

“Merthyr Express” 4 January 1913

Dowlais Collier Killed: Walking Home along the Railway On Friday evening last, Thomas Richard Powell, a married man with two children, 36 years of age, a hitcher at No. 2 Pit, Fochriw, proceeded to work, and caught the 8.30 p.m. train at Caeharris for Cwmbargoed and Fochriw. It is said that Powell fell asleep in the van and was left there, so that when he got to Fochriw, it was too late to go down below. He certainly did not ask for his lamp, and it is presumed that he proceeded to walk home. He was knocked down by a train and died shortly afterwards. At the inquest, Wm. Turner, Rhymney Railway guard, said he was on the train that struck Powell. It was a train of forty empty wagons and a van, which was being pushed to Fochriw. The van was leading. He and Allen Williams were on the look out in the van, on which there were two lights. These were lit. He saw something glistening ahead and began to shout, and so did Williams. They continued to shout until they came to the man. He was walking with his head down against the wind. The train was going about six miles an hour. He turned the red light towards the driver, and the train was stopped immediately. The deceased was passed the 12th waggon when he was found. The engine was whistling all the way. It was usual to do so, as so many people walked that way. It was a very rough night. A verdict of ‘Accidental Death’ was recorded.

Fochriw Minister in America The Rev. and Mrs. M. S. Young are meeting with a splendid reception since their arrival in America. The following cuttings from the American press will be received with interest. It is stated from the “Slatington Herald:” “A meeting was held in the Baptist Church, town, Monday evening, the purpose of which was to recognise and welcome into his new charge the new pastor, Rev. M. S. Young, formerly of Fochriw, South Wales. The meeting proved to be a glorious success both for church and pastor, as the sentiment plainly showed for a co-operation of both for the furthering of the cause of the Lord. The call to the Church was delivered by the Rev. Henry Edwards, and the Speech of Acceptance by the Rev. M. S. Young. The spacious and magnificent church was crowded to its doors. After the meeting, a reception was held, refreshments being served by the Ladies’ Aid Society.”

Here is another cutting: ‘Rev. and Mrs. Moses Young, late of Fochriw, were tendered a fruit shower by the members of the Ladies’ Aid Society of the Baptist Church on Friday evening. About fifty of the ladies were present, and each presented the couple with a big jar of fruit. The society also presented them with an elegant dinner set. The evening was pleasantly enjoyed with music and various amusements.’

Orders for printing of any description may be left with Mr. J. C. Payne, 7 Railway Terrace, the local representative of the “Merthyr Express.”

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Entertainment Another in the series of popular entertainments was given at St. Andrew’s Church Schoolroom, Pentwyn, on Monday night. The following contributed to the programme: solo - Miss Sarah Williams; recitation - Master Percy Mantle; solo - Miss Ceridwen Davies; song - Mr. H. Brown; solo - Miss Blodwen Williams; song - Mr. J. C. Payne; recitation - Mr. W. J. Jones; solo - Master Wm. T. Morgan. Mr. H. Brown presided.

Social A social was held at the St. Mary’s Institute on Thursday evening under the auspices of the Penybank Council School. The room was beautifully decorated, and an excellent spread was provided. There was a good attendance. There were dances and games. Mr. S. Phillips was M.C., and Mr. Prosser, Pontlottyn, was at the piano.

Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of ‘Star of Fochriw’ Lodge of the I. O. G. T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening last. The programme, for which Bro. H. Thomas was responsible, was contributed to by the following: pianoforte solo - Sis. Olwen Hughes; exhibition with the clappers - Bro. J. Healy; pianoforte solo - Bro. W. A. Davies; euphonium solo - Mr. William Mantle; pianoforte solo - Sis. Annie M. Jenkins; trombone solo - Mr. Albert Williams; pinoforte solo - Bro. T. Walters; address - Bro. C. Payne.

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Noddfa The weekly meeting of the Band of Hope was held at the Vestry on Tuesday evening, when a good number were present. An excellent programme of solos and

recitations was contributed by members. Mr. David Thomas presided. Mr. G. Thomas is the energetic secretary.

Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge of the I. O. G. T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening last. After the ordinary business of the lodge was transacted, an excellent paper was read by Miss A. G. Williams entitled 'Divine Lessons in Nature.'

Wedding: Evans-Parry The wedding was solemnised at Pontmorlais Chapel, Merthyr, on Tuesday, of P.C. Richard G. Evans (Ebbw Vale), and Miss Elizabeth A. Parry of Fochriw. The bride was dressed in a costume of grey with matching hat. The bridesmaid was Miss Martha Parry, sister of the bride, who wore a green costume with black hat. Rev. Isaac Roderick officiated. The wedding breakfast was at the home of the bride's parents, a large number of friends being present.

Entertainment The last of the series of popular entertainments was held at Pentwyn Church Schoolroom on Monday evening. There was a large attendance, and Mr. J. C. Payne presided. There was an excellent programme the following contributing: solos - Miss Blodwen Watkins, Mr. Tom Jones, Miss Blowen Williams, Miss Ceridwen Davies, Mr. H. Brown; recitations - Miss Agnes Cooke, Miss M. A. Cooke (in Welsh); duet - Messrs. J. Wood and Tom Jones; quartette - Messrs. H. Brown, J. C. Payne, Mrs. Morgan and Mrs. Seaborne; step dance - Miss E. and Master C. Brown; march on whistle - Mr. H. Brown; songs - Master W. T. Morgan, Master Percy Mantle, Miss J. Seaborne, Miss Agnes M. Williams, Mr. C. Ballard; comic dialogue - Messrs. Joe Evans and W. J. Jones; instrumental duet - Messrs. H. Brown and F. Atwell. Mr. J. C. Payne heartily thanked those who had patronised the entertainments, and especially the artistes who had so willingly contributed. Mr. Tom Jones was thanked for his secretarial duties and Mr. W. J. Jones for acting as treasurer. The series had been a great success.

Lecture: Consumption At Fochriw Council School on Friday night last, a lecture on the 'Prevention of Consumption' was delivered by Miss Burkeley Williams, travelling lecturer under the King Edward VII Memorial Fund. Mr. Williams made a special appeal to men to stop spitting in public places, and he showed how the dread disease might be spread through such a habit. To the ladies, Mr. Williams appealed for more fresh air and light in their homes, and pointed out that King Sol was the greatest enemy of the germs of disease. 'Clear away the dark curtains, and make a bonfire of them' was her advice. The lecture was illustrated by limelight views in a very striking manner. Councillor John Jones, Fochriw, presided. There was a large number present. Rev. I. Roderick proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Miss Williams. Miss Williams made an appeal for funds, and a committee was appointed consisting of Messrs. T. Roberts, J. Williams, C. Payne, D. Rowlands, J. Richards, J. Evans, J. Jones and J. D. Jones. This committee is now hard at work. Miss Williams also delivered a lecture to the school children. She complimented the children on their cleanliness and good behaviour. Mr. J. D. Jones, School House, is the secretary of the committee.

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Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge of the I. O. G. T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening last. Bro. Bennett, district secretary, Tirphil, presided. Readings were given by Sisters Walters, Ceredwin Thomas, Myfanwy Cole and Olwen Hughes.

Noddfa Band of Hope The young people of Noddfa chapel spent an enjoyable evening last Tuesday. Addresses were given on temperance, and prizes were given for the best rendering of 'Armour Bearer.' D. J. Davies and Clifford Davies divided the first prize. Master Evan Taswell and Miss Ettie Jones divided the prize for repeating the alphabet backwards. Mr. David Thomas presided.

Nazareth The Young People's Guild met on Wednesday evening. Mr. Wm. Jones presided. The adjudicator for the evening was Mr. J. D. Jones, headmaster. The following programme was gone through: solo - Mr. Tom Lawrence; duet - Mr. D. J. Davies and Miss Hilda Davies; paper on 'Hywel Harris,' one of the founders of the Calvinistic Methodist denomination, by Rev. I. Roderick; verses by Councillor John Jones of his own composition; competition in

place-names won by Miss Mattie Jones; recitation by Miss Lizzie Mary Lawrence; place-names competition for adults won by Mr. Roderick Jones; duet - Miss Mattie Jones and Miss Hilda Davies.

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Noddfa Band of Hope Held on Tuesday evening and was well attended. There was a recitation on temperance followed by a number of competitions. Mr. C. Thomas presided.

Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge of the I. O. G. T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening last. Bro. Thomas Lewis presided. Bro. H. Thomas had prepared the programme which was as follows: pianoforte solos - Sisters Maggie Morgan, A. M. Jenkins and Sarah Cole; recitation - Bro. H. Thomas; reading - Bro. T. Walters; sketch - Bros. T. Walters and H. Thomas; solo - Sister C. Walters. Officers were also elected for the coming quarter.

The Late Mr. John Matthews The news of the death of Mr. John Matthews, butcher, Llwynhelig House, Fochriw, which took place last Friday, caused widespread regret, not only in Fochriw, but throughout the parish of Gellygaer. There was no more familiar figure, or popular person, in the district. He had spent 52 years in Fochriw. Deceased was the only surviving son of Mr. Wm. Matthews, butcher, Fochriw. He was born at Cwmbargoed, near Dowlais, and came to Fochriw with his parents when he was about four years old. He went to the National School, Pentwyn. He assisted his father, and then took over the business when his father retired 32 years ago. He was a great dealer in cattle, and was a first-class judge of the same. In religious principles he was a Methodist, and in politics, a staunch Liberal. He was married 32 years ago to Jane, second daughter of Mr. D. Morgan, contractor, Glynmil Cottage, near Merthyr. He worked up to the Saturday before his death. He leaves a widow and only son. The interment took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Wednesday, and was for men only. Many farmers were present; indeed, the large gathering at the graveside was representative of all classes and sections of the community. A short service was conducted in the house by Rev. C. H. Jones and at the graveside by Rev. I. Roderick and Rev. R. C. Jenkins. The coffin was of solid oak with silver mounts. The undertaker was Mr. Phillips, Deri. The chief mourners were: Mr. Tom Matthews, son; Messrs. Jenkins Pugh, Sidney Phillips, Rees Jones, Thomas Evans, David Rees, Rees Morgan, Dan Parry and Roderick Evans (nephews).

Noddfa The pulpit at Noddfa was occupied last Sunday by Mr. Matthias, Cwmtwrch.

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Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening last. Bro. T. Walters and his sister were responsible for the programme.

Nazareth The annual lecture was delivered at the chapel on Monday by Rev. W. F. Phillips, Caerphilly. Dr. E. Davies presided. The subject was 'The late Tom Ellis,' one who loved greatly the language, religion and ideals of the Welsh people.

