Fochriw St John Ambulance Brigade, under the command of Supt. William John Ballard, attended Noddfa Baptist Chapel on Sunday evening. The Reverend Moses S. Young preached an appropriate sermon.

Bazaar A bazaar is being held at the Council Schools this week promoted by the members of the Noddfa Baptist Chapel.

Banquet At the winding up of the Technical Classes for the last session, a banquet was held by the teachers and pupils of the different classes. The mining, the Welsh, and the Art Needlework classes, under the tuition of Mr. William Davies, Mr. Rhys Jenkins, and Mrs. Isaac Roderick, respectively, joined to celebrate the success of the classes. Mrs. Edith Cole Jones was appointed secretary, and Mrs. Isaac Roderick treasurer. The tables were laid out in an artistic fashion. About 100 people attended, and all enjoyed the good things provided by the ladies. The following ladies took an active part at the banquet: Mrs. Captain Jones, Mrs. Maggie Davis, Mrs. T. Roberts, Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Captain Edwards, Miss Ceridwen Thomas, Miss Beatrice Griffiths, Miss Mary Jane Angell, and Miss S. A. Williams. An entertainment was held after the banquet. Councillor John Jones, who presided, said he trusted the social would be the means of stimulating others to join the classes next winter. He thought they were giving good mental training to the young people, which would make them useful citizens in the future. Miss Ceridwen Thomas rendered a solo, and Mr. Simon Cole gave selections on the gramophone. Mr. J. D. Jones read a piece on "Sleeping," which caused great amusement. A most amusing feature of the evening was a competition for the best story. The competitors were: Messrs. J. Jones, J. D. Jones, Moses S. Young, Rhys Jenkins, Howell Thomas, Simon Cole, William Davies, and Mrs. Edith Cole Jones. Dr. Eleazer Davies adjudicated, and the prize was divided between Mr. Howell Thomas and Mrs. Edith Cole Jones. The Rev. Isaac Roderick recited a stanza (englyn) on the banquet, and the singing of the National Anthem concluded an excellent meeting.

“Merthyr Express” 28 May 1910

Cricket: Fochriw v Bedlinog As in the previous match, Bedlinog were dismissed for just 17 runs. D. Davies, the Fochriw captain, took 5 wickets for 5 runs, and D. Evans 4 for 10. When Fochriw batted, they soon passed their opponents score.

Public Memorial Service to the Late King A public memorial service was held at Carmel Chapel on Friday, when the Fochriw Ambulance Brigade, headed by the Fochriw Brass Band, and followed by the general public, marched to the chapel. Funeral marches were played by the band, under the direction of Mr. Mantle. Rev. Isaac Roderick presided at the chapel, and said that they had come to mourn one of the greatest monarchs to sit on the British throne. The King had a great regard for Wales. He visited her Eisteddfodau, her universities, and other national institutions in the land. Councillor John Jones said that King Edward came to the throne during the South African war, when the nations of Europe were pointing their fingers at the British flag; but the King, with his tact and wisdom, united all the nations of Europe in the bond of love and peace. Dr. Eleazer Davies said King Edward's interest in the welfare of his subjects was very wide. He was Sovereign Head of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem - a department of which was the St. John Ambulance Association. During his late Majesty's reign, the Association made great strides. His Majesty took great interest in the health of his people. His interest and example were very far-reaching, and now we mourned for the King who was in full sympathy with his subjects' welfare. Rev. Moses S. Young also spoke. The "Dead March" was played by the band, and Mr. Thomas Walters played an appropriate funeral march on the organ at the close. A collection in aid of the widows and orphans in the Whitehaven disaster was made, and a substantial sum realised.

Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week, Bro. James Williams presiding. An

excellent paper on "The Work of the Lodge," was read by Br. Thomas Lewis. Bros. Thos. Thomas, Wm. Jones, and Chas. Payne took part in the discussion.

Obituary: Mrs. Matthews, Guest-street, aged 53 The funeral took place on Saturday of Mrs. Matthews, who passed away after a long and painful illness. Deceased was a native of Cwmaman, Aberdare, and came to Fochriw about 30 years ago. She was 53 years of age. Deceased was a faithful member of Nazareth Chapel, and a devout worshipper. She was also a faithful scholar in the Sunday school until her health failed. She had a large circle of friends, by whom she was greatly loved and highly respected. The interment took place at the Old Cemetery, Aberdare. A short service was held at the house conducted by the Rev. Isaac Roderick, who also officiated at the graveside. The chief mourners were: Mr. James Everitt and Mr. Joshua Everitt, brothers; Mr. and Mrs. D. James, brother-in-law and sister; Mrs. J. Everitt, sister-in-law; Mr. and Mrs. Peter Jones, nephew and niece; Mr. and Mrs. Pugh Jones, nephew and niece; the Misses Jennie Jones, Beatrice Jones, and Maggie Maud Jones, grand-nieces.

Funeral: Mrs. Anne Powell, Guest-street, aged 73 The funeral took place last Friday of Mrs. Anne Powell, wife of Mr. Wm. Powell, 15, Guest-street. Deceased was a native of Merthyr Cynog parish, Breconshire, having been born at a farmhouse called Tawyrallf, at Upper Chapel, in the year 1837. She was one of a family of nine. All her brothers and sisters predeceased her. The deceased had lived at Fochriw for about 35 years. The body was conveyed by train on Friday morning to Talyllyn Station, to be interred at Pennorth Chapel graveyard, where her mother, and several other relatives lie buried. Deceased had been a faithful member of Carmel Chapel for many years. Rev. D. Hughes Jones officiated.

Bazaar at Fochriw A very successful bazaar was held at the Fochriw Council Schools on Wednesday and Thursday week. It was promoted by the members of the Noddfa Baptist Church, with the object of raising a substantial sum to liquidate the heavy debt on the Church, which was rebuilt at great cost about seven years ago, and is now one of the finest in the village. Large numbers attended the bazaar, which was a great success. On the first day, a portion of scripture was read by the pastor, who also engaged in prayer. The opening solo was sung by Miss Annie Rees, Dowlais. Mrs. Dr. Davies opened the bazaar, and was presented with a bouquet by Mr. Thomas Evans senior. Miss Annie Rees was presented with a bouquet by Miss Irene Phillips. The second day opened in similar fashion, the opening solo being given by Mr. Tom Phillips, Dowlais. Mr. George Phillips opened the bazaar, and he was presented with a bouquet by Miss A. M. Thomas. Mr. Tom Phillips received a bouquet from Miss May Evans. The officials of the bazaar were: president - Rev. M. S. Young; lady president - Mrs. J. Williams, Brynawel; treasurer - Mrs. G. Phillips, grocer; secretary - Mrs. Capt. Edwards, the Anchorage. The following are the stall-holders: Plain Needlework: Mrs. Matthews, Mrs. A. Walters, Mrs. Edith Morgan, Mrs. Evans (Penybank), Mrs. C. M. Jones, and Mrs. M. A. Jenkins; Fancy Stalls: Mrs. Price (Pentwyn), Miss May Evans, Mrs. Davies, Miss Bevan, Mrs. A. M. Thomas, Mrs. Staddon; Toy Stall: Mrs. Thomas Evans Miss Rowena Edwards, Mrs. M. Pugh, and Miss Olwen Edwards; Sweets Stall: Mrs. P.S. Williams, Miss M. S. Edwards, Miss Janet Jones, Mrs. J. Davies Miss S. P. Williams, Miss Maggie Evans, Mrs. R. M. Walters, Mrs. J. Harries; Fruit and Flower Stall: Miss Beatrice Jones, Miss M. Davies, Miss E. A. Williams, and Miss L. Thomas; Bachelors' Stall: Messrs. G. Thomas, W. H. Jones, Tom Evans, Sydney Phillips, Johnny Williams, and Joshua Evans; Refreshment Stalls: Mrs. J. Lewis, Mrs. J. Evans, Miss J. Thomas, Mrs. Catherine Thomas, Mrs. R. Davies, Mrs. Rees Thomas, Mrs. E. J. Evans, and Mrs. T. Price. The Call Office: Miss M. Rees and Miss Dinah Thomas. The following competitions were held: stocking mending for gentleman, hat trimming for gentleman, washing competition for gentleman, nail driving for ladies, unpunctuated reading competition for ladies and gentlemen (Welsh). The Bran Tub was in the charge of Miss Bessie Rees and Miss Hilda Phillips, and the "shooting" in charge of Mr. Mordecai William. The "Hoop-la" was managed by Mr. Thomas Evans junior, and Mr. Ben Thomas. The "electric battery" was in the charge of Mr. David Harris, and the "Aunt Sally" was managed by Mr. David Price. Each day, successful entertainments were given by the children, under the conductorship of the Miss Lilian Williams, with Miss Gertrude Williams at the piano. Variety entertainments were given each evening by Mr. William Payne and Company, which concluded with a laughable sketch entitled "The Police Court," in which the following took part: Messrs. W. J. Payne, Wat Williams (who also gave an exhibition with the handcuffs), Harry Hughes, Levi Pritchard, and Percy Pike. Messrs. Sam and John Evans had charge of the entertainments. Selections were given at intervals during each day on the phonograph which was manipulated by Mr. George Cheeke.

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Cricket: Dowlais Works v Fochriw The visitors failed to rise to the occasion, and were trounced by the Works. Powell did the hat-trick, in all taking 6 wickets for 12 runs. The Fochriw total was 26. Dowlais reached the target without the loss of a wicket.

“Merthyr Express” 11 June 1910

Cricket: Bargoed v Fochriw Scores: Bargoed 117; Fochriw 37

Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week, Sister Bronwen Ballard presiding. The evening was devoted to "Topical Talks," the subject being "The Art of Noble Living," and, "The Order and the good work it is accomplishing throughout the world." All the brothers and sisters took part.

