

Temperance

**“Merthyr Express” 6 September 1873**

Good Templars The Good Templars Order, with branches from Fochriw, Pontlottyn and Twyn Caru have paraded the streets of Rhymney led by the Good Templars Drum and Fife Band.

**“Merthyr Express” 8 April 1882**

The Blue Ribbon Movement On Thursday night, April 6<sup>th</sup>., at Carmel Independent Chapel, a Blue Ribbon meeting was held, when two eloquent speeches were delivered by the Rev. W. Tibbot, Independent minister at Carmel, and Mr. W. Edwards, stationmaster, Cwmbargoed. Mr. T. Edwards occupied the chair, and at the close of the meeting, eight four persons came forward to join the army and don the Blue Ribbon. “This is a good beginning but we hope to greatly increase it, and carry the temperance banner to victory,” said the Rev. Tibbot of the Gospel Temperance Mission

**“Merthyr Express” 13 May 1882**

Gospel Temperance Mission A series of meetings in connection with this movement has commenced in Vochriw. On Tuesday evening, 18<sup>th</sup> April, a meeting was held at Nazareth Chapel, when speeches were delivered by the Revs. T. Rees, Sirhowy, and F. Thomas, Vochriw. On Saturday evening at Carmel Chapel, Mr. T. Williams, Gwaelodygarth, spoke. Each speaker appealed to all classes, especially to Christian friends, to give every possible aid to rescue their fellow-beings from the evil clutches of intemperance. On Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup>., and May 4<sup>th</sup>., speeches were delivered by Rev. L. Thomas, Wesleyan, Rhymney, and the Rev. J. Williams, Methodist, Dowlais, ably advocating the cause of temperance. As a result of these meetings, about 200 have signed the pledge and donned the Blue Ribbon; but judging from the attendance at the meetings, one would imagine that the religious friends at Vochriw have not quite made up their minds to do away with drink just yet.

**“Merthyr Express” 16 September 1882**

Temperance On Wednesday se’night another series of temperance meetings arranged in connection with Bethel Baptist Chapel, Pontlottyn, was held under the presidency of Mr. D. Jones, Vochriw. The number of attendances showed a considerable increase on that of the previous night, and a very able address was delivered by the Rev. Mr. Berry of Cardiff, who we believe has recently been stationed as pastor of the new English Baptist Church formed at Vochriw. Having spent a large portion of his lifetime as home missionary in London and large provincial towns, Mr Berry related his experiences connected with the promotion of religion amongst the inebriate population of the towns where he has been stationed, and the most telling were the numerous instances of the reclamations which had been made through instrumentality of total abstinence.

Sunday Closing This Act came into force throughout the whole of this parish on Sunday last, and the day passed off in the most quiet and peaceful manner, with no sign of opposition or dissatisfaction of any kind evinced from the habitual consumers of drinks. Sanguine anticipation of temperance reformers as to the immediate and ultimate beneficial results to accrue from the passing of the Act seem justified.

**“Merthyr Express” 4 February 1888**

Temperance The usual weekly Band of Hope meeting was held at Nazareth C.M. Chapel when the following officers were elected:- Chairman, Mr. Griffith Pugh; Secretary, Mr. John Adams; Treasurer, Mr. William Adams; Conductor, Mr. Evan Jones. We are very pleased to state that the society is in a very flourishing condition, members being 90 in number.

**“Merthyr Express” 11 February 1888**

Band of Hope The usual weekly meeting was held on Thursday se’night when suitable addresses, recitations and songs were delivered.

**“Merthyr Express” 3 October 1891**

Forthcoming Plebiscite (Under Pontlottyn) The committee for carrying out the plebiscite of the people of this locality upon the local option and prohibition clauses in the licensing question, met at Nazareth Chapel on Thursday night, when it was decided to enlist the services of some of the leading temperance men in every congregation to explain the motive. This having been done, the papers will be distributed on Monday next, and collected on the

following Friday. It is specially requested that every householder should vote one way or the other.

**“Merthyr Express” 10 May 1902**

Rising Sun Inn: Mrs Ann Morgan Leaves After 43 Years On Wednesday, Mrs. Ann Morgan handed the licence of the Rising Sun Inn to her son Mr. Thomas Morgan, having a record of 43 years in the same house. Mrs. Morgan, with her and late husband, took possession of the house on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 1859. The Morgans are a well respected family. As well as the new licensee, the following were born at the house: Messrs. W. A. Morgan and Morgan Morgan of the General Picton, Pontlottyn, Mrs. A. G. Cook of the Blast Furnace, Pontlottyn, and Mrs. W. Phillips, who will go Pontlottyn with her mother. Mrs. Phillips' husband is the respected son of Mr. Isaac Phillips, grocer.

**“Merthyr Express” 19 July 1902**

Presentation to Mrs. Morgan, Rising Sun Inn A presentation has been made to Mrs. Morgan, in recognition of her 27 years service as treasurer to the Fochriw Lodge of the Philanthropics. Mr. J. Lawrence acted as chairman. Mrs. Morgan was presented with an illuminated address.

**“Merthyr Express” 23 May 1903**

Sale Fochriw, near Dowlais To Brewers, Licensed Victuallers, and other Capitalists, Sale of the Leasehold Double Licensed Inn and Other Premises.

Mr. Isaac Edwards is favoured with instructions to sell by Public Auction at the Mount Pleasant Inn, Fochriw, on Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, 1903, at 7.30 p.m.

Lot 1 - All of that valuable inn and premises, now in the occupation of Mr. David Jones, known as Mount Pleasant Inn, Fochriw. These premises are held for a term of 99 years from the first day of May, 1858, and will be sold subject to the apportioned yearly ground rent of £2-3s-1d.

The premises are also sub-let for a term of 21 years from the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January, 1890, at a net annual rental of £50, but determinable, nevertheless, at the option of the sub-lessee, at the end of the first seven or fourteen years of the said term of 21 years. The premises comprise:

Ground Floor - Parlour & Tap Room in front, Small Tap Room and Bar in the rear, large Kitchen.

First Floor: Spacious Long Room, with three large Bedrooms.

Outbuildings: two pigscots, a two-stall stable with a large hay-loft and usual offices.

The Inn is situated at Pentwyn, close to the junction of the four main roads connecting Dowlais, Fochriw, Bargoed, and Bedlinog.

It is anticipated that sinking operations will shortly be started in the immediate vicinity of this property. The opportunity thus afforded of shortly securing a Free Double Licence Premises and Good Cottage Property, in the district with such a future before it, is seldom met with. Plans, particulars and conditions of sale are being prepared. In the meantime, all information may be obtained upon application to the Auctioneer, Cambria Chambers, North-street, Dowlais, also from Mr. John Thomas Jones, solicitor, Union Street, Dowlais.

**“Merthyr Express” 6 June 1903**

Property Sale At the Mount Pleasant Inn, Fochriw, on Thursday se'nnight, Mr. Isaac Edwards, auctioneer, offered for sale, several lots of leasehold property, including a double-licensed inn. The Inn and premises - the Mount Pleasant Inn - were withdrawn at £1,950.

**“Merthyr Express” 20 June 1903**

Fochriw Curate and Constitutional Club: Institutions Denounced from the Pulpit The Rev. John A. Rees, curate-in-charge of Fochriw, in the course of his sermon at Fochriw Church on Sunday evening, dealt with the question of the establishment of clubs in the mining districts. A large congregation had assembled in anticipation, it having become known that the reverend gentleman, who has initiated a crusade against the Fochriw Constitutional Club, intended to speak on the subject in the course of his address. Basing his remarks on Mark chap.10, v. 29, the reverend gentleman pointed out the duties of the

truly God-fearing man and follower of Christ. Continuing, he said attempts were being made to introduce clubs into every hamlet throughout the parish of Pontllytyn, and the constituency generally. Institutions of this kind were never meant for small colliery districts, and those who thought they helped forward the Conservative cause by their establishment, were making a very serious mistake. Sensible men would either abstain from working for, or would vote against any candidate who, through his satellite, established and supported such institutions. A glance at the list of members showed that the best men, and the most respectable men of the district, were conspicuous by their absence. Respectable men looked askance at such clubs, the demoralising character of them being always apparent. Members of clubs had been seen pummelling one another in the streets and creating a commotion. The Fochriw Club only contained a drinking bar, and no books and periodicals, and only a couple of papers were provided, and scarcely any attempt had been made since its establishment to provide members with any mental or elevating recreation. It is true that care was taken for man's sporting proclivities, for a few childish games of the same character as the ring game and cards were provided. Surprise visits by the police might also prove instructive. He was told that the existence of these clubs depended almost entirely upon the quantity of drink consumed. If the success of Conservatism in the mining districts had to depend upon institutions of this kind, it was high time that the party was swept out of existence into Chamberlain's fiscal whirlpool. He appealed to the Conservative party in East Glamorgan to stay their hand, and at once undo the injury it had already caused. Failing that, they had no alternative but to appeal to the District Council to condemn the house as uninhabitable, for its sanitary arrangements were far from being satisfactory. Pontllytyn proper, it was to be hoped, would never see the establishment in their midst of such an institution. They might pray that the good lady of Maesyrhyddid, the owner of the estate, would give the political agents no quarter, and would see that no house on her property was utilised by any political party for club purposes. He appealed to those who were communicants and Church-goers to abstain from entering such places.

**“Merthyr Express” 23 January 1904**

Temperance Meeting at Fochriw: Drink and Welsh Customs The temperance propaganda was further pushed forward at Fochriw on Thursday se'nnight, when a large and representative meeting was held at the Board Schools. The meeting and was one of a series which has been organised as the outcome of the strenuous opposition made to the opening of a club. The Rev. James Jones having offered prayer, Dr. Davies, in his introductory address, regretted the absence of the Rector of Gelligaer. He had, however, sent an able substitute in the person of the Rev. J. Williams, Rhymney (hear, hear). Cochfarf was also present at the invitation of his own (the speaker's) church, which promoted these temperance meetings. The Rev. Rees had made a strong protest against the establishment of these drinking clubs, and by doing so, he voiced the opinion of all men anxious not to have their political training linked with alcoholic drink (hear, hear). He had witnessed the painful exhibition at the last quarter sessions, and endorsed the views expressed by his Honour Judge Gwilym Williams. He referred to the alarming statistics at Paddington, where from a parish of 142,000, it was proved that on the last Sunday in the old year, only 31,321 of these people attended the places of worship, and 102,000 the public houses.

The Rev. J. William, curate, Rhymney, in the course of a rousing address, said that drink had, unfortunately, tainted the books of our great writers, such as Dickens. Men had become infatuated with the drink. A proud parent on the birth and a child asked his friends to drink to the health of the child, as though it would not live without being toasted in alcohol (hear hear). A marriage was not considered complete without the wines. In Cardiganshire, they had what was known as the "neithior" at a wedding, by which the newly married couple received as a marriage dowry, all of the money paid for drink. Therefore, the more beastly drunk a man got, greater was regarded his admiration for the young couple. Then again at burials, it was unfortunate, but in the present day, there were so many people who considered that their friends were not properly buried,

until they themselves had swallowed a number of pints of beer. There were many masonic signs connected with the drink. He deplored that the provincial coffee houses were not so well kept as they were in London, or so tempting as the hotels. The Temperance houses should be made truly a home from home. There were not sufficient places of healthy amusement or instructive centres for the young men. He was sorry to find in Wales, that clubs or friendly societies were generally established in public houses, and in some cases even School Board meetings were held in these places.

Ald. E. Thomas, ex-Mayor of Cardiff, who spoke in Welsh, referred with pride to how he went through his mayoral year without having any wine on his tables. Sitting as a magistrate, he had learnt with regret of the many evils of drink. On a visit to London the previous week, he visited Poplar Workhouse, and Mr. Will Crooks, M. P. told him that if the Poplar people were sober for one week, there would be no need for that workhouse which now had 1,500 inmates. There were now 2,000 inmates in the Bridgend asylum, and on the evidence of Dr. Pringle, over one half of these were there in consequence of drink. Addresses were also given by Rev. J. A. Rees and the Rev. J. Jones, and the usual votes of thanks brought to a close a most successful meeting.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 27 February 1904**

Temperance Question at Fochriw Continuing with the programme of temperance meetings at Fochriw, originally organised in opposition to the establishment of a Constitutional Club in the district, a further well-attended meeting was held in the Board Schools on Thursday, the principal speakers being the Rev. Tertius Phillips, Penarth, and the Rev. A. A. Mathews, Blaenavon. District Councillor J. Jones presided, and urged the people of Fochriw not to join these club. They did not want any of their children to learn the way to drink, rather to teach them to live an upright and sober life (cheers). Rev. A. A. Mathews said that in the course of his duties as a minister, he saw, on his visits from house to house, the terrible havoc which the drink brought to some homes, and because of this, he had decided to become a total abstainer. It was a great pity to see men work hard, and then waste their earnings on the drink. Railway Inspector Edwards moved a resolution condemnatory of the several measures proposed to be carried out in favour of extensive powers under the licensing laws. In doing so, he commented upon the action of the magistrates in South Wales as not having the courage of their convictions. Mr. Rees seconded the motion, and hoped that Parliament would take such measures as to prevent such a retrograde step as is now contemplated by the Government. The Rev. Phillips prefaced his address in support of the motion by stating that the Rev. J. A. Rees had been threatened with proceedings as a result of his outspoken remarks in opposition to existing clubs. He had already received offers of support to contest this case to the backbone, and in order to carry the thing through, he would act as secretary for the defence fund.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 26 March 1904**

Temperance On Thursday evening, the last of the series of United Temperance Meetings was held at the Council School, when the meeting was addressed by the Rev. D. Fisher, the vicar of Rhymney, who gave an earnest address, which will be remembered for many a day. He gave his experience extending over a period of fifteen years, and urged the importance of educating the young on the destructive action of alcohol by adopting the use of scientific reading books in our elementary schools. He expressed a fervent wish that Rhymney may someday show the blessings of the Sunday Closing Act. Mr. Charles Payne, Fochriw, presided in his happiest manner, recalling incidents in his early career which were interesting and instructive. The Rev. James Jones, Carmel, followed in one of his usual pointed speeches. He thanked the vicar for his address, and paid a tribute of gratitude to the Reverend John Alfred Rees, curate of Fochriw, for the great treat he had been the means of procuring for the inhabitants of Fochriw by organising these educative series of temperance meetings. A few appropriate remarks from Mr. Rhys D. Jenkins, and the usual vote of thanks to the chairman, brought to a close a memorable series of meetings.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 23 July 1904**

Personal At the Independent Order of Grand Templars meeting on Thursday evening, numerous references were made to the election of the Rev. James Jones to be chairman of the Gelligaer School Managers. Mr. Charles Payne, chairman, Dr. Davies, Councillor J. Jones, and others, spoke very high of the invaluable services rendered by Rev. Jones in the cause of education. As one of the most prominent members of the late Gelligaer School Board, Rev. Jones rendered services which stamped him as a most zealous advocate of education. On June 13<sup>th</sup>, the honour of opening the school at Pontlottyn was conferred on the Reverend Jones, and this function he discharged in his usual able manner. Another distinction lately enjoyed by the reverend gentleman was that of chairman of the quarterly meetings of the North Glamorgan Congregationalists, and here again he acquitted himself with great ability.