Obituary The funeral of the late Mr. Chas. Bull, Penybank, took place last Thursday at Pentwyn Churchyard. He was 72 years of age. Rev. R. Jenkins officiated.

Nazareth Young People's Guild Held on Wednesday, Mr. J. D. Jones presiding. Rev. I. Roderick was the adjudicator for the evening. Programme: piano solo - Miss Katie Jones-Davies; duet - Miss Martha Davies and Mrs. R. Jones; recitation - Miss Doris Davies; paper - 'The Value of Education' - Mr. Idris Jones; duet - Mr. D. J. Davies and Miss Hilda Davies; recitation - Miss Edith Parry; duet - Misses Hilda and Martha Davies; impromptu speech - prizes won by Miss Lizzie Mary Lawrence and Miss Mattie Jones; solo - Miss M. Davies.

Interesting Presentations at Fochriw: Services to St. Mary's Church Recognised On Monday at St. Mary's Institute, Mr. J. O. P. Richards, son of Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Richards, Llwyncelun Cottage, was presented with a beautiful gold watch, and purse of gold, subscribed by members of the church, to mark their appreciation of his services as organist. Mr. Richards is now 17, and has been organist since he was 11 - from the time St. Mary's Church first opened. Rev. R. A. Williams, curate-in-charge, presided. An excellent programme was gone through as follows: pianoforte solo - Mr. Richards; song - Miss Elvis Phillips; piano solo - Miss Hilda Phillips; duet - Master David J. Davies and Miss Hilda

Davies. Rev. Williams then presented the inscribed watch, followed by Mrs. George Way, who presented the purse of gold. Mr. Richards replied, and there were further speeches from Mr. J. C. Payne, Mr. Thomas Lewis and Mr. H. Brown. The following again contributed to the programme: Miss Hannah Jones, Misses Hilda and Irene Phillips, Miss Blodwen Watkins and Miss Hannah Jones. Dancing then followed with Mr. S. Phillips as M. C. and Mr. J. Prosser at the piano.

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Doctors’ Question A general meeting of the workmen was held on Monday to further consider the doctors’ question. After hearing a report on the deputation that waited on the doctor, it was unanimously agreed to pay a weekly sum of 3½d. per head of family per week towards the doctor. Except for a few minor matters, the question is now largely settled. Those who have not taken their small red doctor’s insurance cards to the doctor for signing should do so at once. To withhold these cards may affect the contributory phase in future.

Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of ‘Star of Fochriw’ Lodge of the I. O. G. T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening last. There was a singing competition, the test piece being ‘Ring the bells of Heaven.’ There were seven competitors and three prizes, given by Bros. W. Jones and D. James. The following were the winners: 1. Sister M. Thomas; 2. Sister Mattie Jones; 3. Bro. C. Payne. Bro. T. Walters adjudicated. Bro. J. E. Davies was at the piano. Bro. T. Lewis presided. New members were enrolled.

Noddfa Band of Hope Held on Tuesday week, a large number being present.

Obituary News of the death of Mr. Aneurin Jones, Brynmorlais, is received with much regret. He was born at Penywaunfawr, Dowlais, and came to Fochriw 43 years ago. He was horse inspector at the collieries for the whole of that time. He was 71 years of age. He was a faithful member of Carmel. He leaves a widow, three sons and four daughters. The funeral was at Pentwyn Churchyard and was for men only. Rev. D. H. Jones took a short service in the house. At the chapel, Rev. I. Roderick and Rev. R. Jenkins officiated, and at the graveside, Rev. Jones, Deri. The chief mourners were: Messrs. John, Aneurin and T. Jones (sons); Daniel Jenkins, George Thomas, John Evans, Deri, and M. S. Lewis, Clydach Vale (sons-in-law); Wm. Evans, John Davies (cousins); T. Howells, John Jones (nephews).

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Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of ‘Star of Fochriw’ Lodge of the I. O. G. T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening last. Mr. T. Jones, Pontllynn, read a paper entitled ‘Why Advocate Temperance?’

Noddfa Band of Hope Held on Tuesday week when there was a lantern entertainment, manipulated by Mr. Joshua Evans. The following contributed to the programme: Charlie Edwards, Doris Davies, Ben Davies, Phyllis Williams, Mary Jones, Marjorie Lewis, Enid Evans, Gomer Williams.

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Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of ‘Star of Fochriw’ Lodge of the I. O. G. T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening last. Bro. West of Brithdir read a paper entitled ‘The Ill-effects of Intemperance.’

Noddfa Band of Hope Held on Thursday week, Mr. David Thomas presiding. At intervals, the Band of Hope choir sang hymns from the programme of the Baptist Singing Festival, which is held in the Rhymney Valley in April. The following also contributed: Doris Davies, Enid Evans, Phyllis Williams, Eleanora Jenkins, Lydia Cumpstone, Marjorie Lewis, Charlie Edwards.

Ambulance Mr. Will Haggar’s Picuredrome was packed on Wednesday, when a benefit performance was given by Mr. Haggar’s Company for the Fochriw Division of the Dowlais Corps of the St. John Ambulance Brigade. The brigade marched in full uniform from the headquarters to Pontllynn, under the command of Supt. W. J. Ballard. An excellent programme was provided including ‘Waterplane trials for the Japanese Navy,’ ‘The Story of a Wager,’ ‘Jack and the Beanstalk,’ ‘His Brother’s Chance,’ ‘Red Saunder’s Sacrifice,’ and ‘His Mother’s Picture.’ Mr. Charles Payne thanked Mr. Haggar for his generosity.

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Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge of the I. O. G. T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening last. Bro. T. Lewis presided. Papers were read by Bro. S. Lewis on 'Emerson,' and by Bro. H. Thomas on 'Charantan.'

Death The death of Mr. Henry Evans, foreman erector, Brook House, took place at the General Hospital, Merthyr, on Tuesday morning. The funeral will be for gentlemen only at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday.

Noddfa Meetings were held on Sunday, Rev. W. A. Williams, Pontypridd, preaching. On Monday, Rev. Williams lectured on 'Nod Bywyd.' Rev. Roderick presided. The Noddfa friends wish to thank Dr. and Mrs. Davies for their great kindness in entertaining their anniversary preacher.

Noddfa Band of Hope Held on Tuesday evening, Mr. David Thomas presiding. The following was the programme: recitation - Miss Gwyneth Davies; song - Master Clifford Davies; recitation - Miss Doris Davies; competition for the boy or girl to explain the word 'Cyni.' Nine competed, and the prize was awarded to Miss Anna Williams.

Carmel A social tea and entertainment was held on Friday, when a large number were present. The tables were presided over and assistance rendered by the following: Mrs. D. Jones and Misses Sibley, Hannah Evans, Maud Llewellyn, Mary McArthur, Beatrice Griffiths, Mrs. David Jones, Miss Moriah Rees, Mrs. Pugh and Misses M. A. Lewis, A. G. Williams and Walters. Rev. D. H. Jones presided, and the following contributed to the programme: pino solo - Mr. Dd. Cole Jones; solo - Miss Ruth Griffiths; recitation - Miss May Rowlands; trio - Misses Rachel Walters, M. A. Walters and Hannah Jones; recitation - Miss E. M. Lawrence; paper by Miss E. Cole Jones; solo - Mr. T. H. Jones; address - Mr. E. M. Davies; piano duet - Mr. Harry Hughes and Miss Olwen Hughes; solo - Miss Hannah Jones; paper on 'The Late Tom Ellis,' by Miss M. A. Lewis; piano and violin duet - Miss Olwen Hughes and Mr. Harry Hughes; solo - Mr. T. Walters; solo - Miss Mary A. Walters; Welsh story - the Chairman.

Presentation A presentation took place at the Mount Pleasant Inn, Pentwyn on St. David's Night, to Mr. Ben Grey Davies, Penydarren, of a beautiful gold Albert, given by fellow-workmen at the Fochriw colliery. Mr. Davies, who is leaving this country for the Far West of America, has worked as a blacksmith at the Fochriw colliery for many years.

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Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge of the I. O. G. T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening last. Bro. T. Lewis presided. Fourteen young members were taken through the initiatory ceremony, after which there was a short miscellaneous programme.

Miners' Federation A general meeting of the miners of Fochriw was held at the Council School on Wednesday, Mr. E. M. Davies presiding. The speakers were Mr. John Davies, agent, and Mr. W. Brace, M.P. Mr. Davies, speaking mainly on local matters, emphasised the fact that non-Unionism must be got rid of before the end of April. He strongly urged all men to pay up their dues and become Trade Unionists in the highest sense of the word. Mr. Brace dealt at great length with both phases of Trade Unionism, industrial and political, and in a most lucid manner, pointed out the necessity of a strong organisation, so that the voice of Labour may be heard, and its power felt on the various boards, and also in Parliament. This was one of the best attended meetings in the district.

Noddfa Band of Hope Held on Tuesday, Mr. Dd. Thomas presiding. The programme included a spelling competition for boys and girls.

Late Viscount Tredegar At St. Andrew's Church, Pentwyn, on Wednesday evening, a vote of condolence with the relatives of the late Lord Tredegar was passed.

Interment The funeral of the late Mr. Simon Edwards, Martin-street, took place on Wednesday at Pant Cemetery. He was 57 years of age, and a faithful member of Noddfa Chapel. He leaves two daughters, Margaret and Ann, to mourn his loss. The cortege proceeded to Pant by special train.

Funeral The funeral of the late Mr. Harry Evans, Brook House, took place on Saturday, amidst manifestations of great sorrow, at Pentwyn Churchyard. Mr. Evans came to Fochriw from Merthyr when he was eight. He worked in the mechanical department of Fochriw

Collieries, working his way to the post of winding engine driver, and then foreman of the mechanical department. This post he held for 21 years, up to his retirement 3 years ago, when he was presented with a gold albert and pipe by his fellow workmen. He married the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rees Davies of the Greyhound Hotel, Dowlais. Mrs. Evans survives him. Deceased was only 50 years of age. He was taken to Merthyr General Hospital on Monday night for an appendicitis operation, but died the next morning. After a service in the house, the cortege wended its way to Pentwyn. The Vicar officiated at the house, the Church and the graveside. The coffin was panelled-oak with silver-mounted fittings.

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Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of ‘Star of Fochriw’ Lodge of the I. O. G. T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening last. Bro. T. Lewis presided. After the ordinary business of the Lodge was transacted, the following contributed to the programme for the evening: Sisters Olwen Hughes, Ceridwen Thomas, Myfanwy Cole, Harriet Jones and Bros. Daniel James and Thomas Lewis.