Public Meeting: the Labour Party A public meeting was held at Nazareth Chapel on Monday evening last, when addresses were delivered by Mr. T. J. Mardy Jones (Rhondda) and Mr. Albert Thomas (miners' agent, Bargoed), on "The Labour Party, its work and benefits." Mr. Jones dealt with the history of the Labour Party. He said the Independent Labour Party came into existence because the Liberal and Conservative parties had failed in their duty towards the labouring classes. He gave a few examples of what he considered inconsistency, and the unfairness of the present system. In the Rhondda, today, he said, there were about 27,000 men and the boys working at the collieries, and their average weekly earnings worked out at 30 shillings per week, or equal to £78 per annum. Twenty seven dukes, on the other hand, had annual incomes averaging £78,000. One duke received as much as 1000 miners. He stated that 5 million well-to-do people received 95 % of the country's income, the other 40 million just 5%. Mr. Thomas dealt with the advantages of combination. There was a large attendance. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the speakers, and to the members of Nazareth Chapel for the loan of the building, on the proposition of Mr. Evan Morgan Davies, Pentwyn, seconded by Mr. George Thomas. The meeting was presided over by Mr. Ellis Savaker, Bargoed, who was accorded a hearty vote of thanks.

“Merthyr Express” 18 June 1910

Ordination at Fochriw: Councillor Becomes a Minister Councillor Rhys Jenkins was ordained into the full work of the ministry at Carmel Welsh Congregational Chapel on Monday. There was a large congregation, which was presided over by the pastor, Rev. D. Hughes Jones. The following ministers were present: Revs. R. E. Peregrine, Rhymney; E. W. Williams, Hirwain; E. James, Carmarthenshire; J. R. Salmon, Pontlottyn; T. J. Jenkins, Nantymoel; J. E. Jones, Dowlais; Moses Young, Fochriw; Isaac Roderick, Fochriw. The Rev. T. Jenkins introduced the meeting, and Mr. R. D. Jenkins gave a brief profession of his faith. Addresses were given by the Rev. E. W. Williams, chairman and secretary of the North Glamorgan Congregational Association, and the following: Mr. Thomas Lewis and Dr. Eleazer Davies (on behalf of the church); Revs. I. Roderick and M. S. Young, Fochriw; Revs. Sayers, T. H. Jenkins, R. E. Peregrine, J. R. Salmon, Ll. Davies, J. G. Jones and Edryd Jones. Coun. Rhys Jenkins is a native of Fochriw, where he has spent the best part of his life. He was educated at the Memorial College, Brecon. He is a Welsh scholar, and has for several sessions conducted Welsh classes at Deri and Fochriw. He is also a fine essayist, and has several times adjudicated at Eisteddfodau. He has taken an active part in public life for a number of years, and is at present a member of the Gellygaer District Council. He is one of the Gellygaer school managers, and is a member of two committees of the Welsh Congregational Association. Besides being a deacon at Carmel Chapel, and corresponding secretary, he has for years been secretary of the local Liberal Association, and is an ardent supporter of Sir Alfred Thomas, M.P.

“Merthyr Express” 25 June 1910

Cricket: Rhymney Seconds v Fochriw Scores: Rhymney 38; Fochriw 34.

Success Master John Elias Davies, son of Mr. David Davies, overman, Martin-street, has been successful in gaining the intermediate certificate of the Tonic Sol-fa College.

Independent Order of Good Templars A very successful tea was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday week, promoted by members of the Lodge, in aid of the Juvenile Temple. About 200 people sat down to tea. The tables were presided over and assistance rendered by the following: the Misses M. A. and B. Ballard, Mrs. Stephen Ballard, Mrs. Caradog Ballard, Miss M. A. Davies, Miss E. A. Rowlands, Mrs. Wm. Griffiths, Mrs. Cook, Miss C. Jones (Pentwn), Miss M. Rees, Miss B. Griffiths, Mrs. Griffiths, Mrs. Wm. Lewis, Bros. Charles Payne, Wm. Griffiths, Wm. Jones, Thos. Lewis, Mr. J. Phillips, Mr. George Thomas. The secretarial duties were successfully carried out by Sister M. A. Lewis, and Bro. Wm. Griffiths acted as treasurer.

Orders for Printing to Mr J. C. Payne, 7, Railway-terrace, the local representative of the "Merthyr Express."

“Merthyr Express” 2 July 1910

Independent Order of Good Templars: Outing The annual outing of the Star of Fochriw Lodge took place on Saturday last, when Weston and Clevedon were visited. The party, numbering about 25, left Pontlottyn for Cardiff by the 7.45a.m. train, and proceeded to Weston by the 9.40a.m. boat. After enjoying themselves at Weston, they proceeded to Clevedon by light railway. A most enjoyable afternoon was spent in this pretty place. They returned to Weston on the 4.45p.m. train, before leaving

for Cardiff by the 7:40p.m. boat. They returned to Fochriw by the 10:10p.m. train. The weather throughout the day was ideal.

Mining Success Mr. Evan Henry Davies, 16, Hill-row, Pentwyn, has passed the 1st stage of the 3rd class County Council Mining examinations, held at the Fochriw Council School, in April last. Mr. Simon Cole, Aelybryn, passed the 1st stage of the 2nd class.

Scripture Examination The result of the scripture examination held last April for the children at Nazareth chapel is to hand. It is very creditable to the Rev. Isaac Roderick, their teacher, that out of eight who sat the examination, seven passed very highly in the first Division, and one in the Second Division. One of the candidates was placed fourth on the list of 700 candidates. The examination is arranged by the Sunday School Union of the Calvinistic Methodist Connexion in East Glamorgan. It is by no means an easy examination. On Sunday, Mr. J. D. Jones (School House) distributed certificates to the following children who were successful: Mary Jane Jones, Maggie Davies, Katie Jones Davies, Mary Edgar, Annie Maude Jones, Doris Davies, Mattie Jones, Hettie Edgar. Mr. Jones urged all the children to cultivate themselves in every field of knowledge. He was glad to note that every one of them had written their answers in Welsh at the examination.

T. Fine & Co., Pontlottyn The latest styles in children clothing. Smart fancy suits for little boys from 3s 11d to 14s 6d. A new stock off washing suits, washing blouses, jerseys, and jersey suits just received. Solid leather Gladstone bags, full size, London make, at reduced sale price of 17s 6d; 24s 6d; and 30s. Ladies Dress Baskets reduced to 17s 6d; 24s 6d; and 30s.

“Merthyr Express” 9 July 1910

Recreation Ground At the meeting of the Gellygaer District Council on Tuesday, a report by Councillors J. Jones and R. Jenkins on the site for a recreation ground at the Fochriw was submitted. The report recommended a site on the other side of the river - about 140 yards long, by 60 to 70 yards in width - which could be obtained at a very small cost, and would be very suitable for the purpose. On the motion of Mr. D. Richards, seconded by his Dr. J. Richards, the matter was referred to the Public Works Committee.

Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week, Sister Bronwen Ballard presiding. The following contributed to the programme arranged by the juveniles: solos - Charlie Edwards, Octavius Richards, Cyril Cook, Thomas Jones, Maggie Gough; recitations - Elsie Griffiths, May Rowlands.

Outings The members and scholars of Carmel Chapel had their outing on Monday when Talybont-on-Usk was visited by over 400 people. The weather was exceedingly favourable, and a very enjoyable day was spent. Two splendid meals were provided for the children and adults. A number of ladies and gentlemen from Fochriw rendered great assistance. A field had also been provided for the children in which to play.

Nazareth Sunday school scholars went to Llangorse. Most visitors took advantage of boating on the lake. Many historical places in the district were visited. Mr. Roderick Jones was the secretary of the trip, and Mr. Peter Jones was the treasurer. Pianoforte solos were played during luncheon hours by Mr. Roderick Jones and Miss Katie Jones Davies.

The majority of Noddfa Sunday school and Penybank Sunday school children visited Brecon. A large number of the older members of the Church were present. Many went boating on the river, whilst the Barracks and the College Buildings were also visited. Refreshments were provided at one of the Temperance hotels.

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Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. Sister Bronwen Ballard presided. An excellent address on "Education" was delivered by Bro. James Williams. The following contributed to the discussion: Bros. Thos. Thomas, Thos. Lewis, Wm. Jones, Chas. Payne, and Sister B. Ballard.

Cricket: Fochriw v Rhymney Played on Tuesday week at Rhymney. Scores: Fochriw 42; Rhymney 174. The return match was played on Saturday, the homesters turning the tables on their opponents, winning by a single run. Scores: Rhymney 61; Fochriw 62. Rod Jones played a sound innings of 21 for Fochriw at a critical time.

“Merthyr Express” 23 July 1910

Corns Cured While You Sleep Use Dr. Well's Corn Silk. Take no imitations. Agent: Aneurin Jones, Post Office.

Testimonial The Royal Humane Society has awarded a testimonial to Mr. Watkin Williams 23, Hill-row Pentwyn, for successfully rescuing a person from drowning at the New Pond, Penywern, on May 24th. The case was brought to the notice of the society by Mr. Joseph Payne.

Bazaar The bazaar which was recently held in aid of the Noddfa Baptist building fund, proved a great success. A clear profit of £140 was realised. Great praise is due to all helped to make the bazaar a success.

Gallantry Recognised In May last, a collier, named Thomas Davies of Dowlais, attempted suicide by drowning in the New Pond Penywern. Mr. Watkin Williams of Pentwyn promptly jumped into the pond which is twelve feet deep, and eventually succeeded in pulling Davies out. The Royal Humane Society has awarded a testimonial to Mr. Williams.

Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week, when Tirphil Lodge entertained. Addresses were also given by the following: Sister Ballard, Brothers Payne and James Williams.

“Merthyr Express” 30 July 1910

School Childrens' Tea On the occasion of the opening of the new Infants' School at Fochriw, a tea was given to the scholars of the mixed schools on Friday afternoon at four o'clock. The expenses of the tea were paid by Mr. J. D. Jones, headmaster, and the staff of the Mixed School. The children did justice to the good things provided.

Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. The following officers were elected: Chief Templar, Brother Sam Lewis; vice Templar, Sister A. J. Jones; secretary, Sister M. A. Lewis; treasurer, Brother T. Thomas; chaplain, Sister C. Jones; marshal, Brother O. Richards; guard, Brother W. Jones; sentinel, Sister M. Griffiths; assistant secretary, Brother J. Williams; deputy marshal, Sister C. Jones. A programme on "Observations" followed, Bro. Thomas Thomas being responsible.

Smoking Concert A very successful smoking concert was held at the White Horse Inn on Saturday night last, promoted by the members of the Bee Hive Friendly Society whose club room is at the above inn. A good number were present. An excellent programme of music, etc, was provided, which was contributed to by the following: solos – Messrs. Crad Shankland, William Morris, Tom Harris, and Harry Wilcox; comic songs – Mr. James Healy; duet – Mr. Shankland and Mr. Morris; bone rattling etc. – Mr. James Healy; solo – Mr. Jarman; mandoline solo – Mr. Harry Death; solo – Mr. Griffith Griffiths. This singing, etc, was of a very high standard throughout. The secretary was Mr. Evan Morgan Davies, Pentwyn, who, in the absence of Mr. W. Thomas, occupied the chair. Mr. Thomas Baldwin was the treasurer.

Obituary: Mrs. Jones, Brynteg-terrace, aged 83 The death of the late Mrs. Jones, 5, Brynteg-terrace, took place on Wednesday week. The deceased had been ill for a good time. She was one of the oldest inhabitants in the village, and was greatly respected by one and all. She was born in Lampeter in 1827 and attained the ripe old age of 83 years. The funeral took place on Saturday last. A short service was conducted in house by the Rev. Isaac Roderick. (Nazareth). The Rev. Moses S. Young gave out the well-known hymn at the door, “Yn y dryfraedd maur ar tannau,” after which the solemn cortege wended its way to the station, Pant Cemetery being the place of interment. Rev. D. Hughes Jones officiated at the graveside. Deceased was a faithful member of Carmel Chapel, and a devout worshipper. She seldom missed a week-night or Sunday service until her health failed. The chief mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. W. Walters, son-in-law and daughter; Messrs. Thomas Jones and Evan Rees Jones, sons; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Davies, Ferndale, son-in-law and daughter; Mrs. Jones, Ynyshir, daughter-in-law; Messrs. Thomas Walters, James Jones, D. E. Jones, Thomas John Jones and J. R. Walters, grandsons; Misses Maggie Walters, Rachel Walters, M. A. Walters, Hannah Jones and Sarah Jones, grand daughters; Mr. & Mrs. Margaret Morgans, Dolygaer; Mr. & Mrs. Mary Wathan, Pontsticill, Mr. & Mrs. R.H. Jenkins, Cefn; Mr. & Mrs. D. Jones, Rhymney; Mr. & Mrs. Rees Jones, Deri; Mr. Roderick Jones & Nurse Jones, Fochriw; Mrs. A. Williams, Brecon; Mr. W. & Maggie Jones, Ynyshir; Master John P. Jones, Gwen & Greta Davies, Ferndale; Miss E.A. Jones, Abercynon, grand children; Mr. & Mrs. Thomas, Merthyr Vale, nephew and niece; Mrs. Ellen Jones & daughter, nieces; Masters Stephen Wathan and W.D. Jenkins, Pontsticill; Misses Hannah, Mary and Maggie Jane Morgans, Dolygaer; Master D.E. Jenkins, Cefn, great grand-children. The following were also present: Mr. & Mrs. Davies, schoolmaster, Brithdir; Mr. & Mrs. Walters, overman, Rhymney; Mrs. Griffiths, abercynon; Mrs. Evans, Cefn. The coffin was of solid oak. The funeral arrangements were in the hands of Mr. D. Davies, Aelybryn.

Soccer Club for Fochriw A meeting was held at the Conservative Club, when it was unanimously decided to form a club for the forthcoming season, the same to compete in the Glamorgan League. The following officers were appointed: Mr. Edwin Evans - secretary; Mr. T. L. Harris - treasurer; Mr. A. Evans - captain; Mr. W. Wilcox - vice-captain. A strong committee was also elected, and the prospects of the new club seem exceedingly bright.

“Merthyr Express” 6 August 1910

Fell Off The Horse Whilst Drunk Watkin Jones was fined 10 shillings and costs at the Merthyr on Friday. Defendant was in charge of a horse and fell off whilst drunk. He was taken to the Pontlottyn Police Station.

Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Tuesday evening. A very interesting Welsh paper was read by Brother William Jones on a "Bwthyn y Weddw." Brothers James Williams, Thomas Lewis, Sam Lewis, and Thomas Thomas took part in the discussion.

Women's Quarrels At Merthyr Police Court, on Friday, Mary Walters, Margaret Jones and Eliza Lloyd of Penybanc, were summoned for using bad language towards Lydia Walters, and there were cross-summons. The parties handed to the bench written specimens of the words used. Police Constable Stead said that some of the parties came from Lancashire, and could not get on with the Welsh people. The defendants were always quarrelling. The parties were bound over to keep the peace. An assault summons was dismissed.

Obituary: Mrs. Owen Davies, Davies-row, Pentwyn The death of the late Mrs. Owen Davies, took place on Saturday last. The deceased was one of the oldest inhabitants of the village, and was greatly respected. Rev. D. Hughes Jones officiated at the house, and the Rev. M. Williams, Dowlais, at the graveside at Pentwyn Churchyard. The chief mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. Davies, daughter and son-in-law; Miss Edith E. Davies, grandchild; Masters T. O. Jones and D. R. Jones, great grandchildren.

Tea and Sports St. Mary's and Pentwyn Churches held their annual tea, demonstration and sports on Thursday last. The demonstration was headed by the Fochriw Brass Band, and after parading the streets, they returned to St. Mary's Institute, where a splendid tea was provided. The sports were held at Pentwyn, and owing to the bad weather, some of the events were postponed.

Wedding: Morgan-Llewellyn A pretty wedding were solemnised on Monday at Gellygaer Church, by the Rev. T. Jesse Jones, Rector, the contracting parties being Miss Emily C. Morgan, daughter of the late Mr. W. O. Morgan, head teacher of Fochriw Councils School, and Mr. Samuel Llewellyn, Bedlinog. Miss M. F. Morgan and Miss Maude Llewellyn, sisters of bride and bridegroom, were the bridesmaids. The guests who accompanied the wedding party were: Dr. and Mrs. Davies, Fochriw, brother-in-law and sister of the bride; Mr. M. D. Morgan, brother of the bride; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Llewellyn, Fochriw, parents of the bridegroom; Messrs. John, Kinsey and Edwin Llewellyn, brothers; Mr. Thomas Kinsey, uncle of the bridegroom; Mrs. John Llewellyn, Bedlinog, and Mrs. Chrystal (Canada), aunts of the bridegroom. The wedding party returned to 37, Aelybryn, the home of the bride, where Mrs. W. O. Morgan and Mrs. James, Brynmawr, sister of the bride, presided over the wedding breakfast. The young couple left by the mid-day train for their honeymoon in Cardiganshire. The presents were numerous and costly.

“Merthyr Express” 13 August 1910

Outing The Band of Hope of the Good Templars Lodge had their annual outing on Wednesday, when they visited Abergavenny. About 200 people went by special train from Pontlottyn. Most of the time was spent in visiting the castle and the many places of interest. The arrangements at the Silver Grill Restaurant were very satisfactory for dinner and tea. The party returned by special train at 7:45p.m.

Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. After the ordinary business had been transacted, the new officers were installed by Brother Charles Payne. Short stories were afterwards read. The meeting was presided over by Brother James Williams.

“Merthyr Express” 20 August 1910

Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week, Bro. Thomas Lewis presiding. A Bible class was held, in which all took part, and a most profitable evening was spent. The class was conducted by Brother James Williams, Pentwyn.

Temperance Address An open air temperance meeting was held on Sunday afternoon near the station, and Mr. James Lovely of the Church of England Temperance Society's van, gave an address. There was a very large number present. Mr. Lovely gave an interesting account of his life as a navvy, and of his conversion, which was brought about by a little book given to him on his birthday, which contained this question, "What is your life?" The question appealed to him so strongly that he became a changed man, a total abstainer, and an active worker in the cause of temperance. He spoke of the home and the influence of the mother, and strongly appealed to the mothers and fathers present to banish strong drink from their homes for their children's sakes. He strongly denounced grocers' licences. At the close of his address, he gave an excellent recitation (compiled by himself), entitled, "The Navvy's Story." The meeting was presided over by the Rev. Robert Jones, curate-in-charge.

“Merthyr Express” 27 August 1910

Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week, Bro. Sam Lewis presiding. A fruit banquet was held, the sisters being responsible. Sister Bronwen Ballard gave a reading, Bro. James Healy and Sister Ballard gave accounts of their holiday travels, and Brother James Williams gave a reading.

“Merthyr Express” 3 September 1910

Football A meeting of the Hotspurs A.F.C. was held at the Ambulance ante-room on Tuesday night. Fochriw are amongst the many newcomers to the Third Division. Formerly, the colliery town endeavoured to secure prestige in the Rugged code, but with the advent of Mr. S. E. Phillips, and a few other enthusiasts, this has all been changed. The players signed would not disgrace any Second Division club, and Fochriw should go far.