**“Merthyr Express” 6 August 1904**

A Fochriw Curate's Warfare Against Clubs: Action for Slander by a Conservative Association: Verdict for Plaintiffs At the Glamorgan Assizes on Tuesday (before Justice Willis and a special jury), an important slander action was heard, in which the plaintiffs were the Cardiff Conservative Club Company (Limited), and the defendant the Reverend John Alfred Rees, curate of Fochriw. Damages were claimed for slander contained in a speech delivered by the defendant at a temperance meeting at Blackwood on January 5<sup>th</sup> last. Mr B. Francis-Williams, K.C., and Mr. Arthur Lewis appeared for the plaintiffs, and Mr. S. T. Evans, M.P., and Mr. Llewellyn Williams for the defendant.

Mr B. Francis-Williams began by giving a brief history of the Cardiff Conservative Club, and the character of its membership. The Lord-lieutenant of the county, Lord Windsor, was its president. There were other gentlemen who belonged to the club of the position of Lord Bute and Lord Tredegar. There were two or three men of his own profession, a number of medical men, about 26 solicitors, 56 accountants and commission agents. This was perhaps the largest club in Wales, and was carried on like a country club, or like those in London. It was in no way a bogus club, such as they knew some clubs could be. The Conservative Club of Cardiff was not conducted for the purpose of evading the Licensing Act, and was not one of those clubs which was merely conducted for the sale of drink. It was a place that was used as a party club. The words used by the defendant, and the words which were complained of were: "We have heard a great deal lately of the devil being in the Potteries. Well, if he is there, I am perfectly certain that he is in the so-called Liberal, Constitutional, and other clubs of Glamorganshire, for the conduct of their members as disclosed from time to time in our police courts, is not one whit better than the Pottery men. Why, only the other day, one of the prominent Conservative Club men in Cardiff unblushingly characterised his party's club to me as being very shady, and the resort of the betting fraternity. Indeed, to such proportions had their presence grown, and so great was the nuisance they caused during luncheon time, that he now invariably deserts his club for the more congenial and quiet surroundings of a popular St. Mary Street restaurant. The conduct of the majority of these institutions, if the truth were known, is often contrary to law, and I have not the slightest hesitation in asserting that if our police raided all the Glamorganshire clubs, nine and of every ten would cease to exist." That was the portion of the speech complained of, counsel continued, and after the meeting, the defendant handed his manuscript to the representatives of the "Western Mail." The libel was the publication of the written matter given to the representative of that journal. Counsel next proceeded to show that the only political club which supplied luncheons in Cardiff was the Cardiff Conservative Club. If the allegations were now withdrawn he would be satisfied as they were not asking for the payment of costs. As there was no withdrawal, witnesses were then called.

In his evidence, Rev. Rees said that he had lately compiled statistics showing that 53 clubs in Glamorgan had been prosecuted between 1896 and 1904. There were 35 convictions, and the fines amounted to £1,598 5s. Rev. Rees was made to admit by counsel that he had 'stretched his imagination sometimes' when interpreting what he had been told by his friend relating to Cardiff clubs. Various witnesses were also called relating to bookmaking and the Cardiff Club.

In summing up, the Judge said that the questions for the jury were - Whether the allegations applied to the club? Whether the alleged libel was of such a character as to affect materially the pecuniary interests of the concern? Was it of a character to interfere materially with the carrying of the club in the commercial sense? Dealing with the alleged libel, the Judge said it was one of those unfortunate instances of intemperance about temperance, which he was sorry to say did extreme harm to a very good cause. He always regretted it was so, and that gentleman were so carried away by zeal for what they considered to be a righteous cause, that they forgot what was due to other people and what was due to themselves. And the reverend gentleman could hardly be acquitted of having done what he himself regretted he had done. The jury retired at 1.12, and returned at 1.20 with a verdict for the plaintiff company answering the questions as follows: 1. Did the the alleged libel affect materially the peculiarly interests of the plaintiffs? - No. 2. Did it interfere materially with the carrying on of the business of the club? - Yes. 3. Was it justified? - No. The jury further informed the judge that they assessed the damages at 40 shillings.

Enthusiastic Reception for the Rev. J. A. Rees The Rev. J. A. Rees met with an enthusiastic reception on his arrival at Fochriw from Swansea on Wednesday evening. Mr Rees reached Fochriw about seven o'clock, and was met at the railway station by the majority of the residents, headed by the Fochriw Brass Band. A procession was formed, and having paraded the principal streets, wended its way over the mountain to Pontlottyn, where the reverend gentleman was again received enthusiastically. A public meeting was held in The Square, in the centre of the town. Addresses were delivered by the Rev. Rees and Mr. Tertius Phillips, Cardiff.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 27 August 1904**

Rev. J. A. Rees and Clubs Meetings in connection with the annual demonstration of the Abersychan Total Abstiners were held on Monday, the speakers being the Rev. J. A. Rees, Fochriw; Mr. Ernest Evans, Newport; Alderman T. W. Evans, Newbridge; the Rev. J. Scrivens, Abersychan; and the Rev. W. Morris, Talywain. The Rev. J. A. Rees said that Glamorgan had entered into a compact with the drink traffic. The registration of clubs was a mere farce, and it proved totally inadequate. They simply robbed the nation of public-house licences, and were public-houses without supervision.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 17 September 1904**

Temperance Demonstration On Saturday the 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Temperance Societies - the Rechabites and the International Order of Good Templars, joined forces in a public demonstration. Headed by the Fochriw Brass Band (who gave their services free), they marched through Pentwyn and Fochriw, a gallant army over 300 strong. The local forces were reinforced for the day by a number of Temperance friends from the surrounding districts. After the procession, tea was taken in the Council School, where six tables, served by the lady friends of Temperance, were kept busy for hours. At eight o'clock, a musical entertainment was given, presided over by the Rev. James Jones, and supported by Dr. Davies, the Rev. J. Alfred Rees, Alderman Lewis, Mr. Richards, and others. The I.O.G.T. Juvenile Choir, under the able conductorship of Mr. David James Thomas, rendered a service of songs entitled "The Good Templar Jubilee." The anthems and choruses were interspersed with readings, giving the history of the I.O.G.T.. Mr. Roderick Jones accompanied the music. A vote of thanks to the chairman, and the host of willing hands that had served during the day, was proposed by Mr. Ernest Price, and seconded by Mr. Joseph Payne, and a very entertaining and instructive evening was brought to a close.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 11 February 1905**

The Curate of Fochriw's Campaign Against Clubs: Failure Attributed To Slander Action The Rev. J. A. Rees, curate of Fochriw, who has made such persistent attacks on clubs, filed his petition in bankruptcy at Merthyr on Friday. A receiving order was made, and a statement of affairs was issued on Tuesday. The debtor attributes his failure entirely to the assize action for slander recently brought against him by the Cardiff Conservative Club Company (Limited), when the plaintiffs obtained a verdict for £2 and costs. The

bankrupt's stipend is only £120 per annum. It is understood that the club's costs amount to between £300 and £350. The statement of affairs show liabilities amounting to £627-8s-2d., with assets at nil; £326-12s is returned as due to the Cardiff Conservative Club (Limited) in respect of the judgment obtained against him at Swansea Assizes in August last, and £250 as due to Mr. J. A. Hughes, Cardiff and Barry, in respect of costs for defending him in the action; £51-5s is returned as a fully secured debt to Mr. David Prothero, furniture dealer, Bargoed, to whom the debtor has given a bill of sale on the whole of his household effects, including his library, in respect of money borrowed and interest.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 25 February 1905**

Fochriw Curate's Failure: Meeting of Creditors at Merthyr A meeting of the creditors of John Alfred Rees, Talybryn, Pontlottyn, clerk in holy orders, was held on Monday at the offices of the official receiver at Merthyr. The statement of affairs showed that £576-3s-2d was due to two unsecured creditors, and £51-5s to one creditor fully secured. The assets were put down as nil. The Conservative Club Company caused an execution to be levied on the 30<sup>th</sup> January, but the debtor filed the petition on the 3<sup>rd</sup> inst., and the sheriff's officers withdrew on the following day. In his deficiency account, the debtor states that his expenses other than law costs in connection with the slander action amounted to only £23-15s. The public examination is fixed to take place at Merthyr Court on 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 25 March 1905**

Temperance The last of the series of temperance meetings was held at the Fochriw County School on Thursday, when the speakers of the evening, Mr. Percy Thomas (Cardiff) and Mr. T. C. Thomas (Bedlinog) delivered addresses. The Rev. Isaac Roderick (Fochriw) presided. The speakers were in good form, and were heartily received by the audience. They dealt with the Licensing Act and gave their experience of what they had seen and heard during the course of the revival bearing on the drink question. The various speakers who have addressed Fochriw audiences during past three months are as follows: the Rev. Isaac Williams, Rhymney; Rev. Morris Morgan, Swansea; Principal Edwards, Cardiff; Rev. James Jones, Fochriw; Rev. J. Tertius Phillips, U. K. A; Mr. T. C. Thomas, Bedlinog; Mr. Percy Thomas, Cardiff .

The Curate of Fochriw's Bankruptcy The public examination of the Reverend John Alfred Rees, curate of Fochriw, who alleged his failure to be due to a judgment given against in an action for slander brought against him by the Conservative Club Company (Limited), Cardiff, at the Swansea Assizes in August 1904, was held at the Merthyr Bankruptcy Court, before Mr. Deputy Registrar Jones, on Wednesday afternoon. Mr. J. A. Hughes (Barry) appeared for the debtor, and Mr. W. L. Yorath for the club. Mr. J. Tertius Phillips, South Wales agent of of the United Kingdom Alliance, was present. In answer to Mr. Ernest Daniel, deputy-official reciever, Rev. Rees stated that his assets were nil and his unsecured liabilities were £576-3s-2d, of which £326-3s-2d were owed to the Club and £250 to his defence solicitor. He also stated that he had lived at Talybryn, Pontlottyn, for the past two years, and before that at Fernleigh, Blackwood, and before that at the Parsonage, Alltwen, Pontardawe. His stipend for the past three years had been £120 per annum, and he had no other income. Mr. Yorath asked Rev. Rees about the money raised by Mr. Tertius Phillips of the United Kingdom Alliance to finance his defence, and whether it was correct that Mr. Phillips had given a guarantee to the solicitor for £150 costs. Rev. Rees stated that no money had been passed to him, but that he believed that £80 had been paid to the solicitor by Mr. Phillips. He also believed that Mr. Phillips had given a guarantee to the solicitor for the amount stated, but he did not have certain knowledge of this. After brief questioning by Mr. Hughes, in reply to whom he said that he felt it was his duty not to apologise, the examination was closed.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 19 August 1905**

Temperance The Star of Fochriw Lodge of the International Order of Good Templars went to Ponsarn for an outing on Wednesday. Some 200 people were booked from Fochriw Station by special train, which reached Ponsarn about 11:30a.m. Between that

time and one o'clock, various games were played, and all were ready with a sharpened appetite when the call came to lunch, which was prepared by the lady members of the lodge. Lunch was served at the pavilion, and the afternoon was devoted to various recreations. Before tea was taken, the officials of the lodge were photographed. After tea an entertainment was held. The chair was taken by Brother Charles Payne, Chief Templar, and the following took part: Brothers William Griffiths, E.S., and J. Davies, Sister May Angell, Brothers Fred Williams, D. C. Jones, and D. J. Thomas. Several choruses from Torrey-Alexander were sang by the choir, under the able conductorship of Brother D. J. Thomas. Great credit is due to this young musician for his untiring efforts with the children of this Lodge. The accompaniment was played by Sister Lizzie Gwynne. The catering was admirably carried out by Mr. Thomas Llewellyn, grocer, Fochriw. All the arrangements were well carried out by Brothers Thomas Lewis, S.J.T., and William Griffiths, E.S..

#### **“Merthyr Express” 16 September 1905**

Star of Fochriw, International Order of Good Templars The annual demonstration and tea was held by the above society on Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September. The weather was favourable, and many visitors were present. About 100 children and about 80 adults attended the parade, which shows that the Good Templars are increasing in number. The tea was also a success. The tables were laid out remarkably well. Food was supplied by Mr. Aneurin Jones.