Noddfa Band of Hope Held on Tuesday evening. The chair was taken by Mr. D. Thomas. The following contributed to the programme: solo - Enid Evans; recitation - Doris Davies; competition for children who recited three verses from ‘Llawlyfr Moliant.’ Prize divided between Phylis Williams and Annie Williams. There was a spelling competition. Eleven took part. The prize was divided between Masters Tom Thomas and Dummett.

Constitutional Club On St. Patrick’s Day, the members of the club sat down to an excellent spread to which they had been invited. The tables were laid in fine style by Mr. and Mrs. Findley. After the tables were cleared, and excellent ‘smoker’ took place, Mr. Crad Shankland presiding, and supported by Mr. Dd. Jenkins. The following contributed: Messrs. James Haley, Josh Evans, C. Shankland, W. Evans, S. Pike, D. Griffith. Mr. James Henney amused the company with his wonderful trick, ‘The Vanishing Lady.’

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St. Mary’s Church Services were held on Good Friday at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., Rev. Williams officiating.

Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of ‘Star of Fochriw’ Lodge of the I. O. G. T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening last. Bro. T. Lewis presided. The following members contributed to the programme; Bros. T. Lewis, Dan James, C. Payne, and Sister M. A. Lewis.

St. Andrew’s Church Morning and evening services were held on Good Friday, Mr. J. C. Payne officiating. The Church was packed on Easter Sunday night, Mr. Payne preaching on the Resurrection, taking his text from Rev. 1, 17-18. The singing was accompanied by an orchestra, the instrumentalists being Messrs. H. Brown, Lewis Beynon, Harry Hughes, W. J. Parry, W. J. Jones, William Mantle, David Jones and Albert Mantle. Mr. John Wood conducted.

Nazareth The Young People’s Guild met on Good Friday when they enjoyed a tea and entertainment. The following ladies presided at the tables: Mesdames J. Jones, C. Checke, T. J. Hopkins, J. Lawrence and D. Davies, and Misses Mary Lawrence and Martha Davies. They were assisted by Mesdames J. D. Jones, Roderick and R. Jones, Messrs. James Lawrence, Idris Jones, Willie Adams-Jones and Peter Jones. After tea, Councillor J. Jones presided, and Mr. Roderick Jones was at the organ. The following programme was gone through: solo - Mr. Willie J. Davies; solo - Master D. J. Davies; sketch - ‘Selecting a Minister’ - Messrs. W. A. Jones, T. Lawrence, Willie Davies, Evan Davies, John Davies, Willie J. Angell and Idris Jones; solo - Miss Annie Maude Jones; recitation - Miss Lizzie Mary Lawrence; dialogue - Misses Katie Jones-Davies and Mary Jane Jones; duet - Master D. J. Davies and Miss Hilda Davies; duet - Mr. R. Jones and Miss M. Davies; dialogue - Rev. J. Roderick, Miss Mary Lawrence and Mr. J. D. Jones; solo - Miss M. A. Walters.

“Merthyr Express” 5 April 1913

Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of ‘Star of Fochriw’ Lodge of the I. O. G. T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening last. Bro. T. Lewis presided. Interesting Bible stories were contributed by the following: Sisters A. M. Jenkins, Bronwen Francis, Mrs. Walters and Bro. C. Payne.

Tariff Reform A very successful meeting was held at the Constitutional Club on Wednesday evening, when Mr. Queen addressed the members on Tariff Reform. Mr. Queen stated that he had been up and down Great Britain, but never had he found a man from the U.S.A. looking for a job in England, hence so many of our people going out to the U.S.A. and getting work, where tariff reform reigned supreme. The address was listened to with attention and was greatly appreciated. There was also a musical programme to which Mr. Queen contributed.

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Noddfa Band of Hope The weekly meeting was held at the Vestry on Tuesday evening, Mr. David Thomas presiding. The following contributed: songs - Miss Elizabeth Ann Evans, Miss Ruth Griffiths, Miss Gwenda Thomas, Miss Doris Davies, Miss Enid Evans; recitations - Miss G. Jenkins, Master Clifford Davies, Master Charles Edwards. There was also a spelling competition.

Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of ‘Star of Fochriw’ Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening last. Bro. Maggie Griffiths presided. The following programme was gone through: solo - Sister Walters; piano solo - Bro. J. E. Davies; readings - Bro. Sam Lewis, Sisters H. Jones and Maggie Griffiths; solo - Bro. C. Payne; exhibition with the clappers - Bro. James Healy, accompanied on the piano by Bro. Davies. Bro. Sawday (Treharris) also gave a stirring address.

St. Andrew’s Church, Pentwyn The annual meeting in connection with the Church was held at the Vestry on Wednesday week, Rev. Gilbert Williams, Vicar, presiding. There were a large number present. Mr. J. C. Payne presented the accounts. Both Rev. Williams and Mr. Payne thanked all for their services in the past year, and hoped that both Church and Sunday School would continue in their flourishing state. The Vicar elected the following sidesmen: Messrs. Joseph Evans, Morgan Parry and C. Ballard. The people’s sidesmen elected were Messrs. A. Coggan, Wm. Morris and Ernest Jones. Mr. Payne elected Mr. Tom Baldwin. Messrs. Wm. J. Jones and H. Brown were elected representatives of the Clergy Fund. Mr. Pearce and Mr. Randall, churchwardens, were also present.

St. Mary’s Church The annual meeting in connection with the Church, to pass accounts and elect sidesmen, was held on Wednesday week, and was presided over by the Vicar, Rev. Gilbert Williams. The churchwardens Messrs. A. Randall and S. Pearce were also present. Mr. Wm. Davies, treasurer, presented the accounts. The sidesmen elected were: Vicar’s: Messrs. Wm. Davies, Wm. Curtis, W. J. Payne and Josiah Richards. People’s: Messrs. Wm. Sibley, Wm. Wilton, Herbert Edgar and Charles Payne. Messrs. Wm. Davies and W. J. Payne were elected representatives of the Clergy Fund.

Carmel At this Church there was a singing festival instead of the usual Sunday School and evening service. Mr. David Davies (Pencerdd Morganwg) conducted. The afternoon session was for children, and the evening for adults. A feature of this festival was the orchestra: strings - Messrs. I. Beynon, Harry Hughes, Sidney Phillips, W. J. Jones, Willie Parry and Miss I. Phillips; brass - Messrs. W. Mantle, A. Mantle, Jenkin Pugh, Tom Powell and David Jones; organ and piano - Mr. Thos. Walters and Miss Hannah Evans. Rev. D. H. Jones heartily thanked the orchestra, they being members of many denominations in the village. Good singing, and plenty of it, pleased the hearts of scores of worshippers. The Church was packed.

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Wedding: Curtis-Thomas A pretty wedding was solemnised at St. Mary’s Church on Tuesday, the contracting parties being Miss Mabel Curtis, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis, Pit Houses, and Mr. William Thomas, Brynderwen, Fochriw. The Vicar officiated. The bride looked charming in a smart dress of saxe blue with hat to match. She was attended by her sister, Miss Ivy Curtis. After the ceremony, the breakfast was at the home of the bride’s parents. The honeymoon is being spent in Swansea.

Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of ‘Star of Fochriw Lodge’ was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening last. Bro. T. Lewis presided. The evening’s programme was given by the Hope of Beulah Lodge, Brithdir.

Presentation On Tuesday, the owners of Glyn Terrace met together around a table of delicious eatables, and with a gift of a fine roll-top desk, they showed their appreciation of the services of Mr. J. C. Payne during the construction of the Terrace. Mr. Payne rendered valuable services by taking over all secretarial transactions and supervision during the building, as well as other arduous work. This was done gratis, and without a penny expenses to the owners. Tea over, the entertainment commenced, the following contributing with Mr. Harry Hughes as accompanist: piano solo - Mr. H. Hughes; songs and solos - Messrs. Wm. Griffiths, W. J. Payne, C. Payne, Tom Lawrence, Mrs. J. Maud Lawrence, Misses Ceridwen Davies, M. A. Davies, Mary and Elsie Griffiths, Mrs. Budd, Masters Jack and Trevor Lawrence; recitations and readings - Mr. H. Hughes and Mrs. E. M. Davies. Selections on the gramophone were also given. Mrs. Budd made the presentation. Mr. Payne thanked everyone, and was especially touched because he knew that they were all hard-working men and women, who had striven hard and long to become their own landlords. In turn, each owner thanked Mr. Payne warmly for his efforts, and expressed their delight at having this opportunity of casting a glance back over the last eighteen months, and finding themselves, after all their worry and labour, in possession of some of the finest and best designed houses in Fochriw.

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Nazareth The half-yearly meetings were held at this chapel on Sunday and Monday, Rev. W. F. Phillips, Caerphilly, being the preacher. There were large congregations. Mr. Wm. Morris conducted the singing, and Mr. Roderick Jones was at the organ. Substantial collections were made towards the cause.

Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of ‘Star of Fochriw’ Lodge of the I. O. G. T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening last. Bro. T. Lewis presided. The programme was provided by Bros. Walters, Payne, W. Griffiths, D. James, H. Thomas, D. Thomas, W. Williams, J. Healy, W. Davies, O. Richards and T. Walters.

Noddfa Band of Hope The members of the Band of Hope had a splendid meeting on Tuesday. The following contributed: songs - Master Brinley Sibley, Miss L. Cumpstone, Miss Rachel Walters, Miss Ruth Griffiths; recitations - Miss Gwenda Thomas, Miss Doris Davies, Master Daniel Rowlands, Miss Phyllis M. Williams; address - Mr. Robert Walters. There was also a spelling competition. A most enjoyable time was spent on Tuesday evening at the Vestry, where an excellent tea had been provided under the auspices of the Band of Hope. After the tea, an excellent programme was gone through.

“Merthyr Express” 3 May 1913

The Late Mr. Fred Haggard The Fochriw Division of the Dowlais Corps of the St. John Ambulance Brigade passed a vote of condolence at their meeting on Monday night, with the relatives of the late Mr. Fred Haggard, who passed away at Abertysswg Cottage Hospital on Saturday last.

Social and Dance Held at St. Mary’s Institute on Thursday week, when a large number were present. There was an excellent spread, after which there was dancing and games. Mr. Harry Salmon was at the piano, with Mr. S. Phillips M. C.

An Invention We have received specifications of the new acetylene gas generator which has been invented and constructed by Mr. Jas. Williams, 12, Glen View, Pentwyn. The machine has no mechanism, therefore cannot get out of order. All intricacies and complications are abolished. It is extremely simple. It works automatically and gives no trouble. The machine may be charged or discharged once a fortnight if needed. The automatic lubricator operates according to as many burners as are lighted. The machine can be charged with carbide without the least interference to the light. No fluctuations, no danger, no waste, no corrosion, no plant house required, as the machine, capable of supplying ten lights, is so small, it could be easily covered with an empty barrel. The inventor has his own method of purification which gives a clear, steady, large white flame.

Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of ‘Star of Fochriw’ Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening last. Bro. T. Lewis presided. There was a very interesting recitation competition in which many took part. The prizes - books kindly given

by Bro. D. James, were secured by Sisters Walters and Harriet Jones. The quarterly election of officers also took place.

“Merthyr Express” 17 May 1913

Obituary The death occurred on Monday of Mr. John Evans, Moore’s-row, one of Fochriw’s oldest and respected inhabitants. Much sympathy is felt for the widow, the sons and daughters and other relatives.

Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of ‘Star of Fochriw’ Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening last. The evening was devoted to ‘Ode Practice.’

Nazareth The children’s singing festival of the Calvinistic Methodist Churches of Dowlais district was held this year at Fochriw on Tuesday. It was a great success. Over 900 singers came from the following churches: Hermon, Libanus, Caeharris, Bedlinog, Fochriw, Deri. Mr. J. D. Jones, Fochriw, catechised the children in the afternoon, and Mr. J. T. Jones, Dowlais, in the evening.

Presentation: Social Evening at St. Andrew’s Pentwyn On Thursday week, a large number assembled at St. Andrew’s Schoolroom, when Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jones, Glen-view, were recipients of some lovely presents on the occasion of their leaving Pentwyn for Lancashire. There was an excellent spread, about 200 partaking, and this was followed by a splendid programme. Mr. J. C. Payne presided. Mr. Payne presented Mr. Jones with a dressing case, and Mr. H. Brown presented Mrs. Jones with a ‘lady’s companion.’ Mr. C. Ballard, Mr. Wm. Morris and Mr. Jas. Williams then spoke. Mr. Payne thanked all who had given so freely to the social and the entertainment.

“Merthyr Express” 24 May 1913

Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of ‘Star of Fochriw’ Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening last. Bro. T. Lewis presided. The juveniles entertained with a splendid programme. The following contributed: recitations - A. G. Thomas, Annie Jenkins, Robert White, E. M. Lawrence, Gwenda Thomas, A. M. Jones, Agnes Cooke, Annie Meredith, May Thomas, E. A. Angell, Olwen Lloyd, Mary H. Cooke, Ceridwen Thomas, Tudor Williams, Phyllis Williams; solos - M. A. Griffiths, Doris Davies, Leonora Jenkins, Ruth Griffiths, Addie Meredith. Also, the new officers were installed by Bro. Charles Payne.

Late Mr. John Evans On Thursday week at Pentwyn Churchyard, the body of Mr. John Evans, Moore’s-row, was laid to rest. He leaves a widow, five sons and three daughters, to mourn his loss. He had 28 grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Deceased, who was 80 years of age, was born in Aberayron, where 56 years ago last Christmas, he married Ann, daughter of Mr. David Evans, weaver, Aberayron. Mr. and Mrs. Evans came to Fochriw 45 years ago. Deceased had been an agent for the Prudential Assurance Company for Fochriw and district for 17 years, from which he retired about 13 years ago. He was a faithful adherent to the Congregational cause, and was a prominent and faithful member of Carmel for the last 40 years. Rev. D. H. Jones officiated, along with Rev. I. Roderick and Rev. R. Jenkins.

“Merthyr Express” 31 May 1913

The late Mrs. John Williams, Fochriw We have to record the death of Mrs. John Williams, Moore’s-row, which occurred on Thursday afternoon week. She had been unwell for a few months, but had been confined to bed for just a fortnight. She was just 38 years of age, and was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dewi Jones, Moore’s-row. She was married 19 months ago at the Parish Church, Pontlottyn, to Mr. John Williams, who is conductor of the St. Mary’s Church Choir. She has always taken an active interest in all kinds of church work. She was a Sunday School scholar from childhood, a faithful communicant, and always ready when called upon, to stand up in defence of the Church she loved so well. She was one of the leading members of the Fochriw Dramatic Society. Her loss will be sadly felt at St. Mary’s Church. In politics she was a keen Conservative, and could always defend her side very creditably. The funeral took place on Tuesday at Pant Cemetery, the service in the house being conducted by Rev. John Evans, Llanelly. At Pant, the Rector of Dowlais, and the curate of the Welsh Church, Dowlais, officiated. The chief mourners were: Mr. John Williams (husband); Mr. Dewi Jones (father); Mr. T. D. Jones (brother); Mr. & Mrs. J.

Williams (father-in-law & mother-in-law); Miss Maggie Williams, Sister-in-law); Mr. S. Williams (brother-in-law); Mr. D. Williams & Miss Williams, Cyfarthfa (uncle & cousin); Mr. W. Jones, Pontypridd (uncle); Mrs. S. Davies & Miss Davies (aunt & cousin).

Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening last. Bro. T. Lewis presided. The programme for which Bro. H. Thomas was responsible was 'Temperance Talks.' The choir also practised a part song, 'The Children's Home,' Bro. T. Walters conducting.

Funeral The funeral of the late Mrs. Henry Jones, Martin-street, took place on Saturday last at Pant Cemetery. Deceased was 65 years of age. She was born in Carmarthenshire, but came to Penyardarren when young. She had lived in Fochriw for 25 years. She was a member of Noddfa, where her late husband, Mr. Henry Jones, had conducted the singing of the adult and juvenile choirs for many years. She leaves a son and two daughters. Rev. R. D. Jenkins officiated. The chief mourners were: Mr. W. H. Jones, son; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Jenkins, son-in-law and daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Morgan, son-in-law and daughter.

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Penyardarren Pierrots This troupe has postponed its performance until the 12th, so as not to interfere with the Ambulance Brigade contest.

Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening last. Bro. T. Lewis presided. The evening was spent in translating Welsh into English and vice versa. A vote of condolence was passed with Bro. Wm. Griffiths in his recent bereavement.

Carmel Chapel The annual services in connection with the Chapel were held on Sunday and Monday. Revs. Lewis, Trelewis, and Davies, Cwmbach, preached to good congregations. The friends of Carmel are anxiously looking forward to a bright future under their esteemed minister Rev. D. H. Jones.

A. F. C. Supper The annual meeting and supper in connection with the Fochriw Hotspurs A. F. C. was held on Wednesday at the Station Restaurant, the headquarters of the club, where an excellent spread had been provided for the large gathering. Mr. W. J. Payne, chairman of the club, presided, complimenting the team on their good play during the season, and presenting the players with a set of silver medals which had been won in the Bargoed tournament. Speeches were also made by Messrs. S. Ballard, P. Mantle, L. Rees, G. Sibly and A. Harry, and many members gave songs.

"Merthyr Express" 14 June 1913

Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening last when a large number were present. Bro. T. Lewis presided. Two excellent papers were read on 'M. W. Balfe,' by Bro. D. Thomas, and on 'Ellis Jones-Griffiths,' by Bro. H. Thomas.

Benefit Performance On Thursday evening, Mr. Haggar gave a benefit performance in aid of the Fochriw Division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade at the Theatre, Pontlottyn. This was the second benefit given for the Brigade in a short time, they having half the proceeds on both occasions. There was a full house, and an excellent programme which was as follows:- duet - 'Put your arms around me honey,' - Mr. Bob Matthews and Miss Bennett; selections - Aber Silver Band; song - 'Heroes of mine' - Mr. Matthews; song - 'Daddy' - Miss Rita Bennett; selections - Abertysswg Silver Band; songs - Mr. Jack Clare; piccolo solo - 'The Wren.' Mr. Charles Payne thanked Mr. Haggar and company for their generosity on behalf of the Ambulance Brigade.

The late Mr. Thomas Roberts The funeral of the late Mr. Thomas Roberts, Martin-street, took place on Thursday week at Pant Cemetery. The deceased had been unwell for some time past, and went with his wife to Llandrindod to recruit his health. He had been there just a fortnight before his death. He was 72 years of age, and came to Fochriw 26 years ago. Until lately, he was under manager at No. 2 Pit, Fochriw. In politics he was a staunch Conservative, and was a faithful worshipper at St. Mary's Church. Before St. Mary's was built he was a regular worshipper at Pentwyn Church. There was a short service in the house at Llandrindod before the body was taken to Pant. There was a short delay before the Fochriw train arrived, which brought some hundreds more to pay their last tribute of respect.

The Rector of Dowlais officiated. The chief mourners were: Mrs. Roberts, widow; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Roberts, son and daughter-in-law.

Annual Report of the Medical Officer, Gellygaer District Council Complete returns for the 1911 Census are not yet available, but Dr. Jones affirms the population on April 1st, 1911, to be 35,521. The estimated population of the six wards comprising the district on 30th June 1912 was as follows: Pontlottyn - 4,918; Tirphil - 4,649; Fochriw - 4,293; Bedlinog - 5,380; Bargoed - 13,014; Hengoed - 6,337. Total for the urban district - 38,591. In June this year, the number of houses in each district was as follows: Pontlottyn - 931 [+5 on last year]; Tirphil = 794 [+2]; Fochriw - 795 [+48]; Bedlinog - 951 [+66]; Bargoed - 2,230 [+72].

“Merthyr Express” 21 June 1913

Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of ‘Star of Fochriw’ Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening last. Rev. Bro. West, Aberbargoed, presided, giving an excellent address on ‘The Work and the Way.’ He also addressed the juveniles.

Independent Order of Good Templars: Outing A large number of the members of the lodge went to Hereford for their annual outing on Saturday. They walked across to Pontlottyn, leaving by the 9 a.m. train, and returning to Pontlottyn by the 10.30 p.m. train after visiting many places of interest.

Mining The Fochriw Mining Class has made very good progress during the season, under the careful tuition of their esteemed teacher, Mr. Wm. Davies, Dowlais. Three of his pupils - Mr. Edward Willings, Mr. Dd. Thomas, and Mr. Llewellyn Rees - have been successful in winning a week’s tour in West Wales. They intend visiting a good number of collieries, also the power station and rescue station at Swansea. Friends wish them every success.

Concert A concert was given in the St. Mary’s Institute on Thursday week by the Scarlet Pierrot Troupe, Penydarren. All the artistes did their work exceedingly well.

Gellygaer Evening Classes The Committee invite applications from those prepared to teach at the undermentioned classes, subject to the approval of the County Education Committee, during the forthcoming session: Fochriw:- English, Preparatory Mathematics, Elementary Science, Drawing (preparatory Technical course), Domestic Arithmetic, Needlework, Ambulance, Art Needlework, Geology, Practical Mathematics, Vocal Music, Welsh, Cynghanedd, Mining, Mechanics and Heat.