Pentwyn: 14 New Houses Excavations are in progress for the building of 14 houses at Pentwyn. The contract has been given to Messrs. Wm. Lewis, Tirphil, and David Davies, Fochriw.

New Infants' School Open The Infants' School, which was opened by Councillor John Jones in July last, was attended for instruction by the scholars for the first time on Monday last.

Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. Brothers Sam Lewis, Chief Templar, presided. An excellent paper on "The Advantages and Disadvantages of Literature" was read by Sister M. A. Lewis, Pentwyn. Sister Lewis was highly complimented by both brothers and sisters.

“Merthyr Express” 10 September 1910

Presentation at Fochriw On Wednesday evening at the Mount Pleasant Inn, Pentwyn, Mr. Adams was presented with a handsome gold albert and medal (suitably inscribed) by his fellow-workmen - the enginemen, stokers and service craftsmen – on his leaving the district. A very large number of workmen were present. Mr. Wm. Powell presided. Mr. Adams thanked his fellow workmen heartily, and said that he had never worked a day out of Fochriw in his life. Now, he was venturing on a new life, and he thought that hundreds of Welshmen should do the same. An excellent programme of music, etc. was contributed by the following: gramophone selection, manipulated by Mr. Wm. Parry, Pentwyn; solo, “The Veteran” Mr. T. G. Davies; comic song, “As a friend,” Mr. Harry Griffiths; song, “Eileen ma Creagh,” Mr. S. Philpot; comic song, “I have to be cruel to be kind,” Mr. Harry Charles (Dowlais); song, “Thora,” Mr. T. G. Davies; humorous address, Mr. Wat. Watkins; descriptive song, “Love and Honour,” Mr. Tom Harris; comic song, “Has anyone seen our Charlie?” Mr. Hy. Charles; song, “John Willie,” Master Arthur Prichard; solo, “Yr Ornest,” Mr. T. G. Davies; Indian Club Exhibition, Mr. Wat. Williams; song, “The Cows in the Dairy,” Mr. Dd. Prosser; song, “Another good man gone wrong,” Mr. Hy. Wilcox; song, “Roger Tichborne,” Mr. Wm. Evans. A vote of thanks was accorded to the chairman and artistes on the motion of Mr. Watkin Williams, seconded by Mr. Jenkin Pugh. Mr. Harry Hughes was the accompanist.

“Merthyr Express” 17 September 1910

Scholastic Success The following have been successful in passing the Central Welsh Board (junior) examination, recently held at Hengoed: Howell Jones (with distinction in woodwork and chemistry), Freddie Williams, and Judith A. Angell.

Noddfa Chapel The annual preaching meetings in connection with this Church were held on Sunday and Monday and were well attended. Inspiring sermons were delivered by the Rev. S. G. Bowen (Pembrokeshire), and the Rev. D. Lloyd (Holyhead), the former preaching a most effective sermon on Sunday evening which was much appreciated by all present. The singing, which was of a very high standard, was conducted by Messrs. Thomas Evans and Sam Evans. The organists were Miss Lilian Williams and Miss Hilda Phillips.

Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. Brothers Sam Lewis, Chief Templar, presided. Papers were read on "Why I should be happy" by Brothers Charles Payne and William Jones, and Sisters Beatrice Griffiths and Maggie Griffiths. Brothers Sam Lewis, James Williams, William Griffiths and James Healy, and Sister M. A. Lewis took part in the discussion.

Sports Very successful sports were held at Slimmond's Field on Thursday last being promoted by the Association Football Club. Ideal weather prevailed, and a good number attended. The committee worked hard to make the sports a success. The officials were: president, Mr. James Williams; chairman, Mr. F. R. Barker; vice-presidents, Messrs. Wm. Morgan, T. Williams, John Bevan, Thomas Roberts, Wm. Thomas, Harry Evans, T. Prosser, Evans Price Jones, R. Howells (Bedlinog), Morris Davies (Troedrhifwuch), J. E. Jones (Tirphil), Tom Morgan, F. J. Wootten, and Dr. John Jones. The results were as follows: Marathon race - 6 entries - 1st A. Pimm, Caerphilly, £1; 2nd Wm. Thomas, Fochriw, 10s; 80yds boys' race - 1st T. J. Morris, Rhymney, 5s; 2nd H. Rowbottam, Deri, 2s 6d; 120

flat handicap, open – 1st Harry Roberts, Fochriw, £2; 2nd E. T. Jones, Bargoed, £1; 3rd E. W. Price, Bargoed, 5s; 220 yds open handicap – 1st Huw Howells, Bedlinog, £1; 2nd Dai Lewis, Fochriw, 7s 6d; Football kicking - 30 entries – 1st T. Morris, Pontlottyn, silver medal; Timbering – 1st Wm. Lewis & Geo. Dummett £1; 2nd Dd. Lewis & Dd. Harris 7s 6d; Tug of War – 1st Bedlinog 10s; 80 yds over 50 – 1st Wm Evans, Fochriw; 2nd Harry Evans, Fochriw; Sack race – 1st E. W. Price 7s 6d.

“Merthyr Express” 24 September 1910

Bravery Rewarded: Royal Humane Society's Certificate to Mr. Wat Williams On Friday evening last, at the Ambulance Hall, Mr. Watkin Williams, Pentwyn, was presented with the testimonial of the Royal Humane Society for the saving of life at Dowlais. A large number were present, the hall being practically full. The chair was taken by Councillor John Jones. The circumstances of the rescue were as follows: On 24th May, Mr Watkin Williams was 120 yards below the pond when someone shouted "A man in the pond." Williams immediately ran up to the pond, divested himself of his coat, vest, cap and muffler, and jumped in taking with him a crutch which he obtained from a cripple on the bank. Swimming out to the man, he handed him the crutch, which he took hold of, and instead of letting Williams bring him back, he pulled Williams towards him and try to grip him. To avoid being gripped, Williams pushed him off with the crutch and swam back to the bank. He immediately made another attempt (the man now becoming weaker), and was this time successful in bringing him safely back to the bank. Mr. J. C. Payne brought the case before the notice of the Society, and after a very searching inquiry, granted Mr. Williams a testimonial.

An excellent rendering of the "The Veteran" was then given by Mr. T. G. Davies, Fochriw, and Mr. William Morris sang beautifully "Llwybr yr Wyddfa." Miss Ceinwen Thomas, Fochriw, delighted the audience with a fine rendering of "Alone on the raft," followed by a laughable recitation from Mr. Robert Davies, Pontlottyn, which was encored, and a song from Mr. Samuel Philpott. Dr. Eleazer Davies then read the certificate and presented it to Mr. Wat Williams. Mr. Williams thanked everyone for their kindness, and especially Mr. J. C. Payne for his work in gathering the evidence relating to the rescue. Speeches from Rev. M. S. Young, Mr. J. D. Jones, Mr. T. G. Davies, Mr. Charles Payne, and Mr. W. J. Ballard then followed. Mr. Harry Charles of Dowlais delighted the audience with his comic songs, and Mr. Wm. Morris gave a splendid rendering of "The Death of Nelson." The usual votes of thank were then made, and a collection was made for the Society. The singing of "Hen Wlad fy Nhadau" brought the evening to a close. Messrs. Harry Hughes and Thomas Walters presided at the piano.

Conservatism The Conservative Van visited Fochriw last week. Mr. B. Wharmby, Abertridwr, dealt with the ethics and objects of Trade Unionism as applicable to the Conservative working man. The meeting was presided over by Mr. F. R. Barker.

Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. Brother Sam Lewis, Chief Templar, presided. The subject for the evening was "Topical Temperance Talks." Lodge Drill was also indulged in, all brothers and sisters taking part. Br. Thomas Lewis was the instructor.

Fochriw Miners' Meeting The members of the Fochriw Lodge of Miners held their annual meeting on Monday at the Fochriw Council Schools. Mr. Thos. H. Llewellyn, president of the lodge, occupied the chair. There was a large attendance. The chairman referred to the resolution concerning the question of starting the collieries an hour later, which has been relegated by the monthly meeting for the lodges to discuss. He said, he preferred to start an hour earlier, but it was for the members of the lodge to decide the matter. After a short discussion, it was resolved unanimously: "That we adhere to the working hours in vogue at present at the collieries."

The secretary of the lodge, Mr. Thomas Ballard, then moved the following resolution: "That this meeting calls the attention of the Government once again to the imperative necessity of amending the Coal Mines Regulation Act, so as to secure the more efficient inspection of all mines, and taking other precautions necessary to bring about a reduction in the enormous loss of life and serious accidents to the workmen. We also urge upon the Government to initiate and carry through the necessary legislation for relieving trades unions from the disabilities created by the Osborne Judgment; and until this is accomplished, we call upon all members of the Federation to voluntarily contribute the funds necessary to secure direct representatives in the House of Commons and upon local government bodies. Also, we protest against the rack-renting which is prevalent in our neighbourhood, by which the earnings of the workmen are so much taken up. We also protest against the actions of the land owners of Fochriw in not giving the necessary facilities for the community to build houses and other buildings appertaining to the welfare of the inhabitants, believing that the only solution to the problem of the land question is nationalisation. Also, we consider that the Federation will not secure for its members the full protection possible, until the contributions are increased, and an out-of-work fund established." The resolution was seconded by Mr. James Williams, and supported by Mr. E. Black

(Cardiff) in a spirited address on Trades Unionism, its origin, its growth, and its beneficial results to the working men of this country. The resolution was carried unanimously.