A temperance meeting was held in the evening at the Noddfa Vestry, which was kindly lent by the Baptist denomination. Dr. Eleazer Davies was chairman, supported by the Rev. James Jones and Mr. Charles Payne. Excellent addresses were delivered by the Rev. James Jones, the Rev. James Salmon, Pontlottyn, Mr. Charles Payne, and Mr. L. Cole, Pontlottyn. The addresses seemed to have a great effect on the audience. Solos were rendered between the addresses, and a few recitations were also given by members. A vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. E. Price and seconded by Mr. Thomas Thomas, brought a pleasant evening to an end.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 25 November 1905**

Temperance Meeting A temperance meeting was held at Fochriw on Friday evening, when a splendid address was given to a good audience by the Reverend Morris Morgan, organising secretary of the South Wales and Monmouthshire Temperance Association. Dr. Davies, Ivor House, presided over the meeting. The Rev. J. A. Rees, curate of Fochriw, in proposing a vote of thanks to the speaker, drew the attention of the working men present to the fact that the drink traffic blocked the way to all social reform. The working men of our country, he felt sure, required better conditions of life and employment, and more commodious and comfortable houses to live in. The intemperate lives of a very large section of our working-class population, however, and the betting and gambling so many of them indulge in, only served to perpetuate these undesirable conditions, and render the lot of our toilsome classes anything but a happy one. The majority of our Labour leaders, knowing the part the drink traffic plays in checking their work of ameliorating the conditions of their fellow men, and in hindering the realisation of their highest and truest social ideals, were total abstainers and temperance reformers. Too many of the societies and friendly gatherings of working men were being held in public houses, and attended, unfortunately, by Christian people, and it was high time temperance advocates should protest against it.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 17 February 1906**

Temperance: Merthyr Licensing Sessions: Fochriw Curate's Objections The curate of Fochriw rides his temperance principles firmly and enthusiastically. At the Merthyr Licensing Sessions, a number of licensed houses in the district were objected to by the Police and other people, these houses being selected as "not required." Mr. Rees, as a thorough-going temperance reformer, would adopt that principle as being applicable to every licensed house, for he instructed a solicitor from Barry to oppose the license renewal of every public house in and around Fochriw. When the solicitor in question enumerated the houses he intended to object to, the Stipendiary quietly asked - "Have you left one house in the district?" The



solicitor replied that they had not, but would leave it to the Bench to say which one, if any, should be allowed to remain!

**“Merthyr Express” 16 June 1906**

District Council: Vochriw Curate Again - Inaction on Closure of Insanitary Club The Local Government Board wrote enclosing complaint from the Reverend J. A. Rees, curate of Fochriw, in which the writer made a long statement, which in effect pointed out that there were many insanitary clubs in Wales, and although the medical officer of the Gelligaer Council had declared the Fochriw club to be insanitary, the Council had refused to close the premises. The Board now asked for the Council's reply. The Clerk said he could only repeat what he had before stated - that they had no power to close the premises. If the Local Government Board wanted to get the power to close clubs in the hands of the Council, they should pass an Act. The Clerk was requested to reply that the Council had no power to close the club.

**“Merthyr Express” 11 August 1906**

Temperance A public meeting, in connection with the International Order of Good Templars, was held behind the Council Schools on Tuesday evening, the speaker being the Rev. Tertius Phillips, United Kingdom Alliance, of Cardiff. Bro. Charles Payne, the Past Chief Templar of the lodge, occupied the chair. The meeting opened by singing "Guide me, O! Thou Great Redeemer," after which the reverend brother engaged in prayer. The Chairman stated that the object of the meeting was to teach the principles of temperance to those who it was impossible to reach inside, after which he introduced the speaker, who is well-known in the district, having addressed innumerable meetings in the place. Mr. Phillips referred to the powerful opposition which labour gave to sweating industries, while at the same time they supported the brewers in sweating those whom they employed, the brewers only paying a sum equivalent to 1s.5d. in the £ to labour, or lower than any known industry. At this juncture, the rain began to fall, and it was found necessary to retire to the Baptist Vestry, where an enjoyable evening was spent, the following taking part in the programme: song - Sister Ceridwen Thomas; recitation - Brother Thomas, Tirphil; song - Sister Jones, Tirphil; song - Brother T. Shankland. A vote of thanks was proposed by Brother T. Thomas, Chief Templar, seconded in Welsh by Brother W. Jones. The Chairman and artistes were also thanked for their services.

**“Merthyr Express” 15 September 1906**

The Needs of the Age: Curate of Fochriw's Advice to Workers The 1906 Session of the English Grand Lodges of Wales, Order of Good Templars, opened in Wrexham on Monday. A large congregation assembled at Wrexham Parish Church to hear the sessional sermon on Sunday. The preacher, the Rev. J. A. Rees, Fochriw, said one of the greatest needs of the age was social legislation. The workers need improved conditions and better houses, but these reforms would never be theirs until they had learned to eschew over-indulgence in strong drink. The drinking habit prevented the workmen from closing their ranks. Only 1,866,755 working men were Trade Unionists. The larger numbers of the working men were therefore traitors to themselves and their compatriots and the sacred cause of labour. As a Christian Socialist, he was thankful for what had already been accomplished by the Labour movement towards ameliorating the condition of the workers. The millions spent in drink by the working classes must be diverted to other channels before they could ever hope to attain their highest and truest social ideals. Non-Unionists were a cause of trouble and a source of weakness to the Labour movement. If only one fiftieth of the money spent in drink by the working classes found its way into the coffers of Trade Unionism, working-men representatives in the House of Commons would be increased at least fourfold, and the working class population would soon emerge from its present almost servile condition into a higher and better life. To bring about a better condition of things, he advocated local veto, the abolition of grocers' licences, universal Sunday closing, earlier weekend closing, and the reformation of clubs.

**“Merthyr Express” 22 September 1906**

Closing an Historic Inn On a Wednesday night week, the historic Cross Keys Inn, Pantywaun, was closed. It was a very old hostelry, situated high up on the mountain between

Fochriw and Dowlais Top, and was well known to farmers and dealers who frequented the Waun Fair. For the last 23 years, the house has been kept by Mr. and Mrs. William Thomas, who succeeded her parents. The latter, who is about 50 years of age, was born there, and only left it for a brief period after her marriage. The Cross Keys was ordered to be closed under the new Licensing Act at the last sessions, the Rhymney Brewery Company being paid £800 compensation for the surrender. The place was the headquarters of the Pantywaun Quoit Club. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas were some of the strongest supporters of religious movements in the district. The last sale of intoxicants took place on Wednesday night, and what remained of the stock, for the house had only a beer licence, was given away free on Thursday.

**“Merthyr Express” 2 February 1907**

Temperance Mission A successful four days' temperance mission was held here last week in connection with the local Lodge of Good Templars, conducted by Mr. S. Stanton, agent of the Grand Lodge of Wales. The meetings were held in the various places of worship, kindly lent for the purpose, and presided over by the four following gentleman: Thursday – Mr. Charles Payne; Friday - Rev. J. Roderick; Saturday – Mr. Rees Jenkins; Sunday - Dr. Davies. The attendances were good, and the addresses - which were of an educational character - produced a good impression on those present.

**“Merthyr Express” 16 March 1907**

Merthyr Licensing Sessions: White Horse Inn, Fochriw The police objected to the renewal of the license of the White Horse Inn, Mr. James Sankey being for the owners. Superintendent Gill said the house contained stables and conveniences, and two clubs met at the house. The population of Pentwyn numbered 270 persons, and the Mount Pleasant Inn was only 150 yards away. Mr. Sankey said that this House served Fochriw as well, and this had a population of 1,216 persons, and there was only one public house there. The Superintendent said he did not know whether any new sinkings were going on there, though he knew that Fochriw had increased in population. William Price, the tenant, said that the trade was two barrels a week and three gallons of spirits. The Fochriw people came to his house, and the clubs were The Bee Hive Benefit Society, and the Bristol and West of England Society. The stipendiary pointed out that it was not on account of the police reports that the house was objected to, but that the house was not required. The Bench decided in favour of retaining the White Horse.

**“Merthyr Express” 13 April 1907**

Good Templars and the Late Rev. James Jones At a meeting of the Star of Fochriw the Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, on Thursday se'n-night, a vote of condolence was passed with the widow and relatives of the late Reverend James Jones, minister of Carmel Chapel. The resolution was proposed by Bro. Charles Payne and seconded by Bro. William Jones, and conveyed by letter. Deceased was one of the founders of the lodge, and held the post of Chaplain for a long period. His loss will be keenly felt by all his temperance friends, and especially by the brothers and sisters of the Star of Fochriw Lodge.

**22 February 1908** Independent Order of Good Templars The Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I. O. G. T. was entertained on Thursday evening by the Juvenile Temple, who provided an excellent programme of music, etc. Songs were given by the Masters B. Cumpstone, C. Edwards, Cyril Cook, Misses Harriet Jones, Hannah Jones, Gwenny Gough, Gwenny Rees; recitations by Elsie Griffiths, Samuel Gough, Maggie Gough, Maggie Morgan, Hannah Jones, Myfanwy Cole; dialogues by M. H. Evans and Violet Curtis, and a duet by Margaret H. Evans and Sarah Cole. A vote of thanks to Mr Thomas Lewis, Superintendent of the Juvenile Temple, brought the entertainment to a close.

**29 February 1908** Lecture An interesting lecture was given at the Baptist Vestry on Thursday evening, under the auspices of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, by the Rev. R. J. Jones, Aberbargoed. Councillor Charles Payne (in the absence of Bro. Dr. E. Davies) presided over a very large and appreciative audience, and introduced the reverend gentlemen in an appropriate manner. The lecturer was most cordially received, and after a few preliminary remarks, plunged into his subject - "Bendigo," the one-time champion prize-fighter of England and afterwards a missionary and an earnest worker for Christ. Mr. J. C. Payne proposed a hearty vote of thanks, seconded by Mr. Evan Evans, who

advised all present, especially the young, to act upon the advice of the lecturer. Rev. Jones stated that the best way to thank him would be to join the most excellent Order of Good Templars. A short entertainment was also given, the following contributing: song, Miss Emma Davies, Fochriw; recitation, Bro. T. J. Harries, Rhymney; song, Bro. Peters, Rhymney; recitation, Bro. James, Rhymney.

**7 March 1908** Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening at the Baptist Vestry, and there was a good attendance. Bro. Thomas Lewis presided, and it being "Experience Night," the following took part: Bros. Charles Payne, Edward Lewis, William Griffiths, Thomas Thomas, D. J. Thomas, Thomas Griffiths, and Sisters M. A. Lewis, Bronwen Ballard, and Elizabeth Evans.

**14 March 1908** Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening. Bro. T. Lewis read an excellent paper on "Character," from a book by Mr. Frank H. Randall. The paper was brimful of interest and good, sound, advice, and was much appreciated. Sister M. A. Lewis, Chief Templar, presided.

**21 March 1908** Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening at the Baptist Vestry. The night was set apart for a Bible Reading, and the portion of scripture selected was Ephesians, chap. 5. It was beautifully read by Brother D. J. Griffiths, Rhymney. At the conclusion, a general discussion took place, most members taking part. A resolution was then passed by the lodge, on a motion of Brother Thomas Lewis, seconded by Brother Thomas Thomas, that a letter be sent heartily thanking the Government for the Licensing Bill now before the country, and strongly urging upon the Government the importance of resolutely refusing all amendments that would in any way strengthen the position the so-called "trade" in the country. Sister M. A. Lewis presided.

**28 March 1908** Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening at the Baptist Vestry, and there were a good number present, including many brothers and sisters from the Pride of Rhymney Lodge. The programme was "Typical Talks," for which Brother Ernest Cumpstone was responsible. A great number took part.

**4 April 1908** Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening at the Baptist Vestry, and there was a good attendance, many members from the "Pride of Rhymney" and the "Star of Pontlottyn" Lodges attending. Bro. A. Thomas, Rhymney, gave an excellent address on the Licensing Bill. Bro. Cole gave an excellent address on "The Good of the Order," which was much appreciated. The Rhymney Valley district executive of the I.O.G.T. met at the house of Brother E. Cumpstone, Aelybryn, on Thursday evening, Brother Charles Payne, D.C., presiding. Several notices of motion came before the meeting, and the district secretary was instructed to place them on the agenda to come before the next district meeting to be held at Pontlottyn.

#### **"Merthyr Express" 18 April 1908**

Licensing Bill A public meeting was held at the Council School on Thursday evening last, when a vigorous address on the Licensing Bill was delivered by the Rev. Tertius Phillips, Cardiff. Dr. Davies occupied the chair, and there was a large attendance. A resolution strongly approving the measure was passed unanimously, and it was also decided to forward copies of the same to Sir Alfred Thomas, M.P., Mr. Lord George, M.P., and Mr. Asquith, M.P. It was also decided to canvass the village for signatures in support of the Bill.

**18 April 1908** Examination A temperance examination in connection with the Church of England Temperance Society was held at the Church Institute on Thursday evening last. The following candidates from St Mary's Church entered the examination: Senior – Mr. M. D. Morgan; Intermediate - Master Willie Arthur Barker and Miss Lydia Mary Evans; junior - Masters Octavius Richards, John Thomas, Albert Prosser, Willie George White, Willie Angell, and Miss Gwendoline Gough. The superintendents were Miss Minnie F. Morgan, School House, and Mr. Charles Payne.