Orders for printing of any description may be left with Mr. J. C. Payne, 7 Railway Terrace, the local representative of the ‘Merthyr Express.’

“Merthyr Express” 28 June 1913

Confirmation The rite of confirmation was administered at the Parish Church on Friday evening by the Bishop of Llandaff. About 60 candidates presented themselves, there being 10 from Pentwyn Church, and two from St. Mary’s.

Memorial Service A service of memorial for the late Mr. Thos. Roberts, Martin-street, was held at St. Mary’s Church on Sunday evening. Rev. W. Chappel occupied the pulpit. Mr. O. Richards played the Dead March from ‘Saul’ most effectively.

Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of ‘Star of Fochriw’ Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening last. Bro. T. Lewis presided. Members gave their impressions of their visit to Hereford

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Smoking Concert A smoking concert was held at the Fochriw Constitutional Club on Thursday week, Mr. William Evans presiding.

Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of ‘Star of Fochriw’ Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening last. Bro. T. Lewis presided. The evening was devoted to ‘Ode Practice,’ and the rendering of the four part song ‘The Children’s Home.’ Bro. T. Walters conducted and Bro. J. E. Davies was at the piano

Church Parade The Fochriw St. John Ambulance Brigade had their annual church parade last Sunday evening, when they marched to Nazareth Chapel under the command of Superintendent W. J. Ballard. The weather was beautiful. Rev. Isaac Roderick officiated, and the singing was conducted by Mr. Wm. Norris with Mr. Roderick Jones at the organ.

Tea and Sports The Pentwyn Church annual tea and sports took place on Thursday. The children met at the church at 2 o’clock, and a short service was held, prior to the parade,

which was headed by the Bedlinog Brass Band. The children paraded the streets of Fochriw and Pentwyn, and this was followed by tea, the catering being done by Mr. W. J. Angell. During the evening, sports were enjoyed.

“Merthyr Express” 12 July 1913

Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of ‘Star of Fochriw’ Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening last, when ‘An evening with the poets’ was spent. Bros. W. Jones and S. Lewis were responsible. Bro. Wm. Jones gave an interesting account of his visit to North Wales in Welsh verse of his own composition. Bro. Lewis read three Welsh poems of his own - ‘Y Lili,’ ‘Gweithiwr Tawel,’ and ‘Trip i Hereford.’

Fochriw Sunday Schools: Annual Demonstration On Monday, the various chapels held their Sunday School tea parties. The procession started from Carmel, and on reaching the village, the Nazareth School joined in, and afterwards the Noddfa School. Then the whole village was toured by the procession. After reaching their various places of worship and vestries, the children had tea. At Carmel, Mrs. Elizabeth Llewellyn prepared the tea, and Dr. Eleazer Davies and Rev. D. H. Jones distributed the sweets and bananas. After tea, the children went on the mountainside for games.

Cricket: Abercanaid Nomads v Fochriw A feature of the game was the fine bowling on both sides. For Fochriw, W. Lewis did the hat-trick, his final figures being 6 wickets for 10 runs. Also, T. Rees took 7 wickets for 21 runs. For the Nomads, Williams took 4 wickets for 15 runs. Fochriw won the match, breaking the home team’s record.

“Merthyr Express” 19 July 1913

Temperance Work at Fochriw: Interesting Letter: The ‘Merthyr Express’ reaches China

The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the ordinary business of the lodge was transacted, an excellent programme was given by members of the Hope of Beulah Lodge. Thirty members of the Fochriw Lodge were present, and 16 from the Beulah Lodge. The following interesting letter has been received by the secretary of the Fochriw Lodge, and we feel sure that it will be of interest to all Good Templars who read the ‘Merthyr Express.’

2nd Bn. 24th Regiment, Tientsin 17th June 1913 Dear Sir, Brothers and Sisters,

I have been asked by the Chief Templar of the Rorke’s Drift Lodge, No. M181, to convey the greetings of the above Lodge to your Lodge. Being a Good Templar Lodge in a Welsh regiment, we think it is a good idea to keep in touch with the Lodges at home in Wales. The great majority of the members of our Lodge are Welsh, and when they take clearance cards before going home to Wales, some of them who live close to you, may join your Lodge. I may say that the idea originated from seeing reports of your Lodge sessions in the ‘Merthyr Express,’ which can be seen in the regimental library, or the R. A. T. A. room every week. I myself come from Pontypridd, and the Chief Templar from Aberdare. I may say also, that during our short career as Good Templars, we have had the whoel-hearted support of our officers. At present our membership stands at 49, all in good standing, as well as 38 associate members. There are also 20 members in the Mutual Crown Lodge, run in association with the Somersets, and 18 in the China Expedition Lodge in the American Army. Through the working of the two Lodges, we have had the pleasure of forming the first Lodge in the American Army. With best wishes for the success of your Lodge, and also yourself, With fraternal greetings, Bro. (L.C.) A. J. Goldberg.

Funeral The funeral of the late Mrs. George, Penybank, took place on Tuesday at Pentwyn. Deceased was only 48, and died after an illness of just a few hours. Rev. W. J. McCartie officiated, assisted by Mr. J. C. Payne, lay reader.

“Merthyr Express” 26 July 1913

Labour On Thursday evening, an open air meeting was held when Councillor Morgan Jones, Bargoed, delivered an address on ‘The Value of Trade Unionism.’ Mr. George Thomas presided.

Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of ‘Star of Fochriw’ Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening last. Mrs. Morgan, Ael-y-bryn, read a paper on ‘Greatness and Goodness.’

Obituary The death of Mr. William Thomas, Fynnonau Duon Farm, took place at the Merthyr General Hospital on Saturday. Deceased met with an accident in the Big Pit, Fochriw, about four months ago, and passed away on Sunday. The funeral took place at Mountain Ash on Thursday.

Funeral The funeral of the late Edith McArthur, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex. McArthur, Tunnell Terrace, Cwmbargoed, took place on Saturday at Pentwyn Churchyard. Deceased had been ill for a considerable time. A memorial service was held at Pentwyn on Sunday evening, the building being packed. Mr. J. C. Payne, lay reader, preached an appropriate sermon, his text being Isaiah 64, 6.

“Merthyr Express” 9 August 1913

Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of ‘Star of Fochriw’ Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening last. The members enjoyed a musical evening, the following contributing: piano solos - Sister O. Hughes and Bro. D. Thomas; songs - Bros. C. Payne, T. Walters, Sisters C. Thomas, C. Walters. Bro. Payne was chosen to represent the Lodge at the Grand Lodge in Newport.

Colliery Accident Samuel Evans of 4, Penygraid, Fochriw, was severely injured by a fall of roof at the Ty Newydd No. 2 Pit, Pontlottyn, on Thursday. He died from his injuries on Friday.

Juvenile Temple Outing On Tuesday, there was quite an exodus from the village when the Juvenile Temple Lodge had their outing to Penarth. A train from Pontlottyn carried the 400 trippers, starting at 9.30 a.m. The weather was good, and everyone enjoyed themselves on the sands.

“Merthyr Express” 16 August 1913

Death We have to record the death of Mrs. Gittens, wife of Mr. Edward Gittens, Guest-street, which took place at Merthyr General Hospital on Tuesday morning.

Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of ‘Star of Fochriw’ Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening last. After the ordinary business of the lodge was completed, Bro. Charles Payne installed the officers for the new quarter. This was followed by ‘Topical Temperance Talks’ in which all members took part. Bro. T. Lewis, Chief Templar, presided.

“Merthyr Express” 23 August 1913

Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of ‘Star of Fochriw’ Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening last. Bro. Wm. Griffiths, Chief Templar, presided. After the ordinary business, the Sisters surprised the brothers with an excellent fruit banquet. There was also an excellent programme of music, the following contributing as follows: solo - Sister Ceridwen Thomas; reading - Sis. M. Cole; recitation - Sis. M. Jones; solo, Sis. C. Walters; solo, sis. Mary Tyler; reading - Sis. M. Griffiths. Hymns were played on the piano by Sis. A. M. Jenkins. A most enjoyable evening was spent by all present.

Funeral of the Late Mrs. Gittens The funeral of the late Mrs. Gittens, wife of Mr. Edward Gittens, took place on Saturday last, the interment being at Pant Cemetery. The deceased had been ill for a time. She was born in Dowlais 61 years ago, and came to Fochriw 22 years ago. She was a communicant at St. Mary’s Church. Rev. Gilbert Williams conducted the service at the house and at Pant. The hymns ‘Pa’m cara’r byd,’ and ‘O Fryniau Caersalem,’ were sung outside the house, after which, the solemn cortege wended its way to the station, the Vicar again officiating at the graveside. The chief mourners were: Mr. Edward Gittens, widower, Mr. and Mrs. Jenkin Thomas, nephew and niece, Mr. & Mrs. John Williams, Llanelly, cousins; Mr. & Mrs. John Jones, Burry Port, cousins; Mrs. Evans, aunt; Mr. Dd. Wm. Evans and Mr. Joshua Evans and Mrs. Thos. Powell, cousins; Mr. & Mrs. James Jenkins, Dowlais, nephew and niece; Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Oates, Merthyr, daughter and son-in-law; Mr. & Mrs. George Gittens, Ystrad Mynach, son and daughter-in-law. Much sympathy is felt for the bereaved ones in their sorrow.

“Merthyr Express” 30 August 1913

Ambulance About 20 members of the Fochriw Division of the Dowlais Corps of the St. John Ambulance Brigade went under canvas at Porthcawl on Saturday. The men presented

quite a smart appearance in their uniforms on the march to Pontlottyn station, from whence they entrained to Porthcawl. They are spending a week at the camp.

Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening last. It was 'Question Night' and an enjoyable evening was spent.

"Merthyr Express" 6 September 1913

Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening last. Bro. S. Lewis presided over a miscellaneous programme.

Ambulance Twenty men of the Fochriw Ambulance Division returned from Porthcawl on Saturday. The weather was all that could be desired. This was the first camp organised by the eleventh district, under the command of deputy commissioner, Herbert Lewis. It proved a huge success, all men reporting that they enjoyed themselves immensely.

Wedding: Thomas-Parry A wedding was solemnised at Zoar Chapel, Merthyr, on Monday, the contracting parties being Miss Laurie A. Thomas, second daughter of Mr. & Mrs. William Thomas, Gwalia House, (under manager of No.2 Pit), and Mr. Robert Parry, son of Mr. & Mrs. Edward Parry, Bryn Corwen, Fochriw. Rev. D. H. Jones, pastor of Carmel Chapel, officiated. The bride was attired in a charming dress of silver grey, with a white hat and black lancer. She was attended by her sister Miss Ceridwen Thomas, who wore a silver grey dress, with white hat and black lancer. Mr. Howell Thomas, brother of the bride, was best man. The breakfast was at Gwalia House, a large number being present.