Mr. John Davies, miners' agent, followed with timely advice on the present crisis in the Rhondda Valley and the Cambrian Collieries. He said he did not believe in sectional flights, but we had to choose the lesser of the two. His advice was that the Cambrian workmen alone should tender notices, and all of South Wales and Monmouthshire miners should support them by contributing a levy by which they would be able to prolong the fight.

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Carmel Chapel The pulpit was occupied on Sunday by Professor Lewis of Aberystwyth College.

Rugby Football: Fochriw v Sirhowy On Saturday last, the Fochriw R.F.C. opened the season with a match against Sirhowy. The game ended in a pointless draw. The game was watched by a large number of spectators.

Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. Brother Thomas Lewis presided. After the ordinary business of the Lodge was at an end, selections on the gramophone were given by Mr. A Jones, postmaster. A fine exhibition on the bones was given by Brother James Healy, who also gave a recitation. Bro. James Williams gave an address.

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Rugby Football: Fochriw v Beaufort The teams met in a Second Division match of the Rhymney League. Fochriw were winners by 8pts to nil.

Dedication Festival A dedication service was held at St. Mary's Church on Thursday evening last, when the pulpit was occupied by the Rev. D. Davies, vicar of Rhymney, who preached an appropriate sermon from II Kings, ii., 14.

Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. Brothers Sam Lewis, Chief Templar, presided. The evening was devoted to "Compositions of Poetry," all members taking part. Br. James Williams was responsible for the programme.

“Merthyr Express” 15 October 1910

Football: Fochriw v Brithdir Played on Saturday last. Score: Fochriw 3; Brithdir 0.

Carmel Chapel A students' gymanfa was held at the chapel on Sunday, when the pulpit was occupied by three students of the Collegiate School, Pontypridd. Two English and three Welsh sermons were preached during the day. Mr. David Davies conducted the singing, and Mr. Thomas Walters presided at the organ.

Noddfa Chapel Thanksgiving services were held on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and were well attended. On Sunday, the Rev. M. S. Young preached appropriate and inspiring sermons. Mr. Thos. Evans junior conducted the singing, and Miss Lilian Williams and Miss Hilda Phillips were the organists.

Successes The Art Class conducted by Mr. J. D. Jones (schoolmaster) at Bargoed for session 1909-10 proved very successful. In freehand drawing, out of six who sat, five were successful. In model drawing two others were successful.

Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. Brother Sam Lewis, Chief Templar, presided. After the ordinary business, an excellent poem was read by Bro. James Williams on "The Dawn." Bros. S. Lewis, Wm. Jones, Thos. Lewis, Thos. Thomas and Sister Ballard took part in the discussion. Br. Payne gave a short address.

“Merthyr Express” 22 October 1910

Football: Rochriw v Tredegar Hibernian Reserves Score: Fochriw 6pts; Tredegar 0.

Political Meeting A public meeting under the auspices of the East Glamorgan Conservative and Unionist Association was held at the Fochriw Council Schools on Tuesday evening, when an address was given by Mr. Frank H. Gaskell. The chair was occupied by a Mr. F. R. Barker, Deri.

Carmel Literary and Mutual Improvement Society The first of the winter series of meetings of the Society was held at the Vestry on Wednesday evening. Rev. D. Hughes Jones presided. An excellent Welsh lecture entitled "Trem ar Gymru yn bresenol," was given by the Rev. R. E. Peregrine, Rhymney.

Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. Brother Sam Lewis, Chief Templar, presided. An excellent programme was contributed to by the following: pianoforte solo – Mr. Harry Hughes; readings - Bro. Wm. Jones & Sis. Catherine Jones; recitations - Sisters Jones (Brynteg), and B. Ballard; pianoforte solo - Bro. Octavius Richards; readings - Bros. T. Lewis & J. Williams. A report on the annual session of the English Grand Lodge of Wales, held at Swansea, was given by Bro. Chas. Payne.

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Nazareth Chapel The annual preaching services were held on Sunday and Monday. The preachers were the Revs. Davies, Llandilo, and Moses Evans, Blaengarw. The singing was conducted by Mr. Wm. Morris, with Mr. Roderick Jones at the organ.

Carmel Literary and Mutual Improvement Society The weekly meeting of the Society was held at the Vestry on Wednesday evening. Rev. D. Hughes Jones presided. Excellent paper on "The Place of Religion in Life" was read by Mr. James Williams, Pentwyn. A keen discussion followed in which the Rev. Rhys D. Jenkins and Mr. Thomas Lewis took part.

St. Mary's Church Harvest thanksgiving services were held on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday. The preachers on Sunday were the Rev. R. Jones, curate-in-charge, and the Rev. Thomas Rees, vicar of Pontlottyn; on Monday, the Rev. J. Davies, Deri, (Welsh); on Tuesday, the Rev. E. T. McNamara, Clydach Vale. There were large congregations. The lessons were read by Mr. Josiah Richards. The singing was conducted by Mr. John Williams (Llew Brycheiniog), with Master O. Richards was at the organ.

Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. Brother Sam Lewis, Chief Templar, presided. An excellent programme was contributed to by members of the Juvenile Temple. There were competitions in singing and reciting. The following competed in the singing competition: Sisters Doris Davies, May Rowlands, Hannah Jones, Maggie Gough, and Brothers Cyril Cook and, Thomas H. Jones. The prize was awarded to Brother Thomas H. Jones. The following took part in the recitation competition: Sisters A. Cook, Ruth Griffiths, Ceridwen Thomas, M. Griffiths, M. J. Jones, Maggie Gough, and Brothers J. R. Walters, D. J. Shankland, O. Healy, Willie Way, and Willie White. The successful competitor was Sister Maggie Gough. Selections were given on the gramophone, manipulated by Mr. A. Jones, postmaster. Brother James Healy gave a fine display with the clappers. Bro. Thomas Lewis presided over the juveniles' entertainment.

Gellygaer School Managers: Unsatisfactory Conditions at Fochriw School The Clerk read the report of the special committee appointed to inspect the existing schools at Fochriw. The committee recommended the building of a new mixed school adjoining the present school, with accommodation for 250 children, and that more land to be obtained for that purpose. Mr. J. Jones said that the state of the present school was filthy, and the whole committee agreed that a new school was needed. A report was sent to the County Authority.

“Merthyr Express” 5 November 1910

The Storm Due to the storm which visited the district on Monday night, slight damage was done to St. Mary's Church roof.

Football The Hotspurs Association team played the Aberbargoed team on Saturday last, on the mountainside, and the homesters were defeated by 3 goals to nil.

Carmel Literary and Mutual Improvement Society The weekly meeting of the Society was held at the Vestry on Wednesday evening. Rev. D. Hughes Jones presided. An excellent paper was read by Mr. Thomas Lewis on "Which is supreme - Bible, Church or Conscience?" In the discussion which followed, Messrs. George Thomas, Thomas Thomas, James Williams, E. M. Davies, and the chairman took part.

Entertainment The first in a series of popular entertainments was given at the Pentwyn Church Vestry on Monday evening, presided over by Mr. Joseph Payne. There was a good attendance. An excellent programme was contributed to by the following: recitation, Miss Ceridwen Davies; solo - "Power from God" Miss M. Tyler; recitation, Miss Rachel Davies; solo, Miss Mary Watkins; recitation - "The effects of Wine," Mrs. S. J. Williams; duet, "Waiting and Watching for me," Mrs. Lewis and Miss Mary Tyler; recitation "The old brandy bottle" Mr. Archer; comic song, Mr. Bert Tyler, which was encored; recitation "The Burial of Sir John Moore" Miss Irene Davies; duet, "Beyond the smiling and the weeping," Mrs. Lewis and Mrs. Morgan; short address, Mr. John Wood; recitation "Man the lifeboat" Mr. W. Gwynne; solo, Miss Blodwen Watkins; solo, Miss Sarah Williams. Several selections were given on the photograph manipulated by Mr. William Parry.

Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. Brother Sam Lewis, Chief Templar, presided. The following were elected to hold office for the coming quarter: Chief Templar, Brother Sam Lewis; vice-templar, Sister A. J. Jones; secretary, Sister M. A. Lewis; financial secretary, Brother William Jones; treasurer, Brother T. Thomas; chaplain, Brother S. Ballard; marshal, Brother O. Richards; deputy marshal, Sister C. Jones; sentinel, Sister Maggie Griffiths; assistant secretary, Brother James Williams; past chief Templar, Sisters B. Ballard; lodge deputy, Brother C. Payne; superintendent juvenile temple, Brother T. Lewis. Excellent papers were read by Bros. S. Lewis and Wm. Griffiths on "Holiday-making."

Pentwyn Church Harvest Thanksgiving services were held on Wednesday evening week and on Sunday, and were very well attended. On Thursday evening, the Rev. T. Evans, Merthyr Vale, preached an inspiring sermon. On Sunday morning, Mr. J. C. Payne, lay reader, was the preacher. In the evening, the Rev. T. Rees, vicar, preached an inspiring sermon, and warmly congratulating the Pentwyn people for their noble work in renovating the old Church. It was a voluntary work, a labour of love; and therefore, was one of the best gifts that could be offered God. The singing was conducted by Mr. John Wood, and Mr. Harry Hughes presided at the organ. The Church was beautifully decorated. The fruit was given to the aged and sick of the District, and to the Penybank Hospital, and the Workhouse Infirmary, Merthyr. The vegetables, etc, were disposed of by Mr. Morgan Parry and Mrs. Lewis at the vestry, on Monday night, and the proceeds given to the Llandaff Church Extension Society.

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Football: Fochriw Hotspurs v Abertysswg Fochriw 4; Abertysswg 2.