**18 April 1908** Cantata A cantata entitled "The Picnic Party" was performed in full character by the Juvenile Choir of the Independent Order of Good Templars on Saturday

evening at the Church Institute. The 300 seats were filled at an early hour so eagerly was the performance looked forward to. Mr. Charles Payne thanked parents for the great interest they had taken in providing costumes, etc. The choir, conducted by Mr. David John Thomas, rendered the opening chorus with vigour and enthusiasm, thus winning the plaudits of the audience from the very start. The characters were sustained by the following: Miss Rachel Walters, Miss Lydia May Evans, Miss Gwennie Rees, Miss Hannah Evans, Miss Mary A. Walters, Miss Martha Thomas, Miss Edith Way, Miss Margaret Thomas, Miss Edith May Sibley, Master Freddie Williams, Master Rees Jenkins, Master Leyshon Rowlands, Master Willie J. Davies, Master Richard Jones, Miss Sarah Cole, Miss Hannah C. Jones, Miss Jennie Edwards, Miss Bessie Rees, Miss Maud Llewellyn. The artistes, choir and conductor are to be congratulated on the very successful performance. Excellent service was rendered by Messrs. Thomas Jones, Henry Seabourne, and Charles Payne, stage managers, and the accompanist was Mr. Roderick Jones. Mr. Edward Lewis proved in very energetic secretary.

**2 May 1908** Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening at the Baptist Vestry. The following officers were elected to act for the coming quarter: Chief Templar - Brother Thomas Lewis; secretary - Brother Edward Lewis; financial secretary - Sister M. Rees; vice-templar - Sister Catherine Jones; treasurer - Brother Thomas Thomas; chaplain - Sister Bronwen Ballard; marshal - Sister Beatrice Griffiths; deputy marshal - Sister Rachel Walters; assistant secretary - Sister Elizabeth Evans; guard - Mary Ann Lewis; Sentinel - Sister M. A. Walters; past chief Templar - Sister M. A. Lewis; choirmaster - Brother David John Thomas; lodge deputy - Brother Charles Payne; electoral superintendent - Brother Thomas Thomas; superintendent juvenile work - Brother Thomas Lewis. An excellent spread had been provided for the children. A musical programme was gone through.

**9 May 1908** Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening at the Baptist Vestry, and there was a good attendance. The installation of officers for the coming quarter took place, Brother Charles Payne performing the duties. An excellent report was given by each of the retiring officers on their work during the quarter.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 16 May 1908**

Licensing Bill Under the auspices of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T., a public meeting in support of the Licensing Bill was held at the Noddfa Baptist vestry on Thursday night. The Rev. R. J. Jones, district chief Templar, Aberbargoed, presided, and there was a large attendance. After singing a hymn, and prayer led by the Rev. Fred Jones, Rhymney, the following resolution was moved by the Rev. Rhys Jenkins, Fochriw: "That this united meeting of Good Templars and Christian workers heartily and thankfully welcomes the Licensing Bill of the Government as a courageous and statesmanlike measure of social reform; we rejoice that the Bill provides for the Sunday closing of public houses in Monmouthshire, and also for the immediate application of the principles of local option to new licences in Wales and Monmouthshire, subject to funds at disposal of the compensation authorities; we are of opinion that the time limit proposed is unduly long, and also that it deals too lenient with clubs and grocers' licenses, and we hope the Bill will be amended and strengthened in these respects." Mr. Gus Thomas, district chaplain, Rhymney, seconded, and the Rev. Fred Jones supported the resolution, which was carried unanimously. An address was also delivered by Brother S. Stanton, Grand Lodge agent, Cardiff, which thoroughly explained the Bill. Votes of thanks proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Charles Payne, closed the meeting.

**16 May 1908** Presentation to Brother David John Thomas On Thursday evening at the Baptist vestry, the members of the Morning Star Juvenile Temple and several other members of the I.O.G.T., met together to show their appreciation of the excellent services rendered to the Order by Brother David John Thomas by presenting him with a beautiful silver-mounted baton. Brother Thomas Lewis occupied chair, and paid high tribute to Brother Thomas's services. The presentation was not payment for work done, but a mark of appreciation of his services as conductor of the choir. Brother Lewis reminded the young people present that they had a duty to perform in this world. They should live a life of sobriety and usefulness,

that others might benefit by it. Brother Thomas had served them well for the last two years, and during that time the singing had greatly improved. He hoped that others would follow his example in doing good work. Brother William Griffiths made the presentation, and Brother Thomas thanked them one and all for their kindness. A solo was then rendered by Sister M. A. Walters, followed by short addresses from Sisters Bronwen Ballard and Mary A. Lewis.

**23 May 1908** Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening at the Baptist Vestry, and there was a good attendance, including many friends from the Pride of Rhymney Lodge. The programme for the evening was "Ode Practice," and a very enjoyable evening was spent. The meeting was presided over by Chief Templar, Brother Thomas Lewis. The singing was conducted by Brother David John Thomas, choirmaster.

**23 May 1908** Rev. J. A. Rees, Represents Wales at I.O.G.T. Supreme Lodge in America The Rev. J. A. Rees, curate of Fochriw, left for America on Monday last, to attend the International Supreme Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars. He was elected to represent Wales at the annual session of the English Grand Lodge of Wales, held in the Cory Memorial Temperance Hall, Cardiff, in September last. Rev. Rees is treasurer of the English Grand Lodge of Wales, treasurer of the Rhymney Valley and District, and Past District Chief Templar of the Rhymney Valley District.

**"Merthyr Express" 30 May 1908**

Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening at the Baptist Vestry, and there was a good attendance. An interesting programme of music, etc., was contributed to by the following: solo, "Let me like a soldier fall," - Brother William Griffiths; recitation, "The Wreckers," - Sister Bronwen Ballard; paper, "A letter from Grandfather to Grandson," - Brother Thomas Lewis. Brother Charles Payne was responsible for the programme. Brother Thomas Lewis presided.

**6 June 1908** Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening at the Baptist Vestry, and there was a good attendance. A fruit banquet had been provided by the Brothers of the lodge. Excellent speeches were delivered by Sisters Mary A. Lewis, Elizabeth Evans, and Bronwen Ballard. Solos were rendered by Brother William Griffiths and Sister Mrs. Jones. Brother Thomas Lewis presided.

**13 June 1908** Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening at the Baptist Vestry, and there was a good attendance. An excellent paper was read by Brother Thomas Lewis entitled to, "After Many Days."

**20 June 1908** Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening at the Baptist Vestry, and there was a good attendance. Brother Thomas Lewis, Chief Templar, presided. The programme for the evening was "How I spent my Whitsun holidays." The following took part: Brothers William Jones, Thomas Thomas, Edward Lewis, W. J. Angell, Austin Price, Thomas Lewis, and Sister Bronwen Ballard.

**27 June 1908** Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening at the Baptist Vestry, and there was a good attendance. The programme for the evening was a juvenile singing competition. The test piece was "Meet at the Fountain," No. 259 in Sankey's hymn book. The following took part in the competition: Sisters Lydia May Evans, Mary Tyler, Maggie Thomas, Gwenny Rees, and Hannah Jones. The prize was divided between the first and last singer. The adjudicators were Brothers David John Thomas, choirmaster, and William Griffiths, Superintendent Juvenile Temple. Brother Thomas Lewis, Chief Templar, presided.

**4 July 1908** Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening at the Baptist Vestry, when an excellent programme of music, etc. was contributed to by members of the Pride of Rhymney Lodge. Solos: "The Holy City," "The Blind Boy," "I belong to the King," "Free as a bird," "Will you meet me at the fountain?," "Face to Face with God my saviour;" recitations - "Man Hunt," "Christmas Day in the Workhouse," "A night in a gypsy tent," "The Ship on Fire," "Yr

Amddifod." Speeches were also given and were much appreciated. Brothers Charles Payne and William Griffiths proposed and seconded a hearty vote of thanks to the Rhymney brothers and sisters for the fine entertainment.

**11 July 1908** Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening at the Baptist Vestry. The evening was set aside for devotional purposes, in which the following members took part: Brother Charles Payne read the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter of St John's Gospel; Brother Connistone and Brother Cole, Rhymney, engaged in prayer; Brother Thomas Lewis, Chief Templar, delivered a stirring address. Ode singing was also indulged in.

**18 July 1908** Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening at the Baptist Vestry, and there was a good attendance. The juveniles provided an excellent programme of music, etc., which was contributed to by the following: solos - Miss Ruth Griffiths, Master Cyril Cooke, Master Charley Edwards, Miss Hannah Jones, Master Idris Cumpstone and Miss Sara Cole; recitations - Miss M. Cole, Master George Cole, Miss Bessie Rees, Miss Sara Cole; duet - Miss Hannah Jones and Miss Edith Way. The meeting was presided over by the Chief Templar, Brother Thomas Lewis.

**18 July 1908** Church of England Temperance Society: Successes The results of the examination in connection with the above society, held in April, have come to hand, and are as follows: senior division - Mr. Matthew David Morgan, second class; intermediate division - Master Willie R. Barber, first class, Miss Lydia May Evans, second class; junior division - Masters Albert Prosser, Octavius Richards, John Thomas, Willie Angell, and Miss Gwennie Gough, first class, and Master Willie White, second class. The report stated that the work done by the intermediate division was excellent. Master Albert Prosser, of the junior division, has gained the highest marks in the whole diocese. The Juvenile Branch has been awarded the challenge banner for the Llandaff Diocese for the winter season, 1908 - 1909, which will be kept at St. Mary's Church. The prizes consist of certificates and books. The successes reflect credit on the teachers, the Rev. J. A. Rees, curate, and Miss M. F. Morgan, School House.

**25 July 1908** Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening at the Baptist Vestry, and there was a good attendance. It was an open session. Addresses were delivered by the following: Brothers Charles Payne, Thomas Lewis, Thomas Thomas. Solos were rendered in fine style by Sisters G. Rees, Ann Griffiths, Maggie Griffiths, and M. A. Walters. The meeting was presided over by Brother Thomas Lewis.

**25 July 1908** I.O.G.T. Outing to Crickhowell On Monday, a party of 25 of the members, and a few friends, journeyed by brake and trap to Crickhowell. The weather was beautifully fine, and the trip proved to be very enjoyable. On arrival, the party took luncheon at the Institute. After this, some visited St Edmund's Church, and others the famous Glanusk Park. Many took boat trips on the canal.

**25 July 1908** The Rev. J. A. Rees, B. A. At the quarterly meeting of Rhymney Valley District of the I.O.G.T., the following resolution was passed: "That this District Lodge, held at Bethel, New Tredegar, having learnt that our District Treasurer, the Reverend J. A. Rees, B.A., Fochriw, has decided to accept the appointment offered him in Anglesey, which will make it necessary for him to leave the district, take advantage of this occasion to place on record our appreciation of his valuable advocacy and effective work in the Order of Good Templary, which has been recognised in the past by the Order in his election to perform very important duties; and last of all, in his appointment to represent the Grand Lodge at the International Supreme Lodge in the United States of America. We rejoice because of the honour conferred upon him by our Order, and we desire to express our gratitude to Almighty God for his safe return home after his absence in America. Now we pray that the blessing of our Father in Heaven may rest upon him and his work in his new sphere, and that prosperity may follow him throughout his life."

**1 August 1908** Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening at the Baptist Vestry. The following officers were elected for the coming quarter: Chief Templar - Brother Thomas Lewis; vice Templar -

Sister M. Griffiths secretary - Sister M. A. Lewis; assistant secretary - Sisters C. Jones; financial secretary - Sister E. Evans; treasurer - Brother Thomas Thomas; chaplain - Sister Beatrice Griffiths; marshal - Brother E. H. Lewis; deputy marshal - Brother J. Walters; guard - Brother D. Evans; sentinel - Brother W. J. Angel; past chief Templar - Brother William Griffiths; lodge deputy - Brother Charles Payne; electoral superintendent - Brother T. Thomas; superintendent juvenile work - Brother Thomas Lewis; choirmaster - Brother David John Thomas. Interesting speeches were delivered by Sisters M. A. Lewis, E. Evans, C. Jones, and Brothers William Griffiths, Charles Payne, Thomas Thomas, and E. Lewis.

**15 August 1908** Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening at the Baptist Vestry, and there was a good attendance. Encouraging addresses were given by Brother Charles Payne, William Griffiths, and Thomas Thomas. The officers for the coming quarter were installed by Brother Payne, and good reports were received from the past officers, to whom a vote of thanks was passed. The chair was occupied by Brother Thomas Lewis.

**15 August 1908** I.O.G.T. Outing On Wednesday, the Juvenile Temple had a delightful outing to Abergavenny. The lodge was accompanied by a large number of friends, and travelled by special train from Pontlottyn at 9.30am. On arrival at Abergavenny, an excellent spread was provided, to which ample justice was done. The children spent most of their time in the castle grounds, playing games, while the older members and friends set out to enjoy the many attractions for which the place is noted. Fine weather helped to make the day's outing a great success. Credit is due in particular to Brothers Thomas Lewis and William Griffiths.

**22 August 1908** Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening at the Baptist Vestry, and there was a good attendance. The following took part in the programme: Brothers Charles Payne, Thomas Thomas, William Griffiths, Sisters B. Ballard, M. Griffiths, & C. Lewis, and Brother Thomas Lewis, Chief Templar.

**“Merthyr Express” 29 August 1908**

Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening at the Baptist Vestry, and a good number were present. The subject for discussion was "How to spend a winter evenings," and the following took part: Brothers William Jones, William Griffiths, Thomas Thomas, Charles Payne, and Thomas Lewis, Chief Templar.

**“Merthyr Express” 5 September 1908**

Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening at the Baptist Vestry, Bro. Thos. Lewis presiding. The programme was "Ode Singing."

**12 September 1908** Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening at the Baptist Vestry, and there was a good attendance. An excellent paper on "Alcohol" was read by Sister M. A. Lewis. The paper was brimful of interest, and was much appreciated by members. Brother William Griffiths presided.