"Merthyr Express" 13 September 1913

Soccer Fochriw crowned their first appearance of the new season with a well-deserved victory over Llanbradach Rangers. The game was of an unusual, clean character, not a solitary foul marring the proceedings. The Rangers compared very favourably with the winners, but lack of finish led to their undoing. T. Walters and Wm. Davies were the goal scorers for Fochriw.

Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening last. Bro. Wm. Griffiths presided over a programme of 'Topical Temperance Talks.'

"Merthyr Express" 20 September 1913

Merthyr United v Fochriw The teams met on Saturday at Penydarren Park in a friendly encounter. The Fochriw team was: Whitby; D. Rogers and R. Jenkins; E. Cooke, T. J. Lewis, and F. Wright; D. Thomas, A. Harry, A. Rees, W. H. Jones and J. Francis. The first half was one of missed chances for both sides, and ended with no score. Fochriw showed improved form in the second half, and after 10 minutes play, Harry opened the scores, after Evans, in the Merthyr goal, had stopped some good attempts. Fochriw pressed but shot wretchedly, but in this respect, Merthyr were worse. Thomas added the second Fochriw goal from a penalty, and Pickett scored for Merthyr. Final score: Merthyr 1; Fochriw 2.

Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening last. An excellent paper was read on 'Friendship' by Bro. Henry West of the Brithdir Lodge. Bro. Wm. Griffiths presided.

Wedding: Davies-Roberts The wedding was solemnised at Merthyr on Thursday week of Miss Lucy Davies, fourth daughter of Mrs. Davies, and the late Mr. Evan Davies, for many years colliery overman at Fochriw collieries, and Mr. William John Roberts, Deri. The bride wore a dress of champagne colour with black velour hat with yellow tip. She was attended by the groom's sister, Miss Annie Roberts, who wore a blue dress with white felt hat to match. The breakfast was at the bride's home. Later the couple left for Swansea, where the honeymoon is being spent.

Picnic The annual picnic in connection with St. Andrew's Sunday School, took place last Thursday at Cwnllwydrew Farm Fields, kindly lent by Mr. & Mrs. James Davies. The scholars were met by Mr. J. C. Payne, lay-reader, at Penybank, who marched them to the fields, where an excellent tea had been prepared. There were about 130 present. The adults were invited into the farm by Mr. & Mrs. Davies where a sumptuous repast was much enjoyed. Sports and games followed in ideal conditions, which contributed greatly to the

success of the day. Thanks to all who so kindly assisted in the success of the day, especially our hosts, Mr. & Mrs. Davies.

Conservatism at Fochriw: A Presentation Mr. W. Evans presided over a crowded meeting at the White Horse, Pentwyn on Monday. Mr. T. Jenkins was the pianist, and the following the singers: Messrs. F. Kinsey and Stephen, Dowlais; T. R. Harris, John Evans, C. Shankland and Jenkin Thomas, Fochriw. Mr. Kinsey opened the concert by singing a rag time song. Mr. H. Edgar was presented by Mr. W. Evans with a gold albert and seal for services to the Conservative party. Mr. G. Sibley and others spoke in high terms of Mr. Edgar, saying that he had come from good stock in Somersetshire.

Mr. Edgar, speaking on Tariff Reform, said, 'What we want is to protect our industries. We hear a great deal about protecting labour, let us first of all protect that which makes labour. This is what we have to do. Put on tariffs on those foreign goods which compete with ours. We are done down by the U.S.A. and other countries in manufactured goods. We want to put tariffs on these so that our great empire will get something out of it. Look at the Commonwealth of Australia and Canada. See how loyal they were to us at the time of the Boer War. These places are anxious to join with the mother country in a friendly policy of preferential tariffs. This above all will bind one whole empire together, so that we may hold our own against all comers.' The usual votes of thanks terminated the meeting.

"Merthyr Express" 27 September 1913

Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening last.

St. Mary's Church The pulpit of St. Mary's was occupied on Sunday evening by Rev. W. J. McCartie, who preached a sermon in memory of Mrs. Gettins, Guest-street. The mourners were present. The lessons were read by Mr. Josiah Richards. Mr. O. P. Richards played the 'Dead March in Saul.'

Wedding: Phillips-Morgan A wedding was solemnised this week at Hengoed Baptist Chapel between Mr. Sidney Phillips, grocer, Pentwyn Stores, the only son of Mr. & Mrs. George Phillips, grocer, Fochriw, and Miss Gwen Morgan, daughter of Mr. T. Morgan, Darren. Rev. R. Evans, pastor, officiated. After the ceremony, the couple left for Weston, where the honeymoon is being celebrated.

Obituary The funeral of the late Mr. Wm. Williams, Martin-street, Fochriw, took place on Tuesday amidst manifestations of deep sorrow. Rev. D. Huws Jones conducted a short service at the house, after which the solemn cortege wended its way to the station, and thence to Pant for interment.

St. Mary's Church The annual tea took place on Thursday week. The weather was excellent. The tables were presided over by the following: Mesdames Evans, Watkins, Thomas, Curtis, Miss Nan Prosser, Miss Violet Curtis, Mrs. Yeo, Miss E. Smith, Mesdames Richards, Jones, G. Way, S. Way, J. White, W. White, Rees, Watkins, and Messrs. Josiah Richards, Octavius Richards, Percy Pike, Wm. Curtis, T. S. Jones, Morgan Parry and C. Ballard.

St. Andrew's Church Pentwyn Harvest thanksgiving services were held at the Church on Sunday, Monday and Wednesday. Mr. J. C. Payne, lay-reader-in-charge, preached on Sunday morning, Sunday afternoon, and Wednesday evening, Rev. W. J. McCartie on Sunday evening, and Rev. G. Williams on Tuesday. The services were well attended on Sunday, the Church being packed to overflowing. The singing was exceedingly good. Mr. John Wood was the conductor, and Mr. Brown the organist. The church was beautifully decorated, and thanks are due to all those kindly persons who gave fruit, vegetables and eggs. These have been distributed to the sick of the district.

"Merthyr Express" 4 October 1913

Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening, and was presided over by Bro. Wm. Griffiths, Chief Templar. 'Holiday Impressions' were given by Bros. Sam Lewis, Dd. Thomas, Henry Thomas, Thomas Lewis, Charles Payne, and Sisters Olwen Hughes and M. A. Lewis. A report on the Grand Lodge Annual Conference was given by Bro. Charles Payne, Grand Marshall. The following were elected to fill the annual offices: Supt. Juvenile Work - Bro.

Thos. Lewis; electoral superintendent - Bro. Wm. Jones; Lodge Deputy - Bro. Charles Payne. On Thursday week, several members of the Bedlinog Lodge were present, and contributed to the programme.

Presentation On Monday evening, a presentation was made at the Station Restaurant to Mr. Daniel Jones, on his leaving for Exeter College. The room was crowded. His loss, both to football and cricket, will be keenly felt in the district. The presentation took the form of a beautiful watch and chain and medal which had been subscribed for by the Fochriw Hotspurs A.F.C., of which he had been a member and captain for some years. The current captain, Mr. Edgar Cooke made the presentation. Speeches were made by Messrs. W. J. Payne, P. Mantle, H. C. Seaborne, G. Sibley and others. An excellent programme of music was also enjoyed with Mr. W. J. Payne presiding.

Weddings: Jenkins-Griffiths A wedding was solemnised at Tabernacle Merthyr, on Saturday, between Mr. Thomas Jenkins, second son of Mr. Daniel Jenkins, Pleasant View, and Miss Beatrice Griffiths, daughter of Mrs. M. Griffiths, Brynteg. Rev. D. Huws Jones, Carmel, and Rev. Rowland Jones, Tabernacle, officiated. The bride looked charming in a handsome tweed costume with matching hat. Her maids were Miss Polly Richards, Dowlais, and Miss Tegwen Jenkins. Lunch was taken at the bridegroom's house, after which the couple left for a honeymoon at Swansea. The presents were numerous.

Wedding: Archer-Lewis A pretty wedding was also solemnised at Merthyr on Monday between Mr. Henry J. Archer, son of Mr. & Mrs. Archer, Pentwyn, and Miss Edith Ellen Lewis, daughter of Me. & Mrs. David Lewis, Pentwyn. The bride wore a brown costume with matching hat. The breakfast took place at the home of the bride's parents. The couple received many useful presents.

“Merthyr Express” 11 October 1913

Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of ‘Star of Fochriw’ Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday week, Bro. Wm. Griffiths presiding. ‘Ode Practice’ was the order of the evening, all taking part. Bro T. Walters proved an excellent conductor. Bro. J. E. Davies was at the piano.

Inquest On Tuesday week, Mr. R. J. Rhys, district coroner, held an inquest at the Rising Sun Inn, concerning the death of Clifford Pugh, the six and a half months old child of Blodwen Pugh, Chapel Row, Penybank, who was found dead in bed. The jury, of which Mr. Charles Payne was foreman, after hearing the evidence of the mother, returned a verdict of ‘Death from Natural Causes.’

Certificates A meeting was held at Fochriw Council School on Monday evening to present certificates to the successful students at the examination held last May. The certificates were presented by Mrs. Davies, Pontlottyn, who gave an excellent address on the value of evening classes, and complimented the students and teachers of the Fochriw Technical Classes in showing such good results. Mrs. Walters, Fochriw, Miss Lizzie Mary Lawrence and Miss Hilda Davies sang and recited. Rev. Roderick thanked the speaker and artistes, seconded by Rev. R. D. Jenkins.

St. Mary's Church Harvest thanksgiving services were held at St. Mary's on Thursday and Sunday week. The preachers were as follows: Thursday - Rev. T. H. Pountney, curate of Gelligaer; Sunday morning - Rev. W. J. McCartie, curate of Pontlottyn; Sunday evening - Rev. W. Phillips, curate of Bargoed. There were large congregations. The fruit and vegetables were sent to the Union Infirmary Merthyr. Thanks to all who assisted with decoration and the gifts of fruit, flowers and vegetables.