Penybank Hospital Nurse Nesbitt, matron of the hospital, conveys thanks for the gifts of fruit, etc., from the churches of Pantywaun and Pentwyn.

Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. Bro. Charles Payne installed the officers for the coming quarter. The evening was then devoted to "Ode Singing," over which Bro. Thomas Lewis presided, with Bro. Richards at the piano.

Carmel Literary and Mutual Improvement Society The weekly meeting of the Society was held at the Vestry on Wednesday evening. Rev. D. Hughes Jones presided. A debate took place on "Should Labour be supported?" Mr. Evan Morgan Davies, Pentwyn, took the affirmative, and Mr. William Walters, Fochriw, the negative. A discussion followed the reading of the papers in which at the following took part: Messrs. Daniel Rowlands, Rees Rees, George Thomas and Job Thomas. The meeting favoured the support of Labour. A duet, rendered in find style by Miss M. A. Walters and Miss Hannah Jones, brought the very pleasant evening to a close.

Entertainment The first in a series of popular entertainments was given at the Church Institute on Tuesday night, Mr. Charles Payne presiding. The programme, which was a really good one, was contributed to by the following: song, Master Charles Edwards; recitation, Master Brinley Sibley; song, Master James Sheady; recitations, Miss Maggie Prosser, Miss Blodwen Watkins, Miss C. Edwards; song, Miss Violet Curtis, Miss Gwenny Gough, Master Freddy Lewis, Miss Ivy Curtis, Miss Mary J. Cole; recitations, Master Samuel Gough, Miss Laura Harris, Miss Rowena Harris, Miss Gwenny Gough; song, Master Johnny Cole.

Mission at Noddfa Chapel The chapel was well-attended on Tuesday and Wednesday, the occasion being a special mission conducted by the Rev. Frederick Verralls, assisted by the Rev. E. R. James and Mrs. James of Dowlais, the latter being the soloist at each meeting. By his somewhat novel methods, Mr. Verralls roused the large congregation to great enthusiasm, which continued for well over two hours. The people were loathe to leave, but the meeting ended at 9p.m. (having begun at 6.30) with "Wales for Christ" having been heartily sung. Rev. Young thanked Mr. Verralls, saying that they would always remember his visit with gratitude. Each minister in the district was present and supported the mission.

“Merthyr Express” 19 November 1910

Band The Aberaman Silver Band visited the district on Saturday last, and sought alms on behalf of the those suffering as a result of the strike in the Aberdare valley.

Football The Fochriw Rugby team were at home on Saturday, engaged in a league match with Hollybush. Fochriw were winners by two tries to nil. The Hotspurs Soccer team played at Rhymney Crescents, and were defeated by 1 goal to nil.

Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. Brother Sam Lewis, Chief Templar, presided. Bro. T. Lewis read an excellent paper on "The Influence of Character." Brothers James, Wm. Jones, C. Payne, and Sis. B. Ballard took part in the discussion.

Carmel Literary and Mutual Improvement Society The weekly meeting of the Society was held at the Vestry on Wednesday evening. Rev. D. Hughes Jones presided. A paper on "St Paul" was read by Mrs. Dr. Davies. Mrs. E. Cole Jones, Messrs. Thomas Lewis, James Williams, Geo. Thomas, Wm. Lewis, and William Walters took part in the discussion. Recitations were given by Miss Sarah Jane Willams and M. Griffiths.

Lecture A lecture on "Mines and Miners," was given at the Council Schools on Monday night by Mr. Henry Davies, director of mining instruction. The lecturer dealt with mines from their earliest inception, and was illustrated with lantern slides. The Rev. D. Hughes Jones presided.

St. Mary's Institute A very successful entertainment was held on Tuesday night, the following contributing to the programme: solos, Masters C. Edwards, B. Sibley, W. Way, J. Shedy, O. Richards; recitations, Masters A. Prosser, F. Lewis, John Rees Walters, Samuel Gough, John Cole, Edwin Jones. A singing competition took place in which the following competed: Willie Way, Nan Prosser, Mabel Curtis, Violet Curtis, Octavius Richards, James Shedy. The test piece was "Who is This?" from the hymn book. A prize of 2s 6d was given by Mr. John Williams, and this was divided between Miss Mabel Curtis and Master Octavius Richards. Mr. Charles Payne presided.

Entertainment Another in the series of popular entertainments was given at the Pentwyn Church Vestry on Monday evening, presided over by Mr. Morgan Parry, Pentwyn. The following was the programme: recitation, Miss Irene Davies; solo "Behold Him" - Miss S. Williams; recitation "Till the sea gives up its dead" - Miss Mary Lewis; recitation "Life's Mirror" - Miss Blodwen Watkins; solo, "Thou wast once on mother's knee" - Miss Mary Watkins; recitation, 23rd Psalm, Miss Alice Mills; recitation "The Bird's Complaint" - Miss Catherine Watkins; solo "Farmer's Waggoner" - Mr A. Tyler; solo "I shall know him" - Miss Mary Tyler; solo "Have you been with Jesus" - Miss B. Watkins; recitation "The Legend of Artaban" - Mr. James Williams; comic song "That's the reason noo I wear a Kilt" - Mr. Arthur Pritchard; solo "Heaven" - Miss S. J. Williams; trio, Mrs. M. Lewis, Miss M. Tyler, Mr. J. C. Payne; comic song, "The hob-nailed boot my father wore" - Mr. A. Pritchard; solo "Waiting and Watching for me" - Mrs. F. Morgan; solo "The Heavenly Song" - Mrs. M. Lewis; recitation "Elwin a Bronwen" - Miss Mary Morgan. Several items were given on the gramophone manipulated by Mr. Wm. Parry.

"Merthyr Express" 26 November 1910

Confirmation At the Parish Church, Pontlottyn, on Tuesday night, seven candidates from St. Mary's, and five from Pentwyn Churches, presented themselves for confirmation.

Football: Fochriw R.F.C. v Blackwood As the visitors were a few players short, some having missed the train, Fochriw provided good substitutes. Fochriw were winners of a hard-fought game by a dropped goal to nil.

Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. Brothers Sam Lewis, chief Templar, presided. The evening was set apart for addresses on beer, all members taking part. Five members were initiated during the meeting.

Carmel Literary and Mutual Improvement Society The weekly meeting of the Society was held at the Vestry on Wednesday evening. Rev. D. Hughes Jones presided. An excellent Welsh paper was read by Mr. David John Thomas entitled "Dylanwad Cerddoriaeth ar Fywyd." Miss Lizzie Lones, Mr. Rees Rees and Mr. Wm. Walters took part in the discussion.

Entertainment Another in the series of popular entertainments was given at the Pentwyn Church Vestry on Monday evening, presided over by Mr. John Wood. The following contributed to the programme: solos: Misses Winnie Pritchard, Blodwen Watkins, Mary Tyler, Mary Watkins, Mrs. F. Morgan, Mr. Albert Tyler; recitations: Misses S. J. Williams, B. Watkins, Maggie Sarah Martin, Catherine Watkins, Maggie Morgan, B. Watkins and Mrs. W. Gwynne; mouth organ solo, Mr. F. Attwell. Several gramophone selections were also given.

"Merthyr Express" 3 December 1910

Fochriw Men Against "Down Tools" Policy A special meeting of the Fochriw Lodge was held at the Fochriw Council Schools on Tuesday to consider "the present crisis and our future policy." The chair was occupied by Mr. T. H. Llewellyn, the local lodge chairman, who asked members to give the speakers who would address them, a fair hearing, to be cool-headed, and to consider seriously the present situation in the South Wales Coalfield, which was of vital importance to each one. Mr. John Davies, miners' agent, said that they had called this meeting for the purpose of making a reply to the Aberdare speakers who addressed the mass meeting at Dowlais last Sunday, and who had criticised the action of the Executive Council of the Miners' Federation in not calling a conference. He (the speaker) said that the Executive Council were not against calling a conference to deal with the position, but what they would not agree to was to convene a conference which would decide finally the issue which would be placed before it. They knew full well that on different occasions, on very important and grave matters, conferences had come to one conclusion, while the men in the coalfield, on a ballot being taken, gave the reverse decision. An official conference would be called, and he asked the meeting to select a delegate in readiness to represent the Fochriw lodge before the meeting finished. He was very sorry that so many had attacked Mr. W. Abraham (Mabon), which was unjust. He believed honestly, although Mr Abraham was getting old, he was still one of the finest leaders in South Wales, and had worked hard for the miners of the coalfield (cheers). At this juncture, the chairman left, and the vacancy was filled by Mr. George Thomas, the monthly delegate. Mr. Thomas Jenkins, district secretary, gave timely advice to the workmen. He also said that before the week was out, the voice of

the Dowlais workmen would be heard through a ballot for or against the "down tools" policy. The meeting resolved: "That we, as members of the Fochriw Lodge, are against the policy of "down tools," - the resolution being carried unanimously. A vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the proceedings.