**12 September 1908** Temperance Tea and Parade On Saturday afternoon, the members of the Independent Order of the Rechabites and of the International Order of Good Templars, paraded the streets of Fochriw and Pentwyn headed by the Fochriw Brass Band, under the conductorship of Mr. William Powell. After the parade, a tea was held at Carmel Vestry, to which a large number did ample justice. The tables were presided over and assistance rendered by the following: Misses M. A. Lewis, Catherine Jones, S. J. Lewis, Mrs. Martha Griffiths, Miss Maggie Griffiths, Miss E. Evans, Mrs. I. Roderick, Mrs. David Griffiths, Mrs. H. Howell Thomas, Mrs. S. Ballard, Mrs. Griffiths (Brook-row), Mrs. Howell Thomas, Mrs. Martha Thomas, Mrs. Morgan (Pentwyn). Assistance was also rendered by the following gentleman: Messrs. W. L. Wright, J. Lewis, P. Jenkins, James Williams, S. Lewis, C. Ballard, S. Ballard, and James Davies. An interesting temperance lecturer was afterwards given in the vestry by the Rev. R. S. Rogers, Pontlottyn. Mr. T. Llewellyn, Martin's-street, presided over a large and appreciative audience. The lecturer, who was cordially received, plunged into his subject with real earnestness. He was listened to with rapt attention, and his witty remarks

elicited rounds of applause. Votes of thanks to the rev. gentleman and to the chairman brought an enjoyable evening to a close.

**19 September 1908** Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening at the Baptist Vestry. Brother Thomas Thomas was in the chair. The members were entertained by members of the "Pride of Rhymney" Lodge.

**26 September 1908** Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening at the Baptist Vestry. The lodge was opened in due form by the Chief Templar Brother Thomas Lewis. The Grand Lodge report was delivered by Brothers Thomas Thomas and Charles Payne, for which they were heartily thanked by the lodge. Brother Charles Payne was congratulated on his recent appointment to the office of Grand Sentinel. After the completion of other business, a fruit banquet was given by the sisters for members and visitors, for which a hearty vote of thanks was accorded them.

**"Merthyr Express" 10 October 1908**

Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening at the Baptist Vestry. The lodge was opened in due form by Brother Thomas Lewis, Chief Templar, and after the usual business had been concluded, an excellent programme was given on a phonograph which belonged to, and was manipulated by, Brother William Parry, Pentwyn. There were good number present, including many visitors from Rhymney.

**24 October 1908** Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening at the Baptist Vestry. The evening was set apart for devotional purposes. Brother William Jones was responsible for the programme, and Brother Thomas Lewis, chief templar, presided. Brother Charles Payne was heartily congratulated on his election to the office of District Chief Templar of the Rhymney Valley Lodges.

**7 November 1908** Church of England Temperance Society At the Cory Hall, Cardiff, on Monday last, the Lord Bishop of Llandaff presented the diocesan banner to Miss M. F. Morgan, School House, Fochriw, who represented the St. Mary's Branch of the Society. Miss Morgan and the Rev. J. A. Rees were the teachers of the children who scored so highly in the examinations.

**7 November 1908** Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening at the Baptist Vestry. There were a good number present. The following officers were elected for the coming quarter: Chief Templar - Bro. T. Lewis; vice Templar - Sis. M. Griffiths; financial secretary - Sis. E. Evans; treasurer - Bro. T. Thomas; chaplain - Sis. C. Jones; marshal - Sis. C. Lewis; deputy marshal - Sis. M. A. Lewis; assistant secretary - Sis. M. McArthur; guard - Bro. Bert Taylor; sentinel - Bro. J. Davies; past chief Templar - Bro. Wm Griffiths; secretary - Sis. M. A. Lewis; choirmaster - Brother David John Thomas. The following hold annual offices: lodge deputy - Bro. Charles Payne; electoral superintendent - Bro. T. Thomas; superintendent juvenile work - Bro. Thomas Lewis. Addresses were afterwards delivered by Brothers Charles Payne, W. Jones and Thomas Lewis. A solo was given by Bro. William Griffiths. Brother Thomas Lewis presided.

**28 November 1908** Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening at the Baptist Vestry. A paper was read by Sister Bronwen Ballard entitled "The Art of Noble Living." Brother Thomas Lewis presided.

**12 December 1908** Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening at the Baptist Vestry. The programme for the evening was "Ode Singing," in which a good number took part. It was full of good advice. Brother Thomas Lewis presided.

**19 December 1908** Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening at the Baptist Vestry. A very interesting programme was contributed to by the following: recitation - Miss Gwennie Gough; duet -



Sisters M. A. Powell and G. Gough. The remainder of the evening was spent discussing the Licensing Bill, Bro. Charles Payne being the main speaker. Bro. Thomas Lewis presided.

**“Merthyr Express” 26 December 1908**

**Independent Order of Good Templars** The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening at the Baptist Vestry. The meeting was opened in due form by the Chief Templar Bro. Thomas Lewis, and after the business of the Lodge had been transacted, two excellent papers were given by Brothers Wm. Griffiths and Wm. Jones, the former on "Obedience," and the latter (in Welsh) on "Faithfulness and Punctuality." Both papers were well read, and much appreciated.

**26 December 1908 Rehearsal** A singing rehearsal by the choir of the three chapels took place at Noddfa on Saturday night. The singing was of a very high standard, and was conducted by Mr. Thomas Evans, junior. The organists were Mr. Roderick Jones, Mr. David John Thomas and Miss Lilian Williams.

**9 January 1909 Independent Order of Good Templars** The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at the Baptist Vestry on Thursday evening week. The meeting was opened in due form by the Chief Templar, Brother Thomas Lewis. After the business of the lodge had been transacted, the following brothers and sisters gave very interesting accounts of their experiences of Christmas: Brothers Charles Payne, Thomas Thomas, Thomas Lewis, James Williams, and Sister Bronwen Ballard.

**16 January 1909 Independent Order of Good Templars** The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at the Baptist Vestry on Thursday evening week. The meeting was opened in due form by the Chief Templar, Brother Thomas Lewis. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, a paper on "Character" was read by Brother Joseph Payne. He stated that character was one of the great motive powers in the world. In its noblest embodiments, it exemplified human nature in its highest forms, for it exhibited man at his best. Men of excellence in every station of life – men of industry, integrity, high principle and of sterling honesty of purpose – commanded the spontaneous homage of mankind. It was natural to believe in such men; to have confidence in them; to imitate them. A man might possess only his industry, his frugality, his integrity, and yet stand high in the rank of true manhood. Character was property. It was the noblest of possessions. The best character could not be formed without effort. There must be exercise of constant watchfulness, self-discipline, and self-control. Brother Payne spoke of the home as the first and most important school of character, and argued that children should read only what was good, and above all, the book of books - The Bible - the best book for building up a pure and noble character. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Bro. Payne by Sister M. A. Lewis, seconded by Sister Elizabeth Evans.

**23 January 1909 Independent Order of Good Templars** The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at the Baptist Vestry on Thursday evening week. The meeting was opened in due form by the Chief Templar, Brother Thomas Lewis. After the business, the juveniles entertained with an excellent programme of music etc, which was contributed to by the following: song, Master Cyril Cook; recitation, Miss Blodwen Rowlands; song, Master Charles Edwards; recitation, Miss Ruth Griffiths; recitation, Master Daniel Rowlands; recitation, Master Charles Edwards; recitation, Mrs Lizzie Thomas; song, Miss Elsie Griffiths; recitation, Miss E. A. Evans; recitation, Miss Esther Edwards; recitation, Master Thomas H. Jones; songs, Miss Evans and Miss Jones, Rhymney.

**30 January 1909 Independent Order of Good Templars** The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at the Baptist Vestry on Thursday evening week. The meeting was opened in due form by the Chief Templar, Brother Thomas Lewis. The following were elected officers for the coming quarter: Chief Templar, Brother William Jones; vice-templar, Sister Catherine Jones; secretary, Sister M. A. Lewis; assistant secretary, Sister Elizabeth Evans; treasurer, Brother Thomas Thomas; chaplain, Sister C. Jones, Pentwyn; marshal, Brother W. J. Jones; deputy marshal, Brother Bert Tyler; assistant secretary, Sister Thomas; guard, Brother David Evans sentinel, Brother William Griffiths; past chief Templar, Brother Thomas Lewis. The following hold annual offices: Brother

Charles Payne - lodge deputy; Brother Thomas Lewis - superintendent juvenile work; Brother Thomas Thomas - electoral superintendent.

**6 February 1909** Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at the Baptist Vestry on Thursday evening week. The meeting was opened in due form by the Chief Templar, Brother Thomas Lewis. After the business of the lodge had been transacted, the Bible class was held, over which Bro. Thomas Lewis presided. The portion of scripture selected was Romans xiv, 10-21. This was read by Sister Bronwen Ballard and Brother Austen Price, after which a very interesting discussion took place.

**13 February 1909** Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at the Baptist Vestry on Thursday evening week. The programme for the evening was the installation of officers and reports. The officers were installed by Brother Charles Payne, lodge deputy, and the past officers gave their reports, which were accepted with thanks. Encouraging words to the Chief Templar, Brother William Jones, on his election to the office, were spoken by Brothers Charles Payne, Thomas Thomas, William Griffiths, James Williams, Thomas Lewis, and Sisters Ballard and M. A. Lewis.

**20 February 1909** Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at the Baptist Vestry on Thursday evening week. The meeting was opened in due form by Sister Bronwen Ballard. Addresses on the work of the lodge were given by Brothers William Griffiths Thomas Lewis, Charles Payne, and Sister Ballard.

**27 February 1909** Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at the Baptist Vestry on Thursday night. Bro. William Jones presided. An excellent programme, for which Bro. Charles Payne was responsible, was gone through. The following contributed: address containing a moral lesson, Bro. Payne; reading, Sister Bronwen Ballard; recitation, Bro. James Williams; violin selections, Bros. Austin Price and William Parry; duet for violin and mandoline, Bros. Price and L. James, Rhymney. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded all.

**6 March 1909** Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at the Baptist Vestry on Thursday evening week. The meeting was opened in due form by the chief templar, Bro. Wm. Jones. After the business of the lodge had been transacted, an excellent paper on "Young People and their Opportunities" was read by Brother Thomas Lewis. The following commented on the paper: Bros. Payne, Thomas Thomas, James Williams, William Griffiths and William Jones.

**20 March 1909** Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at the Baptist Vestry on Thursday evening week.

**27 March 1909** Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at the Baptist Vestry on Thursday evening week. The meeting was opened in due form by Chief Templar, Brother William Jones. After the ordinary business had been transacted, papers were read on "Happiness and how to attain it," by Brother Samuel Lewis, a Welsh paper entitled "Blessings of Total Abstinence," by Brother William Jones, and "The Message of Poetry," by Brother James Williams, Pentwyn.

**10 April 1909** Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at the Baptist Vestry on Thursday evening week. The meeting was presided over by Chief Templar Brother William Jones, and there were a good number present. Bro. William Parry, Pentwyn, was responsible for the programme, which was as follows: violin solo, Bro. A. Price; solo, Bro. William Griffiths; recitation, Bro. J. Williams; short address, Bro. J. Morgan, New Tredegar; mouth organ solo, Bro. J. Powell, New Tredegar; short address, Bro. T. James, New Tredegar; solo, Sister Jones, Abertysswg.

**17 April 1909** Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at the Baptist Vestry on Thursday evening last. The meeting was opened in due form by the Chief Templar, Brother William Jones, and after the ordinary business had been transacted, an excellent paper on "The Loveliness of Virtue" was read by Sister Bronwen Ballard, which was greatly appreciated. A mouth organ duet was given by Mr. J. Powell and friend, New Tredegar.

**“Merthyr Express” 24 April 1909**

Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at the Baptist Vestry on Thursday evening week. The chief Templar, Brother William Jones, presided. Interesting addresses were given by the following: Brothers James Williams, Wm. Griffiths, Charles Payne, Wm. Jones, and Sister Bronwen Ballard.

**1 May 1909** Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at the Baptist Vestry on Thursday evening week. The meeting was opened by Chief Templar, Brother William Jones. The following were elected officers for the coming quarter: Chief Templar, Brother W. Jones; vice-templar, Sister Bronwen Ballard; secretary, Sister M. A. Lewis; financial secretary, Sister Ceridwen Thomas; treasurer, Brother Thomas Thomas; chaplain, Brother James Williams; marshal, Brother Sam Lewis; guard, Brother Thomas Lewis; sentinel, Sister Catherine Jones; deputy marshal, Brother W. J. Jones; past chief Templar, Brother William Griffiths.

**“Merthyr Express” 8 May 1909**

Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at the Baptist Vestry on Thursday evening week, and presided over by Brother Thomas Lewis. The following took part in the programme: Sister Ballard, Sister M. A. Lewis, Brothers James Williams and Thomas Lewis.

**15 May 1909** Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at the Baptist Vestry on Thursday evening week, and presided over by chief templar, Bro. Wm. Jones. Two excellent papers on "Which is more influential: Conversation or Reading?" The papers were read by Brothers Thomas Lewis and J. C. Payne, the former in support of conversation and the latter in support of reading. A large number were present, and contributed to the discussion.

**“Merthyr Express” 22 May 1909**

Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at the Baptist Vestry on Thursday evening week, and was presided over by the chief templar, Bro. Wm. Jones. It was "Question Night." Most members took part.

**29 May 1909** Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at the Baptist Vestry on Thursday evening week. The programme for the evening was "Gleanings from the Quarter's Programme," in which the following took part: Sisters M. A. Lewis, B. Ballard, Elizabeth Evans, Ceridwen Thomas, and Brothers William Griffiths, Daniel Rowlands, Thomas Thomas, William Jones, James Williams, and Charles Payne. Brother William Jones presided.