Noddfa On Tuesday evening, a lecture was delivered at Noddfa on the ‘Chancellor of the Exchequer,’ by Rev. D. Huws Jones, pastor of Carmel Congregational Church. The lecturer dealt with the influences that were brought to bear on the life of the Chancellor in his boyhood and youth. He was a son of the people and knew their struggles; therefore he did not forget the rock from which he was hewn. Non-conformity had also played a major influence. He knew the struggles of the Non-conformist fathers, and what they had to contend with in the form of opposition from the State religion and State Church. The sword had entered his soul when very young, and he had kept the Non-conformist spirit and aspirations alive and healthy throughout the years. Throughout, the lecture was of a high

order, and was much appreciated by the audience. Dr. Eleazer Davies, J. P., Fochriw, presided. The proceeds of the lecture went in aid of the Philharmonic Benefit Society funds. After the usual votes of thanks, the evening ended with the singing of 'Hen Wlad fy Nhadau,' which was led by Mrs. Thomas Walters.

“Merthyr Express” 18 October 1913

Fochriw v Lower Rhymney Fochriw played splendidly throughout despite the excellent defence of the visitors. Ben Jones, at centre forward, who scored three goals, and Tuswell, inside left, W. J. Davies, right half, and Morgan Davies, captain and full back, were all in great form for the home team.

Gelligaer Urban District Council: To the Electors of the Fochriw Ward Ladies and Gentlemen, Having been requested by a deputation of the ratepayers of the above ward to stand as a candidate in the forthcoming bye-election caused by the resignation of Mr. E. Jones, I have consented to do so, and now venture to appeal for your support. Though not very long resident amongst you, I think I am fairly well known to you, and I think I can lay claim to having a fair knowledge of the requirements of the ward. If you elect me, I assure you that I shall always make it my first duty to see that the requirements of the ward are dealt with in a proper manner, together, of course, with a due regard to economy of rates, of which I am strongly in favour of a reduction. Any measure brought forward with that object in view, would have my strong support, as high rates are bound to mean high rents, which the average worker can ill afford. I am also in favour of providing public playgrounds for the children of each district. These, with the necessary fittings, could be provided at a small cost, and would, I am sure, be money well spent. Hoping that you will grant me your generous support, and thanking you in anticipation, I am your obedient servant, John Gillibrand, 29 Glyn March Terrace, Deri. October 10th, 1913.

Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Tuesday. The evening was set apart for compositions of poetry, the following taking part: Bros. T. Lewis, Sam Lewis, H. Thomas, Sisters C. Thomas and M. Griffiths. A beautiful solo was rendered by Sister C. Walters. Bro. Wm. Griffiths presided, and there were a large number present.

District Meeting The annual district meeting of the Rhymney Valley District of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Monday, when a fairly good number attended. Bro. Redday presided, assisted by Bro. C. Payne. After the reports of the various officers, elections for officers were made. Block and gavel were given to Fochriw for the largest increase of members.

“Merthyr Express” 25 October 1913

Brithdir v Fochriw Fresh from their brilliant win over Lower Rhymney, Fochriw visited Brithdir. Hitherto, all league matches have been played on Saturday mornings, but tempted by a share of the 'filthy lucre' Fochriw agreed to play in the afternoon, with a disastrous result. A good crowd witnessed the game, and this had a discouraging effect on the Fochriw boys, who with one or two exceptions, failed to give of their best. A fairly even first half resulted in a two goals to one lead for Brithdir, but in the second half, Brithdir added five more. For Fochriw, J. Davies and Morgan Davies alone played up to form. Final Score: Brithdir 7; Fochirw 1.

Labour A public meeting in support of the candidature of the selected Labour candidate, Mr. Ellis Savaker, was held at Carmel Vestry on Tuesday. The vacancy is caused by Mr. Edwin Jones, the junior Labour member of the ward, resigning his seat. A very able address was delivered by the candidate, and also by Mr. Fred Jones of Deri. Mr. George Thomas presided.

Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry Thursday evening, and was presided over by Bro, Wm. Griffiths. The District Lodge report was given by Bro. Payne. There was an excellent programme of music etc. Also, a presentation was made to Mrs. Jenkins of a water jug and jam spoon, on the occasion of her recent marriage, as a small token of appreciation of her services in the lodge. Appropriate verses of their own composition were read by Bros. Jones and Sam Lewis. Other contributions of solos and readings were given by Sisters Olwen Hughes, Ceridwen

Thomas and Walters, and by Bros. Thos. Walters, Daniel James, Dd. Thomas, Thos. Lewis, Charles Payne and Henry Thomas.

“Merthyr Express” 1 November 1913

Memorial Services A service in memory of the departed brothers, ‘the victims of the Senghenydd explosion,’ was held at St. Mary’s Church, and at St. Andrew’s Church, Pentwyn, on Sunday evening. The offertories throughout the day were given to the relief fund.

St. Andrew’s Band of Hope The members of the St. Andrew’s Church Band of Hope held their weekly meeting on Wednesday evening, a large number being present. The meeting opened with a hymn from Miss Blod. Williams. Miss Louisa Grimmer then engaged in prayer, followed by a duet from Misses Mary Morgan and Sarah Williams. Then followed: recitation - Miss Catherine Ann Jones; address - Mr. J. C. Payne; solo - Mr. Hughes; duet - Misses May Williams and Maggie S. Martin; address - Mr. C. Ballard; duet - Misses Mary Jones and Blodwen Watkins; solo - Mr. C. Ballard; address - Mr. Hughes; address - Miss E. M. Jones. Mr. Payne closed the meeting with prayer.

Storm A terrific thunder storm passed over the village on Monday evening last. Vivid flashes of lightning illuminated the whole sky, accompanied by terrific claps of thunder, and a very heavy downfall of rain. Luckily, no great damage was done, other than the roads being torn up in places, and water finding its way into some houses in Pentwyn and Fochriw. Much damage was done, however, to the roof of St. David’s Church, Pantywaun, the chimney, and a large portion of the roof being blown away. Damage was also done to the roof of one of the South Tunnel pithouses.

Candidates A meeting was held on Tuesday, October 28th, in support of the candidature of Mr. J. Gillibrand, Deri, who is contesting a seat on the Gelligaer District Council. Mr. H. Edgar presided. The meetings, both at Fochriw and Pantywaun, were very well attended. Mr. Gillibrand and Mr. W. Young, Pontypridd, spoke. On Wednesday, an open air meeting was held at Fochriw, supporting the candidacy of Mr. W. Giles, Deri, with Rev. Rhys Jenkins, Fochriw, presiding. A public meeting was also held on Tuesday evening at the Council School to further promote the candidature of Mr. Ellis Savaker, the Labour candidate. Mr. E. M. Davies presided.

Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of ‘Star of Fochriw’ Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry Thursday evening, and was presided over by Bro. Walters, D.C.T. for Monmouth and Brecon. The ‘Pride of Tredegar’ lodge members entertained their hosts. Along with the usual votes of thanks, the Tredegar members congratulated Bro. Payne on his election to the office of Grand Marshall.

“Merthyr Express” 8 November 1913

Upper Rhymney Valley Schools League: Fochriw v Pontlottyn The return match took place at Fochriw, the home side being very keen to reverse the previous result, when Pontlottyn won by three goals to one. Pontlottyn were at full strength, but Fochriw had two or three of their best players away. With the wind at their backs in the first half, Ponty pressed hard, but their reward was just a single goal. The second half was much more even, both sides scoring a single goal. Final score: Fochriw 1, Pontlottyn 2.

Obituary We have to record the death of Mrs. Davies, wife of Mr. John Davies, Guest-street, which occurred on Sunday morning. She was one of Fochriw’s oldest and most respected inhabitants. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Thursday.

St. Andrew’s Band of Hope The members of the St. Andrew’s Church Band of Hope held their weekly meeting on Wednesday evening. There were a large number present. Miss E. M. Jones presided. The opening prayers were led by Miss Blodwen Williams. The following contributed to the programme: solo - Miss Blodwen Watkins; duet - Miss B. Watkins and Miss Polly Jones; recitations - Miss A. M. Williams, Master Thomas E. Davies, Miss Maggie Sarah Martin; addresses - Messrs. H. Brown, J. C. Payne.

Congratulations To Mr. J. G. Giles, recently elected for the Fochriw Ward of the Gelligaer Council with a substantial majority.

Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of ‘Star of Fochriw’ Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry Thursday evening. Bro. H. Thomas presided. Papers were read on

'George Muller' (Bristol) by Bro. Daniel James, and on 'Richard Weaver, the converted collier,' by Bro. Henry Thomas. Election of officers for the coming quarter followed the papers.

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"Merthyr Express" 15 November 1913

Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry Thursday evening, Bro. Wm. Griffiths presiding. The officers for the new quarter were installed by Bro. Payne. The programme for the evening was 'English Corrections.' Sister M. A. Lewis was responsible for the highly instructive and interesting evening.

St. Andrew's Band of Hope The members of the St. Andrew's Church Band of Hope held their weekly meeting on Wednesday evening. There were a large number present. Miss E. M. Jones presided. The following contributed to the programme: solos - Misses Polly Jones and Ceridwen Davies; short addresses - Messrs. Ballard and Payne; duet - Misses Morfydd Williams and Lucy Martin; address - Miss E. M. Jones.

Social and Dance A social and dance promoted by the Penybank Council School was held at St. Mary's Institute on Thursday. A large number were present. The M.C. was Mr. Stephen Phillips, with Mr. H. Jenkins at the piano. Miss J. A. Jenkins was the secretary, and Miss B. Moore the treasurer. Thanks are due to the many helpers for making the evening a success.

Funeral The funeral of the late Mrs. Davies, Guest-street, was held on Thursday week at Pentwyn churchyard. Deceased, who had been ill for a long while, was 67 years of age. She came to Fochriw 45 years ago, and lived in the same house throughout the period. A short service was held in the house prior to interment at Pentwyn. Rev. W. Chappell officiated. The chief mourners were: Mr. John Davies, widower; Miss Ellen Davies, daughter; Mrs. E. Richards, Cadoxton, daughter; Mrs. J. Davies, daughter-in-law; Mr. & Mrs. Ed. Davies, son-in-law and daughter; Mr. & Mrs. James Davies, son and daughter-in-law.

Funeral The funeral of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Williams, Glen View, Pentwyn, took place on Saturday. Deceased was 81 years of age. She was the widow of the late David Williams, who died many years ago, and who had acted as preacher at Siloh, Penybank, and Panywaun Baptist Chapel. Rev. J. Roderick conducted a short service in the house, prior to the service at Pentwyn.

Smoker A smoking concert was held at the Mount Pleasant Inn, Pentwyn on Saturday evening by the 'Nibs Slate Club.' Mr. Stephen Phillips, secretary, and Mr. John Williams, described the occasion as never-to-be forgotten.