"Merthyr Express" 10 December 1910

Mr. Stanton's Supporters at Fochriw A well-attended meeting in support of the candidature of Mr. Stanton was held at the Council School on Tuesday night. The meeting was presided over by Mr. Evan Morgan Davies, Pentwyn, who spoke of the attempt to abolish or to reform the House of Lords in 1894, but up to now no reform had taken place. Mr. John Davies, miners' agent, said that he was there in support of Mr. Stanton and Labour. He stated that England's greatest enemy was the House of Lords. He referred to the Rhondda and Aberaman riots, and the brutal conduct of the police towards the people. He hoped that Mr. Stanton would get into Parliament, if only to help Mr. Keir Hardie to press for an inquiry into the conduct of the police in the Rhondda and Aberdare Valleys. Speaking of the House of Lords, he said there were men there managing other people's business, who were quite incapable of managing their own. He thought highly of Mr. Lloyd George, because he was doing his best to introduce Labour principles into the Liberal Party. He hoped that they would heartily support Mr. Stanton. The chairman stated it was time to throw over the Conservative and Liberal parties, and support Labour only. If there were to be a Second Chamber, let them be elected by the people. Mr. James Williams also spoke strongly in support of Labour and Mr. Stanton. A vote of confidence in Mr. C. B. Stanton was proposed by Mr. George Thomas, who said that if Mr. Lloyd George made one more step, he will be in the ranks of the Labour Party. He said that Mr. Stanton was termed "firebrand," and he stated it was a very good thing to have some firebrands amongst them to warm up some of our cool members. The vote of confidence was seconded by Mr. John Davies, miners' agent, and on being put to the meeting, a good many held up their hands. Mr. Stanton was not present at the meeting.

Football: Fochriw R.F.C. v Bargoed Score: Fochriw 3pts; Bargoed 5 pts.

Carmel Chapel The half yearly meetings of the above Church were held on Sunday and Monday, when the following ministers officiated: Rev. Professor Joseph Jones, Brecon College; the Rev. Rowland Hughes, Tylorstown; Rev. R. E. Peregrine, Rhymney. The attendance was good throughout, and very edifying and inspiring sermons were delivered by the reverend gentleman. The Rev. D. Hughes Jones, pastor, supervised the services.

Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. Brother Sam Lewis, Chief Templar, presided. After the ordinary business, Brother Thomas Lewis read an excellent paper on "Pippa passes" (by Browning), which was much appreciated. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Bro. Lewis on the motion of Sister D. Jones, Brynteg, seconded by Sister A. Jones, Royal Stores.

Entertainment Another of the series of popular entertainments was held at the Pentwyn Church Vestry on Monday night. A good number attended, and the chair was occupied by Mr. Morgan Parry. The programme was contributed to by the following: recitations - Master Willie Davies, Miss Sarah Evans, Miss Sarah Williams, Master William Williams, Miss E. A. Davies, and Master John Alban Davies; solos - Misses Mary Watkins, Ceredwen Davies, Maggie Morgan, Agnes Tyler, Blodwen Williams, S. J. Williams, Mary Tyler, Blodwen Watkins, Mr. Morgan Parry, and Master R. G. Atwell; comic songs - Messrs. Albert Tyler, Ernest Jones, and Miss Blodwen Watkins; duet - Mrs. Morgan and Mrs. Lewis; trio - Mrs. Lewis, Miss Mary Tyler, and Miss Mary Lewis. A mouth organ competition took place, and the prize, which was given by Mr. Morgan Parry, was awarded to Mr. Ernest Jones. The adjudicator was Mr. William J. George, Pentwyn. Several selections were given on the gramophone manipulated by Mr. Morgan Parry. Mr. J. C. Payne thanked the artistes for their contributions.

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Carmel Chapel On Thursday evening, the Rev. G. Pennar Griffiths, Pentere-Estyl, paid a visit to Carmel, and delivered an instructive lecture on "Erynwyr Cymru." The speaker is a well-known bard, and the author of some excellent hymns. This enabled him to speak with a great deal of authority on the hymnology of Wales in the past. There was a good attendance. The chairman, Dr. Eleazer Davies, spoke very enthusiastically of the lecture. A vote of thanks was proposed by the Rev. Isaac Roderick, and seconded by the Rev. Moses Young.

Entertainment Another of the series of popular entertainments was held at the Pentwyn Church Vestry on Monday night. A good number attended, and the chair was occupied by the Mr. J. C. Payne. The programme was contributed to by the following: recitations - Miss M. S. Martin, Master Wm. T. Williams, Miss Catherine Watkins, Miss S. J. Williams; solos - Messrs. Thomas Jones, J. C. Payne, Morgan Parry, Miss Mary Tyler, Mrs. Morgan, Miss Blodwen Watkins, Miss Agnes Tyler, Miss

Winnie Pritchard, Master Leonard Angell, Miss Ceredwen Davies, duet - Miss Catherine and Miss Blodwen Watkins, who were accompanied on the accordion; solo - Miss Mary Tyler, accompanied on the violin by Mr. W. J. Jones; comic songs - Mr. Arthur Pritchard; duet Miss Blodwen Williams and Miss Mary Watkins. Selections were given on the gramophone manipulated by Messrs. W. J. Jones and Morgan Parry.

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Carmel Literary and Mutual Improvement Society The weekly meeting of the Society was held at the Vestry on Wednesday evening. Rev. D. Hughes Jones presided. An excellent paper on "Gillsby Jones" was read by Mr. Geo. Thomas. The following took part in the discussion: the Chairman, Rev. D. Hughes Jones, Messrs James Williams and Thomas Lewis.

Social A social was held on Friday last at the Fochriw Council School, under the auspices of the head teacher and staff, in aid of a school piano. Games and whist were played, and, in spite of the storm, an enjoyable evening was spent. A splendid repast was served by the following ladies: Mrs. D. Davies, Mrs. J. Davies, Mrs. H. Jones, & Mrs. D. J. Thomas.

Entertainment A successful entertainment was held at the St. Mary's Institute on Tuesday night, presided over by Mr. Chas. Payne. The following contributed to the programme: solos, Master Gilbert Harris, Miss N. Prosser, Master O. Richards, Miss G. Gough, Miss M. Gough; duet, Misses G. & M. Gough; quartette, Messrs. P. Pike, W. Curtis, Misses M. Prosser & M. Curtis; recitations, Masters G. Harris, D. Woods, Sammy Gough. An enjoyable evening was brought to a close by the playing of an enjoyable sketch by Mr. Willie Curtis and Misses Nan Prosser and Mabel Curtis.

Storm Much damage was done throughout the district by the storm on Friday last. Some of the windows of St. Mary's Church were completely blown in, and slates were torn from the roof. Several windows at Carmel were also blown in. Damage was done to the new houses in course of erection at Pentwyn. Whilst Mr. D. Lewis, greengrocer, was returning from Bedlinog, his cart was overturned by the wind, and as a result the shafts were broken. Luckily, man and horse escaped without any injury.

Entertainment Another of the series of popular entertainments was held at the Pentwyn Church Vestry on Monday night. A good number attended, and the chair was occupied by Mr. John Wood. The programme was contributed to by the following: recitations - Masters W. T. Williams, Willie Davies, Misses E. A. Davies, Irene Davies, M. A. Jones, B. Watkins; solos, Misses B. Williams, W. Pritchard, M. Tyler, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. J. C. Payne; quartette, Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Payne, Mrs. Wood. Several selections on the phonograph, manipulated by Mr. M. Parry, were given; duet, Masters L. Angell and W. T. Williams; song, Master W. T. Morgan.

Concert A successful concert was held at St. Mary's Institute on Thursday last, and an excellent programme was gone through. The chair was occupied by the Rev. Robert Jones, who opened the proceedings with an interesting address. The programme was contributed to by the following: pianoforte solo, Masters O. Richards; bass solo, Mr. Crad Shankland; soprano solo, Mrs. Probert, Pontlottyn; recitation, Mr. Lewis Jones, Penydarren; contralto solo, Miss Richards, Pontlottyn; tenor solo, Mr. Evan Lewis, Penydarren; comic song, Mr. Turner, Rhymney, (encored). Each artiste then gave a second item, together with Mr. A. Morris, Penydarren, who gave a recitation. Mr. Daniel I. Jones, Pontlottyn, was at the piano. The proceeds are in aid of the building fund.

The Late Mr. Evan Evans, Railway-terrace By the death of Mr. Evan Evans, 1, Railway-terrace, Fochriw loses one of its oldest inhabitants. Deceased came to Fochriw from Dowlais about 46 years ago, and he made it his motto to do all he could for the place and its inhabitants. Mr. Evans was very popular with all classes of the community. He was one of the first parish councillors elected for Gellygaer, which position he resigned in a few years due to lack of time to give to the work. He was also, at one period, a member of the late Sirhowy Scale Committee, which position he held for a few years. In every movement for the betterment of the place, he was always to the fore. He was for years a fireman with the Dowlais Iron Company, which position he gave up to take on the responsible position of checkweigher for the men at No. 2 Pit Fochriw, which position he held for 25 years. After the commencement of the present Miners' Federation, he was sought after by many districts with the view to becoming the miners' agent. Deceased was secretary of the Fochriw Lodge of Miners for many years. He was also one of the founders of the Fochriw Library, and was annually re-elected as a committee man. Deceased was much sought after at Eisteddfodau as an adjudicator and conductor. It was he who always conducted at the Fochriw Eisteddfod. He was a musician and no mean order, as the many prizes he won at eisteddfodau testify. His most notable achievement was at Merthyr some 24 years ago, when he won the chief prize and chair with the Fochriw Mixed Choir, against the highly noted choirs of Merthyr and Dowlais. In religious matters he was a Non-conformist. From a young age, he was a member of Carmel Congregational Chapel, and was precentor there for 21 years. At that time, Carmel was noted for its singing. Deceased was a deacon of the chapel for 24 years, which position he held until his death. He was for many years treasurer of the Church. In 1875, Mr. Evans

was married to Ann, the daughter John and Mrs. Francis, Pit-row. She pre-deceased him by 15 years. He leaves one daughter, with whom he had lived since the death of his wife. He suffered long and patiently, and had been unable to follow his occupation for some 10 months. The funeral took place at Pant Cemetery on Tuesday. The Revs. Rhys D. Jenkins, and D. Hughes Jones officiated at the house and Cemetery. From Pant Station to the Cemetery, the choir sang "Daeth yr awr i'm ddianc adre," to the tune "Lausanne," and "Gwel uwchlaw cymylau amser," to the tune "St. Garmon." The chief mourners were: Mr. & Mrs. Richard Evans, son-in-law and daughter; Miss Annie Evans, grand daughter; Mr. & Mrs. T. H. Llewellyn, nephew; Mr. John Thomas, cousin, Carmarthen; Mr. David Lewis and daughter, cousins; Mr. & Mrs. Wm. George, Penydarren, cousins; Henry and Thomas Francis, brothers-in-law; Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Rowlands, brother & sister-in-law; Mr. Chas. Hollister, brother-in-law; Miss Bronwen Francis, sister-in-law; John Francis, Tom and Leyshon Rowlands, nephews; Misses Elizabeth Ann Rowlands and Bronwen Francis, nieces; Mr. & Mrs. Williams, Abertillery, Mrs. M. Williams, Mrs. Davies, cousins.