**5 June 1909** Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at the Baptist Vestry on Thursday evening week. The evening was set apart for devotional purposes, Brother James Williams being responsible. The following took part: Sister Ballard, and Brothers William Jones, James Williams and Thomas Lewis.

**12 June 1909** Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at the Baptist Vestry on Thursday evening week, and presided over by Brother Wm. Jones. An excellent paper on "Joseph" was read by Sister Ceridwen Thomas.

**19 June 1909** Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at the Baptist Vestry on Thursday evening week, and presided over by Brother Wm. Jones. Bro. Charles Payne was responsible for the programme, which was as follows: solo, Sister C. Thomas, solo, Sister Diana Davies, Abertysswg; solo, Sister Morgan, Tirphil; bass solo, Bro. John Morgan, New Tredegar; solo, Bro. Gough, Tirphil; recitation, Bro. Reeves, Abertysswg; selection on the mouth organ and bones, Bros. Powell and Morgan. Bro. Powell, Tirphil, gave an interesting address on the work of the Order.

**3 July 1909** I.O.G.T. Outing On Saturday, members of the Star of Fochriw Lodge and several friends, numbering in all about 50, had their annual outing, when they journeyed to Weston-super-Mare. The weather in the morning was not all that could be desired, rain

falling at intervals. However, it was much better in the afternoon. Various places of interest at Weston were visited.

**3 July 1909** Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at the Baptist Vestry on Thursday evening week, and presided over by Brother Wm. Jones. The Rev. Isaac Roderick read a paper to the Lodge on the evils of intemperance. Among other things, he said intemperance is the chief causes of mental and moral depravity. Sobriety, on the other hand, is the goodness of light and purity. The Star of Fochriw casts its light upon the people, and enlightens their path to reach a higher and better life. Drunkenness amongst women, he was sorry to say, is on the increase at Fochriw. When woman indulges in the drink, her home gets into a disorderly state, and once the home is neglected everything else goes wrong. The alarming feature of Wales today is the increase of drunkenness amongst women. Last year eleven women died of intemperance in Wales. It is not at all an uncommon thing to see a drunken woman in the streets of our towns. Also, late trains on Saturday nights are filled with drunken men and women, which makes it very uncomfortable for decent people to travel with them. This state of things is not tolerated in many countries on the Continent; not in Switzerland, not even in France, but strange to say, it is tolerated in religious little Wales. The Star of Fochriw works very energetically to rescue the people from the snares of intemperance. It is also the function of the Lodge to help the people to live decently and clean. It is very difficult for people to live a sober life in small hovels. Living in a small room, without fresh air, saps the very manhood of the nation; it lowers the physical and mental vitality, and it degrades the very soul of man. We are pleased to see the Star of Fochriw throwing its light into the workman's home. It is very encouraging to see that the Board of Education in London has provided clauses for the teaching of temperance subjects in the elementary schools of our country. It is quite clear to every fair-minded person that the excessive drinking of alcohol is the main causes of unemployment and pauperism. It causes moral degradation, crime, and the ruin of homes. It is the main cause of unhappiness and suffering amongst men, women, and children. The waste of money on liquor every year amounts to an enormous sum. According to our statistics it is £160 million or more. This is a drain on the resources of our nation, and is a direct cause of national poverty. This enormous sum is equal to the rent of all houses, shops farms and hotels in the United Kingdom. The amount spent on liquor would allow everybody to live rent free; and what a great benefit that would be. I hope and trust that the labour of this Lodge will be crowned with success. The paper was well received and was favourably commented on by many members. The meeting was brought to a close with a mouth organ duet given by Brothers Powell and Jones, Brithdir.

**17 July 1909** Independent Order of Good Templars The quarterly meeting of the Rhymney Valley District Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at the Carmel Chapel on Tuesday. The Lodge was opened by Bro. Charles Payne. Bro. Roberts was appointed secretary pro tem. An excellent report of his work and visits to the different Lodges in the valley during the session was given by Brother Charles Payne, the District Chief, which was received with thanks. Very satisfactory reports were also given by the other officers. At five o'clock, the member adjourned to tea, the tables being presided over by the Sisters of the Fochriw Lodge. The District Degree was conferred upon eight candidates.

**17 July 1909** Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at the Baptist Vestry on Thursday evening week, when an excellent paper was read by Br. Rhys D. Jenkins, Fochriw, on "The Profitableness of Virtuous Character."

**24 July 1909** Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at the Baptist Vestry on Thursday evening week, when Brother William Jones presided. Sister Bronwen Ballard read an excellent paper on "Thoughts on Prayer."

**31 July 1909** Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at the Baptist Vestry on Thursday evening week, and Bro. William Jones presided. The following were elected officers for the coming quarter: Chief Templar, Bro. James Williams; vice-templar, Sis. B. Ballard; secretary, Sis. M. A.

Lewis; financial secretary, Sis. C. Thomas; treasurer, Bro. T. Thomas; chaplain, Bro. William Jones; marshal, Sis. M. Rees; guard, Bro. T. Lewis; sentinel, Bro. William Griffiths; assistant secretary, Sis. E. Lewis; deputy marshal, Sis. M. Griffith. past chief Templar, Bro. William Jones. The following hold offices for the year: lodge deputy, Bro. Charles Payne; electoral secretary, Bro. Thomas Thomas; superintendent juvenile work, Bro. Thomas Lewis. The lodge was entertained by the Juvenile Temple. There was an open competition for singing and reciting. Ten competed, and the prize for the best recitation was secured by Sister Gwennie Gough.

**“Merthyr Express” 14 August 1909**

Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at the Baptist Vestry on Thursday evening last. The new officers were installed by Brother Charles Payne.

**28 August 1909** Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at the Baptist Vestry on Thursday evening week. The meeting was opened by Brother William Jones, after which an excellent paper on "How to make the best of life" was read by Brother Thomas Lewis.

**4 September 1909** Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at the Baptist Vestry on Thursday evening week. Brother James Williams, Chief Templar, was in the chair. The evening was set apart for devotional purposes, many of the brethren and sisters taking part.

**11 September 1909** Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at the Baptist Vestry on Thursday evening week. Brother James Williams was in the chair. Brother W. J. Jones was responsible for the programme, which was as follows: solo, Sister Thomas; recitation, Brother James Williams; solo, Sister Tyler; recitation, Sister Ballard; reading, "Dennis's Pledge," Brother W. J. Jones; solo, Brother Chas. Payne.

**18 September 1909** Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at the Baptist Vestry on Thursday evening week, Bro. Jas. Williams presiding. Bro. Williams read a paper entitled "How to become a Man." In the discussion which followed, Bros. Sam Lewis, Wm. Jones, Chas. Payne, Daniel Rowlands, and Sister M. A. Lewis took part.

**“Merthyr Express” 25 September 1909**

Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at the Baptist Vestry on Thursday evening week, Bro. Jas. Williams, chief templar, presiding. It was "Question Night," and a large number of questions were asked and answered.

**2 October 1909** Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at the Baptist Vestry on Thursday evening week, Bro. Jas. Williams presiding. Sister Bronwen Ballard read a paper on "Women Suffrage," and dealt chiefly with the present discontent among women here, and the benefits derived by other countries where every woman had the vote. A splendid report of the Grand Lodge held at Abertillery, presented by Brother Thomas Thomas, was accepted with thanks.

**9 October 1909** Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at the Baptist Vestry on Thursday evening week, Bro. Jas. Williams presiding. The following took part in the competition for the best song or recitation: Recitation - Sisters E. Davies, B. Ballard, C. Thomas, May Rowlands, and D. Griffiths, Brothers T. H. Jones, J. R. Walters, and T. H. Edwards; Songs - Sisters Davies and May Thomas, and Bro. Cyril Cook. The prizes were awarded to Brother Cyril Cook, who gave "Dick Dean's Adventures" and "Old David Wright," and to Sister May Rowlands for "Minnie's Answer." The adjudicators were Bros. T. Lewis, C. Payne, and J. Williams.

**16 October 1909** Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at the Baptist Vestry on Thursday evening week, Bro. Jas. Williams presiding. A large number took part in the "Spelling Bee." Brother Thomas Lewis was in charge.

**23 October 1909** Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at the Baptist Vestry on Thursday evening week, Bro. Jas. Williams presiding. The programme for a musical evening had been arranged by Brother Charles Payne, and the following took part: solo, Brother Cyril Cooke; cornet solo, Brother Austin Price; recitation, Brother Octavius Richards; duet for mandoline and violin, Brothers L Jones and Austin Price; solo, Sister Ceridwen Thomas. An very interesting paper on "The life of Gypsy Smith" was read by Sister M. A. Lewis.

**30 October 1909** Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at the Baptist Vestry on Thursday evening week, Bro. Jas. Williams presiding. A very interesting paper was read by Brother Mail, Rhymney, on "Martin Luther." Afterwards, the officers for the coming quarter were elected as follows: chief Templar, Brother James Williams; past chief templar, Brother William Jones; vice-templar, Sister E. M. Lewis; secretary, Sisters C. Thomas; financial secretary, Sister M. Griffiths; chaplain, Brother Sam Lewis; guard, Brother Thomas Lewis; sentinel, Sister M. A. Lewis; assistant secretary, Sister A. Jones; treasurer, Brother Thomas Thomas; lodge deputy, Brother Charles Payne; superintendent juvenile work, Brother Thomas Lewis; electoral secretary, Brother Thomas Thomas.

**6 November 1909** Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at the Baptist Vestry on Thursday evening week, Bro. Jas. Williams presiding. A Welsh paper on "Elias," was read by Sister Catherine Jones, and an English paper on "Paul," by Brother Daniel Rowlands.

**13 November 1909** Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at the Baptist Vestry on Thursday evening week. Bro. Jas. Williams presided. Excellent stories were given by the following: Sisters B. Ballard and M. Griffiths, Bros. T. Thomas and Wm. Griffiths. They were greatly enjoyed. The officers were installed by Brother Charles Payne. A vote of condolence was passed with the widows, families, and relatives of the victims of the Darren Colliery explosion.

**"Merthyr Express" 20 November 1909**

Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at the Baptist Vestry on Thursday evening week, Bro. James Williams presiding. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, a fruit banquet was held, a good supply of fruit being provided by the brothers of the lodge. An excellent programme of music etc., followed, with contributions from many brothers and sisters.

**4 December 1909** Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at the Baptist Vestry on Thursday evening week, Bro. James Williams presiding. The programme for the evening was "Observation," for which Bro. Thos. Thomas was responsible. A good number took part, and the prize for answering the most questions on the subject was awarded to Bro. James Williams.

**11 December 1909** Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at the Baptist Vestry on Thursday evening week, Bro. Wm. Jones presiding. Brother J. C. Payne read a paper on "Do the Scriptures forbid women to preach?" In the discussion which followed Brothers Thomas Lewis, Thomas Thomas, William Jones, and Sister Maggie Griffiths, took part.

**18 December 1909** Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at the Baptist Vestry on Thursday evening week, Bro. Wm. Jones presiding. "Temperance Cuttings" was the programme for the evening, the following taking part: Brothers Sam Lewis, Thomas Thomas, William Jones, Charles Payne, and Sister C. Thomas.

**25 December 1909** Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at the Baptist Vestry on Thursday evening week, Bro. Jas. Williams, chief templar, presiding. The programme for the evening was entitled "In Praise of Books." Sisters Bronwen Ballard and M. A. Lewis, and Brothers Thomas Thomas, James Williams, and Charles Payne each spoke in favour of their favourite book. Members of the Brithdir Lodge were also present.

**8 January 1910** 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.

**15 January 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. James Williams presiding. The evening was set apart for devotional purposes, with Brothers James Williams, Thomas Thomas and William Jones taking part.

**22 January 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. James Williams presiding. Bros. Sam Lewis and Wm. Jones read papers on "Beware of Strong Drink," which were much appreciated.

**29 January 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. 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.

**5 February 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. 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.

**5 February 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. 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.

**26 February 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. 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.

**12 March 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, 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.

**26 March 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, Sister Bronwen Ballard presiding. Mrs. Edith Cole Jones read a paper on "Woman."

**2 April 1910** 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.

**16 April 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. 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.

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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.

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**9 April 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, 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.

**30 April 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, 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.

**14 May 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, 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.

**21 May 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. 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.

**28 May 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. 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.

**11 June 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, 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.



**25 June 1910** 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 was successfully carried out by Sister M.. A. Lewis, and Bro. Wm. Griffiths acted as treasurer.

**“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.

**9 July 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, 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.

**“Merthyr Express” 16 July 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. 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.

**23 July 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, when Tirphil Lodge entertained. Addresses were also given by the following: Sister Ballard, Brothers Payne and James Williams.

**30 July 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. 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.

**6 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 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.

**“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.

**13 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. 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.

**20 August 1910** 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 navy, 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 Navy'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.

**3 September 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. 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.

**17 September 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. 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.

**24 September 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. 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.

**1 October 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. 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.

**8 October 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. 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.

**15 October 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. 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.

**22 October 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.

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.

**29 October 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. 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.

**5 November 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. 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."

**12 November 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. 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.

**19 November 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. 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.

**26 November 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. 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.

**10 December 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. 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.

**31 December 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. 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.

**7 January 1911** Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry Thursday evening, Chief Templar, Bro. Sam Lewis presiding. It was 'Question Night,' and a very enjoyable evening was spent by all.

**14 January 1911** Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry Thursday evening last, Chief Templar, Bro. Sam Lewis presiding. The brothers were responsible for the programme and provided a fruit banquet. The programme was 'Golden thoughts for the New Year,' and the following contributed: Bros. Sam Lewis, T. Lewis, Wm. Jones, Jas. Williams, T. Thomas, C. Payne and Sister Ballard.