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St. Andrew's Band of Hope The members of the St. Andrew's Church Band of Hope held their weekly meeting on Wednesday evening. There were a large number present. Mr. C. Ballard presided. The opening prayers were led by Master Wm. T. Morgan. The following contributed to the programme: solo - Miss Morfydd Williams; recitation - Miss Agnes May Williams; duet - Misses Maggie Davies and Morfydd Williams; song - Master Percy Mantle; duet - Misses Mary Jones & Blodwen Williams; recitation - Miss Alice Mills; chant - Misses Ceridwen Davies and Blodwen Williams; song - Miss Maggie Davies; recitation - Master Wm. Thomas Williams; recitation - Masters P. Mantle and George Jones; duet - Misses B. Williams and M. Jones; recitation - Master G. Jones; duet - Misses A. M. Williams and E. A. Davies; short addresses - Mr. Ballard and Mr. Payne. A book prize was offered for the best rendering of 'Jesu, Lover of my Soul.' There were six competitors, and the prize awarded to Miss Mary Morgan.

Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry Thursday evening, Bro. Wm. Griffiths presiding. A fruit banquet was provided by the brothers of the lodge. The programme was as follows: pianoforte solos - Bro. J. E. Davies; Bro. Thomas Walters; reading - Bro. Wm. Jones; Welsh reading - Bro. Sam Lewis; humorous stories - Bro. Charles Payne, Bro. D. James.

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St. Mary's Church A service in memory of the late Mrs. Davies, Guest-street, was held on Sunday evening, when Rev. W. Chappell preached. Appropriate hymns were sung under the conductorship of Mr. B. Angell. Mr. O. Richards was at the organ, and Mr. Josiah Richards read the lessons.

Nazareth The annual preaching meetings took place on Saturday, Sunday and Monday. The preachers were the Revs. Daniel Davies, Pentre Rhondda, and T. E. Davies, Dowlais. The singing, which was of a high standard, was conducted by Mr. Wm. Morris, with Mr. Roderick Jones at the organ.

Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening, Bro. Wm. Griffiths presiding. The evening was set apart for the reading of a paper entitled 'Lord Randolph Churchill,' by Mr. John Jones, Pontlottyn, which proved very interesting, many members commenting on it.

St. Andrew's Band of Hope The members of the St. Andrew's Church Band of Hope held their weekly meeting on Wednesday evening. There were a large number present. Miss E. M. Jones presided. An excellent programme was contributed to by Misses Blodwen Williams, Pollie Jones, Blodwen Watkins, Master Clifford Everett, Mr. H. Brown, Misses Morfydd Williams, Maggie Morris, Ceridwen Davies, Sarah Morris, Maggie Sarah Martin, Agnes May Evans, Masters Johnnie Mantle, David Tyler and Thomas Elvet Davies. Short addresses were given by Miss Jones and Mr. Payne. An enjoyable evening was brought to a close with prayer.

Cwlwm-y-Brodoriaeth Lodge At this lodge on Wednesday evening, seven brothers were raised to the second degree. Also, several new members were initiated, among them, Bro. J. C. Payne, licensed lay reader to Pentwyn Church. Henceforth, he will take on the duties of chaplain to the lodge. He received a most hearty welcome. An interesting evening was brought to a close in the usual Buffalo manner, with a link of 48 members.

"Merthyr Express" 6 December 1913

Entertainment A successful entertainment was given at St. Andrew's Church on Monday evening. Mr. J. C. Payne presided over an excellent programme which was as follows: organ solo - Mr. H. Brown; recitation - Miss E. M. Jones, Cwmbargoed; trio - Messrs. Brown, Ballard and Payne; recitation - Master Clifford Everett; song - Master W. T. Williams; solo - Mr. C. Ballard; duet - Master Christie and Miss Elsie Brown; solos - Tom Jones; recitations - Miss Jones and Master W. T. Williams.

St. Andrew's Band of Hope The members of the St. Andrew's Church Band of Hope held their weekly meeting on Wednesday evening. There were a large number present. Mr. E. M. Jones presided. A programme of recitations, duets, solos and a competition were contributed to by members. Addresses were given by Mr. C. Ballard, Mr. H. Brown and J. C. Payne.

Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry Thursday evening week, Bro. Wm. Griffiths presiding. The subject for the evening was 'Our Favourite Hobbies.' Nearly all present took part. Bro. Payne conveyed to the Lodge fraternal greetings from the International Juvenile Council and Grand Executive which met at Beaufort on Friday, 21st November.

"Merthyr Express" 13 December 1913

Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry Thursday evening week, Bro. Wm. Griffiths presiding. The programme was 'Topical Talks,' and 'The Story of the British Oak' was the main subject, Sis. Catherine Jones being responsible.

St. Andrew's Band of Hope The members of the St. Andrew's Church Band of Hope held their weekly meeting on Wednesday evening. There were a large number present. Mr. C. Ballard presided. The following contributed to the programme: Misses Maggie Jones, Sarah Evans, Agnes May Williams, Blodwen Williams, and Masters Willie Davies, David Tyler, J. A. Davies and W. T. Williams. Addresses were given by Mr. C. Ballard and Mr. H. Brown.

Funeral The funeral of the late Mrs. Evans, wife of David Evans, 3, Moore's-row, took place on Monday at Pentwyn Churchyard. Deceased was only 28 years of age. She was a member of Carmel, and leaves a husband and son. A short service was held at the house, and the hymn 'Daeth yr awr im' ddianc dre,' was sung on the way to Pentwyn. Revs. D. Huws Jones, R. D. Jenkins, I. Roderick and David Jones, Deri, officiated. The chief mourners were: Mr. David Evans, husband; Master Iorwerth Evans, son; Mr. Jas. Evans (father-in-law); Mr. & Mrs. J. H. Thomas, Brook Cottage, mother and father; Mr. & Mrs. D. H. Thomas, Mr. & Mrs. E. Lewis (brothers & sisters-in-law); Mr. & Mrs. David Davies, Mr. & Mrs. S. J. Jenkins, Mr. & Mrs. Sam Evans (brothers-in-law and sisters); Masters J. R. Thomas and Jack Davies, Misses C. Davies and Lizzie Jenkins (nephews and nieces); Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Evans (brother-in-law and sister-in-law); Messrs. John Evans, Wm. Evans & Thomas Evans (uncles).

"Merthyr Express" 20 December 1913

Fochriw v Dukestown In the first half, the Crusaders held the upper hand, scoring after 20 minutes. Later, the visitors improved and equalized. In the gloaming, Dukestown tried hard to secure the winning goal, but the Fochriw defence proved sound.

Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry Thursday evening, Bro. Wm. Griffiths presiding. The juveniles entertained, the following contributing: solos - E. Jenkins, Willie Morgan, Ann Ballard and Ruth Griffiths; duets - C. Ballard and Agnes Cook, C. Ballard and Lydia Ballard; recitations - Lydia Cumpstone, Gladys Watkins, Lydia Ballard, Ann Meredith, Lizzie M. Lawrence, Bessie Hughes, Anne Jenkins, Sylvan Llewellyn, Lodwick Lewis and Edmund Davies. A short sketch was played by Lizzie M. Lawrence, C. Ballard and M. A. Cook. Bro. Thomas Lewis presided over the entertainment.

Half-Yearly Meetings At Carmel on Sunday and Monday, Rev. Gwilym Rees, Soar, Merthyr, officiated. The singing was conducted by Mr. D. Davies, with Mr. Thomas Walters at the organ. On Tuesday evening, a lecture was delivered by Rev. Crwys Williams, Brynmawr, on 'Gwerin Cymru.' Dr. E. Davies presided.

St. Andrew's Band of Hope The members of the St. Andrew's Church Band of Hope held their weekly meeting on Wednesday evening. There were a large number present. Mr. E. M. Jones presided. The following contributed to the programme: recitations - Misses Sarah Evans and Alice Mills, Masters Percy Mantle, Richard George Attwell and Willie Grimmett; songs - Miss B. Williams and Master C. Everett; duets - Misses A. M. Williams & M. Morgan, Masters R. G. Attwell and David Tyler. Short addresses were given by Miss Jones, Mr. Ballard and Mr. Payne.

Entertainment An entertainment was held at the Pentwyn Church Schoolroom on Monday night. There were a large number present, and Mr. J. C. Payne presided. The following contributed to the programme: organ solo - Mr. H. Brown; recitation - Miss Jones; solo - Miss Maggie Parker; duet - Misses S. J. Williams and Ivy Griffiths; recitation - Master W. J. Williams; solo - Mrs. Annie Morgan; recitation - Master Clifford Everett; solo - Mr. H. Brown; duet - Miss P. Jones and Miss Catherine Watkins; solo - Mr. J. Davies; recitation - Miss R. Jones; duet - Master Christy and Miss Elsie Brown; solo - Miss Ada Seaborne; recitation - Miss E. M. Jones; solos - Master Percy Mantle, Miss Jane Seaborne, Mr. C. Ballard, Mr. Davies, and Miss B. Watkins.

Wedding: Lewis-Cumpstone A wedding was solemnised at Gelligaer Church on Tuesday last, between Miss Rachel Mary Lewis, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Lewis, 10, Aelybryn, Fochriw, and Mr. Percy Cumpstone, Fochriw. Rev. M. James officiated. The bride was beautifully attired in a grey and white whip-cord costume with which she wore a grey velvet hat trimmed with white wings. She was accompanied by her aunt, Miss M. Harris, Bargoed, who was also charmingly attired. The best man was Mr. Simon Lewis, brother of the bride. The breakfast was at the home of the bride's parents. Later, the couple left for their new home at Brook Row, Fochriw.

Wedding: Smith-Davies Another pretty wedding was solemnised at Pontlloftyn Parish Church on Tuesday, between Miss Elizabeth Smith, the only daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Smith, Fochriw, and Mr. Wm. Owen Davies, Bargoed. The bride was

beautifully dressed in a light grey costume, with a black and white hat to match. She was accompanied by Miss Florrie Roberts, Deri, and Miss Mary Lawrence, Fochriw. Messrs. Samuel, Walter and Arthur Way, Fochriw, were also present. After the ceremony, the party returned to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Way, 20, Aelybryn, Fochriw, for the wedding breakfast. Later, the couple left for their new home at Bargoed.

“Merthyr Express” 27 December 1913

Entertainment An entertainment was held at St. Mary’s Institute on Thursday, Mr. Josiah Richards presiding. The following contributed to the programme: address - the Chairman; pianoforte solo - Mr. Octavius Richards; recitation - Mr. Sydney Way; solo - Master Atwell Woods; recitation - Master Charley Edwards; song - Miss Nan Prosser; recitation - Master Edwin Jones and Elvis Phillips; dialogue - Masters C. Edwards, A. Morris and B. Sibley.