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Christmas Tree The children of Carmel were given a large number of Christmas presents on Saturday afternoon from a Christmas tree. Miss Lizzie Jones deserves much praise for the manner in which she carried out the programme.

Siloh At Siloh, Penybank, a Christmas tree was provided for the children. Credit is due to Rev. M. S. Young, Mr. Williams, and the Misses E. A. Williams and Mary Davies, for their efforts to make the occasion a success.

Smoker On Wednesday, a very successful smoker was held at the Upland Stores, in connection with the Hotspurs Football Club. The chair was occupied by Mr W. J. Payne with Mr Stephen Ballard as vice-chairman. The following contributed to the programme: Messrs. W. H. Davies, W. J. Jones, W. J. Payne, T. Hopkins, Master A. Pritchard. Gramophone selections were given by Mr. D. H. Cheeke.

Noddfa Chapel The children of Noddfa Chapel were the recipients of many presents and sweets etc., on Christmas Eve. A Christmas tree had been tastefully decorated by Rev. M. S. Young, Miss L. Williams and Miss G. Williams, and many others helped to ensure that the children spent a very happy time.

Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. Brother Sam Lewis, Chief Templar, presided. A discussion on "Christmas: its significance to me" was the programme for the evening. Bros. James Williams, Wm. Jones, Thos. Lewis, Chas. Payne, and Sister B. Ballard took part.

Infants' School The children of the Infants' school were provided with a Christmas tree on Friday afternoon. After the distribution of toys, etc., a miscellaneous programme was gone through. Master Harold Harris took the part of Santa Claus admirably. Mr. Chas. Payne addressed the children. Coun. Rees Jones was also present.

Social A social was held at Carmel Vestry in connection with the Mutual Improvement Society. There was a fine spread prepared, and the following ladies presided: Mrs. J. Lewis, Mrs. W. Griffiths, Mrs. J. Griffiths, Mrs. A. Williams, Mrs. J. Turner, Mrs. H. Jones, Miss R. Walters. The programme was contributed to by the following: duett, Miss E Jones and Miss J. A. Jenkins; recitations, Messrs. James Williams, Harry Hughes, Miss Jennie Ross. In an impromptu speech competition, Mr. D. J., Thomas was the winner. The Rev. D. Hughes Jones presided.

St. Mary's Church At St. Mary's Institute on Christmas Eve, a Christmas tree was provided for the children. It was loaded with books and toys, which were handed to the children by the Rev. R. Jones, assisted by Messrs. Charles Payne and Wm. Lewis. Mr. William Thomas took his part as Santa Claus exceedingly well. Credit is due to Mr. William Williams, superintendent of the Sunday school, who was instrumental in securing the prizes for the children. An address on Santa Clause was given by Mr. Charles Payne. The following contributed to be programme: songs, Miss Maggie Gough, Miss G. Williams, Master O. Richards; recitations, Masters S. Llewellyn, Willie Jones, Willie Evans, Miss M. James; song, Gilbert Harris. In an impromptu speech competition, the winner was Master Eddie Jones.

Fochriw Weddings: Rees-Davies A pretty wedding was solemnised at Gellygaer Church on Saturday morning, the officiating minister being the Rev. T. J. Jones. The bridegroom was Mr. T. Rees of Fochriw, who was accompanied by his father, and the bride, Miss M. M. Davies, daughter of Mrs. Jane Davies, Martin-street. The bride, who looked pretty in a navy blue costume with hat to match, was given away by her uncle, Mr. Evan Price, Rhymney Bridge. She was attended by Miss Annie Davies, her sister. The best man was Mr. W. Jones. The breakfast was served at the home of the bride's mother. She was assisted by Mrs. Price, Misses M. M. Jones and M. Rees. A great number of relations and friends were present. Many presents were received.

Roberts - Lawrence Another pretty wedding: the contracting parties being Mr. Harry Roberts and Miss Kate Lawrence. Rev. T. J. Jones officiated. The bride was attired in an amethyst costume with

cream silk hat. The bridesmaid was Miss Mary Lawrence, sister of the bride, who looked charming in a rose colour costume with cream silk hat. Mr. Tom Lawrence was best man. Mr. J. Davies was also present. The wedding breakfast was at the bride's home, many fiends and relations being present. The wedding party returned to Derwen Deg, the home of the bridegroom, where luncheon was prepared, and later in the day, the happy couple left for North Wales, where the honeymoon is being spent. They were the recipients of many presents.

Candrick-Way Miss Lily Frances Way, eldest daughter of Mr. & Mrs. George Way, Aelybryn, was joined in holy matrimony with Mr. William Candrick, Pontlloftyn, at Gellygaer Church. Rev. T. J. Jones officiated. The bride looked charming in an amethyst costume with cream silk hat trimmed with orange blossoms. She was accompanied by two bridesmaids, Miss Edith Way and Miss Maggie Candrick, sisters of the bride and bridegroom, who were attired in rose colour costumes with hats to match. The breakfast was presided over by Mrs. Way and Mrs. Candrick, assisted by Mrs. W. H. Hughes, the bridegroom's sister. The presents were very numerous.

Pentwyn Church A very successful Christmas tree and entertainment were provided at Pentwyn Church Vestry on Friday evening, Mr. J. C. Payne, lay reader, presiding. An excellent programme of music etc. was contributed to by the following: solo, Miss Blodwen Watkins recitation, Miss M. S. Martin; solo, Miss Mary Tyler; comic song, Mr. Ernest Jones; duett, Mr. Payne and Mrs. Lewis; solo, Mrs. Coggin; comic song, Mr. Albert Tyler; solo, Mr. Tom Jones. Several choruses were given by the Misses Mary Tyler, Ceredwen Davies, Mary Lewis, Irene Garrett, Mary Watkins, S. J. Williams, Blodwen Williams, Maggie Morgan, Mary Morgan, and Catherine Watkins. Mr. Payne then thanked all who had taken an interest in the Sunday School, especially the teachers who worked so hard. The school was in a flourishing state, and he appealed for additional teachers to help in the coming year. He paid high tribute to Mr. Tom Baldwin, the school secretary. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Sparks (Brecon and Merthyr Railway Inspector) for the gift of the tree. The room was gaily decorated, and the tree was loaded with presents. Books were presented to the scholars, and a large quantity of toys and oranges were also given.

Fochriw United Singing Festival The annual singing festival in connection with the three chapels was held on Boxing Day at Carmel Chapel, when the sacred edifice was packed throughout the day. The morning session was for children, and the service was commenced by Miss Ceredwen Thomas, Martin-street, reciting the second chapter of St. Matthew, and the Reverend Isaac Roderick leading with prayer. Addresses were given by the Rev. M. S. Young, and Isaac Roderick. The following tunes were sung: "Cenhadon bach y'm ni," "Clychau'n Canu," "Gawn ni fyn'd i'r Nef i ganu?" "Carwn fyw fel Iesu," "O! mor hawddgar ydyw'r Iesu," and "Dring i Fyny." The Rev. Rhys D. Jenkins presided. In the afternoon meeting, the Rev. Isaac Roderick presided and the following tunes were sung: "Pendaren," "Berlin," "Yr Hen Ganfed," "Salm Don," "Beckwith," "Margaret," "Leipsic," "San Martini," "Altorf," "Bethel."

The evening meeting was presided over by a the Rev. M. S. Young, and the following tunes were sung: "San Remo," "Deerhurst," "Ardudwy," "Gobaith," "Miriam," (the successful hymn in the 1909 Festival), "Calfari," "Gwalchmai," "Rhyl," "Cynhauaf," "Andalusia." At this meeting, the "Dead March" was played in memory of the faithful members of the choir who had died since the last festival, notably the late Mr. Evan Evans, who was always prominently associated with singing. Touching reference was also made to the lamentable explosion in Lancashire, and the assembly all rose to their feet, at the request of the President, and a collection was made for the relief of the sufferers. The secretary was asked to convey the vote of sympathy and condolence to the Mayor of Bolton, and also to send the amount collected - £3 1s 4d, to the Mayor's Fund. The committee, selected by the three churches, with the officials, worked assiduously to make the Festival a success. Mr. David Davies was the conductor, and he did his work admirably. He was supported by the three accompanists: Miss Lilian Williams, Mr. Tom Walters, and Mr. Roderick Jones. The prize for the best hymn tune for children was won by "Beethoven," who transpired to be Mr. Sam Evans, Fochriw, who has won on previous occasions. The adjudicator was Mr. Sam Davies, Penrhiwceiber, whose anthem "Fy Enaid Bendithia yr Arglwydd," was sung excellently at both the afternoon and the evening meetings. The chorus, "O Father, Whose Almighty Power" (from Judas Maccabaeus) was also sung. The officials were: chairman, Mr. Daniel Rowlands; treasurer, Mr. Tom Pugh; secretary, Mr. T. H. Llewellyn.