**21 January 1911** Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry Thursday evening week, Chief Templar, Bro. Sam Lewis presiding. The juvenile temple entertained, Bro. James Williams presiding. The following contributed to the programme: recitations - Sisters Ceinwen Ballard, Annie Jones, Agnes Cook, Master Tom Mitchell, Sister M. A. Cook, Master Emrys Evans and Sister Mary S. Griffiths; songs - Master Aneurin Thomas, Sister Maggie Gough, Sisters C. Ballard and A. Jones; duet - Sisters Bessie and Lydia Ballard. An address of the benefits of the order was given by Bro. Price, Penydarren. A vote of condolence was passed with Mrs. A. Jones, Sister J. Lawrence and other members of the family, in their recent sad bereavement.

**28 January 1911** Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. After the ordinary business, an excellent paper on 'The Beautiful' was read by Sister Bronwen Ballard. The following were elected officers for the coming quarter: Chief Templar - Br. J. Williams; vice-templar - Sis. A. J. Jones; secretary - Sis. M. A. Lewis; financial secretary - Br. W. Jones; treasurer - Bro. T. Thomas; chaplain - Sis. Jones, Brynteg; organist - Bro. O. Richards; guard - Bro. T. Lewis; sentinel - Sis. M. Rees; assist. sec. - Sis. C. Jones; D.M. - Sis. B. Ballard; P.C.P. - Bro. S. Lewis; L.D. - Bro. C. Payne; E.S. - Bro. Thomas Thomas; S.J.W. - Bro. Thomas Lewis.

**11 February 1911** Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry Thursday evening last. The business of the evening was the installation of officers by Br. Payne, after which a splendid paper on 'The Life of Marie Corelli' was read by Sis. M. Griffiths. Bros. Sam Lewis, Thomas Thomas, Thomas Lewis, James Williams and Wm. Jones took part in the discussion which followed. Br. James Williams, the new Chief Templar, presided.

**18 February 1911** Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry Thursday evening last. Br. James Williams presided. Interesting readings were given by Bros. Wm. Jones and Sam Lewis, and a very fine poem was read by Bro. James Williams. An excellent address on 'Books' was given by Bro. T. Lewis. Bro. J. Williams was responsible for the programme.

**4 March 1911** Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry Thursday evening last, when a Welsh paper was read by Sister A. J. Jones, Aelybryn, and a very interesting story describing 'The golden deed of a brave girl in the Lake Dsitric,' was given by Sister C. Jones.

**11 March 1911** Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry Thursday evening week, and was presided over by Bro. James Williams, Chief Templar. Sister Bronwen Ballard was responsible for the evening's programme - 'Thoughts: Consider the Lilies.' The following took part: Bro. J. Williams, Sister Ballard, Bro. T. Lewis, Bro. Wm. James and Bro. C. Payne.

**18 March 1911** Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry Thursday evening week. A story from the 'Earthly Paradise' was given by Sis. C. Thomas, and the 'Biography of Lord Shaftesbury,' by Sis. M. A. Lewis. Bros. J. Williams, T. Lewis, S. Lewis, Wm. Jones and C. Payne, took part in the discussion.

**25 March 1911** Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry Thursday evening last. Br. James Williams presided, a large number of Brothers and Sisters being present. It was 'Question Night,' and all present took part. Miss Doris Davies gave a solo entitled 'Gipsy of the Wonderland,' and also a recitation, 'God Cares for All.'

**1 April, 1911** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday week. After the ordinary business, a fruit banquet was held, for which the sisters were responsible. There was a splendid supply of fruit. The following entertained during the evening: Sister B. Ballard - reading; Bro. Wm. Jones - solo; Bro. C. Payne - solo; Bro. Howell Thomas - recitation.

**8 April, 1911** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week, and was presided over by Bro. William Jones. It was open session, and a good many were present. An excellent paper was read by the Rev. D Hughes Jones on the great and noble American character, Emerson. The paper was most interesting and edifying, and the remarks of the reverend gentleman will certainly prove an incentive to the Temperance workers of Fochriw. Bro. Octavius Richards presided at the pianoforte, and added greatly to the evening's enjoyment by his playing of a solo, etc.. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the reverend gentleman for his paper, on the motion of Bro. Charles Payne, seconded by Sister B. Ballard.

**15 April, 1911** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. The following contributed to the programme: Bro. Walters - pianoforte solo; Sister Thomas - solo; Bro. C. Payne - gramophone selection. The chair was occupied by Bro. Sam Lewis. A vote of thanks brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

**22 April, 1911** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. After the ordinary business of the lodge was completed, an excellent paper was read on the 'Briar Rose,' by Sister B Ballard. The paper was highly interesting, and much appreciated by all present. A vote of condolence was passed with Bro. Thomas Thomas on the death of his mother, all the members standing. The meeting was presided over by Bro. James Williams, C.T.

**29 April, 1911** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. The following officers were elected: Chief Templar - Bro. J. Williams; vice templar - Sister A. J. Jones; secretary - Sis. B. Ballard; financial sec. - Sis. B. Griffiths; treasurer - Bro. T. Thomas; chaplain - Bro. Wm. Jones; marshall - Br. O. Richards; guard - Bro. T. Lewis; sentinel - Sis. C. Jones; assist. sec. - Sis. M. Rees; deputy marshall - Sis. M. Griffiths; past chief templar - Bro. S. Lewis. The programme for the evening was 'Suggestive Symbols.' Sister Ballard read a paper taking 'The Cross' as a symbol, and she also explained the origin of the term 'Easter Egg.' Bro. T. Lewis gave a short address, also taking the Cross as a symbol.

**6 May, 1911** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. The Rev. M. S. Young read a paper on "Character and Wealth." The reverend gentleman pointed out that he did not wish to disparage wealth, but while it caused much wrong doing, it could be of great use. The origin of wealth was dealt with in such a simple way that even the young children present were able to understand it. In discussion which followed, Bro. Charles Payne, Bro. T. Lewis, Sister Ballard, and Mrs. Cole Jones, contributed. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Rev. Young for his excellent address. Bro. J. Williams presided.

**13 May, 1911** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. Bro. T. Thomas presided. The installing of the officers for the coming quarter was conducted by Bro. Payne and Bro. Thomas. New members were also admitted.

**20 May, 1911** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening last. Brother Charles Payne was in the chair. A paper was read by Bro. James Williams on "Divine Discontent." A good discussion followed, many members taking part.

**27 May, 1911** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening last. An edifying paper was read by Mr. J. D. Jones on "The influence of Education and Environment on Character." He dealt with education in the home, showing the importance of

first impressions on the child, and how careful all the parents should be to set a good example. School education was the next heading. Education he said, did not mean "good scholars," but turning out boys and girls prepared to face the world, that is, men and women of sterling character. In the playground, self reliance was taught. Children were taught to govern self, and also taught to submit as well as to conquer. Social education was his third heading. The importance of the environment was clearly set forth, Mr. Jones explaining that what is generally attributed to heredity was really due to environment. A good environment was an aid to a good, pure character. Bros. J. Williams, T. Lewis, and C. Payne, also spoke. A vote of thanks was accorded to the speaker. Bro. James Williams, Chief Templar, presided.

**3 June 1911** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. The meeting was set apart for devotional services, in which all members took part. Brother James Williams presided.

**17 June 1911** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week, Bro. James Williams presiding. After the ordinary business of the Lodge, the programme was contributed to by the following: pianoforte solo - Bro. O. Richards; solo - Bro. C. Payne; reading - 'The Two Glasses' - Sister B. Ballard; solos - Bro. Wm. Jones, Bro. W. Griffiths; reading - 'The Daisy' - Bro. James Griffiths; solo - Bro. J. Williams; solo - Sister Mrs. Jones. Bro. C. Payne, who organised the entertainment, presided over the programme of entertainment.

**24 June 1911** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. After the ordinary business was conducted, the evening was devoted to 'Questions.' Everyone took part. The adult Lodge decided to have their annual outing on July 1<sup>st</sup>, the place chosen being Tintern. The juveniles will have their outing on Bank Holiday Wednesday, and they will visit Brecon.

**8 July 1911** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening last. After the ordinary business of the lodge, an enjoyable programme has gone through. The brothers were responsible for the fruit banquet, and there was a plentiful supply of strawberries and cream, and other fruits. Brother Charles Payne gave the reading, and solos were sung by Bros. T. Walters, W. Griffiths, and Sister C. Thomas. A hearty vote of thanks was proposed to the brothers and this brought the proceedings to a close.

**8 July 1911** I.O.G.T. Outing The members of the lodge had their annual outing in Saturday last to Tintern. The party left Rhymney station with the 7:45a.m. train. About two hours were spent at Newport. They took the train from there to Tintern. The Abbey was visited, and the afternoon was spent in walking and driving to various places of interest. On the return journey, Chepstow was visited. The party returned to Fochriw with the 10p.m. train from Newport.

**15 July 1911** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening, and there was a large attendance. The programme was, 'A night with the Poet's.' The following took part: Bros. C. Payne, W. Griffiths, Sam Lewis (with his own compositions), Thomas Lewis, James Williams, and Sisters Jones, Lewis, C. Jones, and B. Ballard. The fraternal greetings of the 'Pride of Beaufort' Lodge was conveyed by Bro. Charles Payne to the 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge, and was gratefully accepted.

**29 July 1911** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening last, and was presided over by Bro. James Williams, Chief Templar. The following officers were elected: chief templar - Bro. James Williams; vice-templar - Sister A. J. Jones; secretary - Bro. T. Lewis; assistant secretary - Sister B. Ballard; financial secretary Sister B. Lewis; chaplain - Sister Mrs Jones; marshall - Bro O. Richards; guard - Bro. Anthony Davies; sentinel - Bro. S. Ballard; past chief templar - Bro. Sam Lewis. The officers having been elected, the

chair was taken by Bro. Charles Payne. An excellent paper was read by Bro. James Williams on 'Does genius bring happiness?'

**5 August 1911** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening last, and was presided over by Bro. Sam Lewis. Two stories, 'Charity or Brotherly Love,' and 'A dream sermon,' were contributed by Sister B. Ballard. A section of 'The King of the Golden River,' was read by a Bro. Sam Lewis. Bro. William Jones read a poem entitled 'Temperance does save.' 'Example is better than Precept' was the title of a paper given by Sister Catherine Jones.

**12 August 1911** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening last. The meeting was presided over by Brother Thomas Thomas, treasurer. The new officers were installed by Bro. Charles Payne, after which the remainder of the evening was spent in discussing the programme for the coming quarter.

**12 August 1911** Outing The children of the 'Morning Star' Lodge had their annual outing to Brecon on Wednesday. The party, which numbered nearly 200, left Fochriw by the 9.40a.m. train. Brother Thomas Lewis was in charge, assisted by the Bros. William Griffiths, Thomas Thomas, James Healy and Charles Payne. Several places of interest in and about Brecon were visited. The party left Brecon for home by the 7:30 p.m. train, arriving at Fochriw about 9:30p.m.

**26 August 1911** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening last. Brother T. Lewis presided. A paper was read by Sister B. Ballard on 'Voices.' Brothers T. Lewis, C Payne, T. Thomas, W. Griffiths, S. Ballard, and J. Healey, took part in the discussion.

**2 September 1911** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening last. The programme for the evening was "Spelling Bee." Every member took part. The report of the Juvenile Lodge outing to Brecon was given by Bro. W Griffiths. A hearty vote of thanks was proposed to Bros. Lewis and Griffiths.

**9 September 1911** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening last. The members were entertained by the Star of Bedlinog Lodge. Votes of sympathy were past with Bro. Rev. R. D. Jenkins on the death of his father, and with Bro. Ballwill of Bedlinog on the death of his child.

**16 September 1911** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening last. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, a fruit banquet was held, the sisters providing the fruit. An excellent programme followed: solo - Sister Mrs. Jones; comical reading - Sister M. A. Lewis; reading - "The Sale of the Coat" - Sister Ballard; solo - "Llythyr fy Mam" - Sister C Thomas; Welsh reading - Sister A. Jones; temperance story - Sister C Jones, Pentwyn; humorous recitation - Brother H Thomas; pianoforte solo - Brother T. Walters. Brother Thomas Lewis presided over the business of the lodge, and Sister B. Ballard over the entertainment.

**23 September 1911** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening last. The meeting was presided over by Brother James Williams, and an interesting paper was read by Mr. John Evans entitled, "The Great Refusal." Bros. J. Williams, T Lewis, S Lewis, and Sisters Ballard and Jones joined in the discussion.

**30 September 1911** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening last. Brother James Williams presided. The members were entertained by the juveniles. The following contributed to the programme: solos - Lydia Ballard, Agnes Cooke, Bessie Ballard, Myfanwy Evans, Mattie Jones, Ceinwen Thomas, Ruth Griffiths, Maggie Gough, Thomas H. Jones; recitations - A. M. Jones, Edith Thomas, Nellie M. Angell; stories - L. M. Lawrence,

Ceinwen Ballard. During the evening, Brother and Sister Weever addressed the meeting. Brother W. Griffiths presided over the entertainment.

**7 October 1911** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. An excellent paper was read by Brother T. Walters, entitled "Great Minds in Music." Brother Sam Lewis presided.

**14 October 1911** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the ordinary business, short addresses were given on "The Art of Noble Living." All members took part. Brother James Williams presided. Sister Olwen Hughes has been appointed pianist to the Juvenile Temple in succession to Master Octavius Richards.

**21 October 1911** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening last. A very interesting Welsh paper was read by Brother William Jones, and Brothers Sam Lewis, Thomas Thomas, and Thomas Lewis took part in the discussion. Brother William Jones also gave his report on the District Lodge. Sister Maggie Morgan was appointed pianist.

**28 October 1911** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening last. The installation of officers was presided over by Brother Charles Payne, who also gave a report of the Grand Lodge. After the ordinary business had been finished, the night was set apart for music. Solos were sung by Sisters Ruth Griffiths and Myfanwy Evans. Recitations were given by Bro. T. H. Jones, and temperance hymns were also sung. Miss Maggie Morgan accompanied on the piano.

**4 November 1911** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening last. Brother Sam Lewis presided. Brother Charles Payne read a very interesting paper on the "History of Fochriw."

**11 November 1911** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening last. The new officers were installed for the coming quarter by Brother Charles Payne. Brother Payne also instructed the young brothers and sisters in the workings of the Order. A very enjoyable evening was brought to a close by the singing of a few hymns from the Ode Book.

**18 November 1911** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening last. Brother Thomas Thomas read Psalm 103, and Brother Thomas Lewis commented on the Psalm. Brother William Jones led the gathering in prayer. It is encouraging to note that the lodge is increasing in number, many youngsters having joined recently.

**25 November 1911** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening last. The members were entertained by the juveniles, the following contributing to the programme: recitations - Doris Davies, M. H. Cooke, Annie Jones, Ceridwen Thomas, Willie Williams, Willie Evans; solos - Agnes Cook, Myfanwy Evans, Maggie Gough, Willie Williams, Doris Davies, T. H. Jones; dialogue - Maggie Gough, Myfanwy Evans, Ceridwen Thomas, Mattie Jones, Selina Burrows and Annie Williams. A glee was sung by eight of the little juveniles. The meeting was presided over by Brother T. Lewis.

**2 December 1911** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening last. After the ordinary business was gone through, the evening was set apart for a "Spelling Bee." All took part. Brother T. Lewis presided.

**9 December 1911** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening last. During the evening, there was a juvenile competition. The prizes were awarded to the following: recitation, under eight years of age - Brinley Sibley; over eight years of age - Myfanwy Evans; singing under eight years of age - T. H. Jones. Large numbers of the



juveniles took part in the competition. The prizes were given by Bro. James Evans, Aelybryn. The meeting was presided over by Bro. Thomas Lewis.

**16 December 1911** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening last. Brother T. Lewis presided. After the ordinary business, an excellent programme was contributed to by the following; reading - Sister Maggie Griffiths; pianoforte solo - Sister Maggie Morgan; address - Bro. Stephen Ballard - "Freedom of thought, brotherly love and sympathy;" readings - Sister Martha Thomas and Bro. Thomas Evans; addresses - Bros. William James, William Griffiths, and Charles Payne. A vote of condolence was passed with the Bro. James Healy, his wife and family, on the loss of their daughter, who was a member of the Juvenile Temple. Deceased, who was 10 years of age, died as a result of burns, her clothes having caught fire. The funeral took place on Wednesday at Pentwyn Churchyard. The deceased and family are held in high esteem, as could be seen by the very large number who attended the funeral. The juveniles, and the juvenile council of the I.O.G.T., each wearing blue ribbons, attended, as also did most of the other school children. They were formed in procession by the respected headmaster, Mr. J. D. Jones, and were marshalled by Bros. William Griffiths, Charles Payne, Thomas Lewis, and Sister M. A. Lewis.

**23 December 1911** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening last. Brother William Griffiths presided. After the ordinary business of the lodge was transacted, entertainment was given by all Griffithses and Joneses. There was an excellent programme, to which the following contributed: reading - Sister M. J. Jones; solo - Bro. William Griffiths; short address - Sister B. Griffiths; reading - Bro. W. Jones; recitation - Sister M. A. Jones; reading - Sister B. Griffiths.

**30 December 1911** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening last. Brother Charles Payne presided. After the ordinary business, an excellent paper on "A plain man's life," was read by the Rev. Isaac Roderick. The plain man, he explained, was the normal, sober and Christian Man. He spoke of the plain man's home, where, he said, there should be purity, love, confidence and unity. He advised all present to be careful in their choice of friends. The basis of a true friendship was virtue. The reverend gentleman quoted Cicero who remarked that we were far more careful in our choice of cattle than in our choice of friends. God, he stated, has planted an instinct for worship in all human hearts, and life was incomplete without worship. It was a most edifying paper, full of valuable precept, and was much appreciated. Bros. Thomas Lewis, William Jones and Sister Bronwen Ballard also spoke.

**6 January 1912** Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. Bros. T. Lewis, S. Ballard and T. Thomas, and Sisters Ballard, C. Thomas and Mag. Griffiths gave an interesting account of the 'Mari Lwyd Lawen.'

**13 January 1912** Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening, when short addresses were given on 'My Watchword for 1912.' The Brothers were responsible, the following taking part: Bros. Jones, Lewis, Ballard and Payne. Bro T. Lewis presided.

**20 January 1912** Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. The evening was set apart for vocal music, Bro. T. Walters being responsible. Solos were given by Bros. T. Walters, Wm. Jones, Payne and Griffiths, and by Sister Thomas. Sisters Martha and Ceridwen Thomas then sang a duet, followed by a recitation from Sister Ceridwen Thomas.

**27 January 1912** Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the installation of the new officers, Bro. T. Lewis read a paper on 'Is Life Worth Living.'

**3 February 1912** Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. Bro W. Jones occupied the chair. A pianoforte solo was given by Miss Olwen Hughes, after which Rev. Rhys Jenkins

read a paper entitled 'The Strong Young Man.' The reader dealt with physical, intellectual, moral and spiritual strength, and attached the greatest importance to the latter. A recitation and song from Miss Blodwen Watkins, Pentwyn, concluded the evening.

**10 February 1912** Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. Bro. T. Lewis presided. The following contributed to a musical programme: Sister Maggie Morgan - pianoforte solo; Mr. Harry Hughes - pianoforte solo; Bro. Howell Thomas - cornet solo; Mr. Harry Hughes and Sister Olwen Hughes - piano duet; bone clapping accompanied by piano - Bro. Healy and Mr. Harry Hughes; pianoforte solo - Bro. T. Walters.

**17 February 1912** Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. The officers for the coming quarter were installed by Bro. Payne. This was followed by a 'fruit banquet,' for which the brothers were responsible. There were also solos and readings from Sisters Maggie Morgan and Bronwen Ballard, and Bro. T. Walters.

**24 February 1912** Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. Bro. S. Lewis presided. Sister Ballard read a paper entitled 'The Builder.'

**16 March 1912** Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. The evening was set apart for 'Topical Talks.' Sister C. Thomas was in charge of the programme, and all members contributed. A resolution was passed thanking Bro. Rhys Jenkins and the members of the Council for protesting against the granting of a license for the New Hall, Bargoed.

**23 March 1912** Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. It was 'A Night with Hymn Writers.' and the following took part: Bros. T. Lewis, Wm. Jones and Sister M. A. Lewis.

**30 March 1912** Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. The programme was 'Prose and Poetry.' The following contributed: Welsh poetry - Bro. Sam Lewis; English Reading - Bros. Wm. Dan Jones, Thos. Walters and T. Lewis.

**6 April 1912** Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. There were a good number of visitors present from Merthyr and Bedlinog. Excellent and edifying papers were read by Sisters Ceridwen Thomas, Bronwen Ballard and Mrs. Jones on 'Incidents in the Lives of Great Men.' Bro. Rees presided.

**13 April 1912** Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. There were a good many visitors present. After the ordinary business of the Lodge was transacted, papers were read on 'My Favourite Bible Story.' by Sisters Jones, Rees and Griffiths. Bro. Weaver of Pengam presided.

**20 April 1912** Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. Visitors from Bedlinog were present. Sisters Ballard and Thomas, and Bros. W. Jones, C. Payne, T. Lewis and Fisher spoke on Easter. Bro. T. Lewis presided.

**27 April 1912** Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. The main business of the evening was the election of officers for the coming quarter. This was followed by a musical programme for which Sister C. Thomas was responsible. There were solos from Sister Margaret Thomas, and Bros. C. Payne, W. Jones and W. Griffiths. Sisters Maggie Morgan and Myfanwy Cole gave pianoforte solos.

**4 May 1912** International Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. A Welsh paper 'Points in Music' was read by Mr. Wm. Walters, Brynteg. Bro. T. Lewis presided.

**11 May 1912** Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. The Juveniles entertained. The following contributed: solos - Sisters Annie Jones, C. Thomas; duet - Sister M. Gough

and Bro. D. J. Davies; recitations - Sisters Ceridwen Thomas, Lizzie Mary Lawrence and J. Slimmons. A very pretty and interesting sketch was produced by 16 juveniles, which created much amusement. Great praise is due to both Sisters M. A. Lewis, Pentwyn, and Olwen Hughes, for the admirable way in which they have prepared the juveniles for the sketch. Bro. T. Lewis presided.

**18 May 1912** Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. Sister Bronwen Ballard presided. Mrs. E. Cole Jones read an excellent paper: an account of her visit to Switzerland in 1910. The places visited, and especially the mountain climbing, were excellently described. Bros. T. Lewis and J. Williams, and Sisters C. Thomas and B. Ballard took part in the discussion.

**25 May 1912** Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. The programme for the evening was 'Translation from Welsh into English and vice versa.' All present took part.

**1 June 1912** Cantata Performances: Fochriw Juvenile Good Templars Two performances of the sacred cantata, 'Christ the Redeemer,' illustrated with lantern views, were given at the Carmel Chapel on Thursday and Friday evenings last by the Fochriw Juvenile Good Templars. Bro. R. O. Jenkins presided at the Thursday performance, and Bro. Dr. E. Davies on Friday. Mr. D. J. Thomas was the conductor, and Mr. Thomas Walters the organist. The choir was very strong in numbers and quality, and presented a brilliant spectacle in their attractive dresses. The artistes were the Misses M. A. Walters, Hannah Jones, Martha Thomas, Maggie Thomas, Sarah Cole and Maggie Morgans. Much trouble and care must have been taken to bring the choir and artistes to such a state of perfection. Mr. Charles Payne, on behalf of the Lodge, thanked the Noddfa friends for the loan of the lantern, Messrs. H. Williams and J. Evans for manipulating it, Carmel friends for the loan of the chapel and piano, the Ambulance and Library officials for curtains and papers, as well as the artistes, choir, conductor and organist.

**8 June 1912** Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. The evening was set apart for a spelling bee. Sister Ceridwen Thomas was responsible for the programme. Sister B. Ballard presided.

**15 June 1912** Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. Sister B. Ballard presided. The evening was set apart for 'Ode Practice,' Bro. T. Walters being responsible.

**22 June 1912** Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. The evening was set apart for 'Quotations from Favourite Poets.' Nearly all members took part. Seven members from Bedlinog visited the Lodge, and Bros. Benson and Fisher gave addresses. Sister Bronwen Ballard presided.

**29 June 1912** Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. Sister Ballard presided. Several members spoke on books. Bro. Henry Thomas gave a summary of 'Who Shall Judge,' by Silas Hocking; Sister Ballard, 'The Blue Bird;' and Sister N. A. Lewis, 'The Treasures of Heaven,' by Marie Corelli.

**6 July 1912** Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the ordinary business had been completed, Bro. Charles Payne instructed all young members in the initiation ceremony and in the under-written work.

**13 July 1912** Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the ordinary business was completed, all sat down to a fruit banquet provided by the sisters. Readings, solos and recitations were also given by Fochriw members, and visitors from Aberbargoed Lodge.

**20 July 1912** Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. The topic for the evening was 'In Praise of Books and Friends.' The following spoke: Sisters C. Thomas, B. Griffiths

and M. M. Lewis; Bros. W. Jones, W. Griffiths, S. Lewis, T. Lewis and C. Payne. Bro. T. Lewis presided.

**27 July 1912** Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. Elections for officers for the coming quarter were held, and afterwards 'Short Stories' were told. A detailed report of the Grand Lodge session was given by Bro. Payne.

**3 August 1912** Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the ordinary business had been transacted, the evening was given over to entertainment from the juveniles. Solos were given by Sisters Doris Davies, Mattie Jones, Bessie Ballard, Hilda Davies; recitations by Sisters Ruth Griffiths, Annie Jones, Lizzie M. Lawrence, Ceinwen Ballard, Edna Burrows, Morfydd Thomas, Bros. T. J. Evans, Emrys Evans and R. White. A sketch was played by 17 juveniles, which was greatly enjoyed.

**10 August 1912** Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. The officers for the coming quarter were installed by Bro. Payne, assisted by Bro. W. Jones. Bro. Payne was appointed representative at the Grand Lodge. The rest of the evening was devoted to 'Topical Temperance Talks.' All members took part.

**17 August 1912** Outing The members of the Morning Star Juvenile Temple had their annual outing on Wednesday. About 300 members and friends left the station at 8.30 a.m. for Barry Island. The weather was excellent. The party returned by the 7.30 train from Barry after a most enjoyable day.

**17 August 1912** Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. Short addresses were given on 'The Poets.' Contributions were made by Sisters B. Ballard and Myfanwy Cole; also Bros. T. Lewis, S. Lewis, Wm. Griffiths, C. Payne.

**24 August 1912** Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. A musical programme arranged by Bro. T. Walters was gone through, the following taking part:- pianoforte solos - Bros. J. E. Davies, T. Walters, A. Lird, Miss Katie Jones-Davies; solos - Bros. D. Thomas, T. Walters, W. Jones, C. Payne, sister Thomas; duet - Misses Maggie and Doris Davies. Sister Ballard presided.

**31 August 1912** Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. The evening was set apart for reading of newspaper cuttings. Sister Ballard presided.

**7 September 1912** Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. Sister Ballard presided. Bro. T. Walters read a paper on 'Wagner.' The meeting congratulated Bro. Walters on his recent examination success, and on his excellent paper.

**14 September 1912** Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. Sister Ballard presided. Short addresses were given on 'Holiday Impressions.'

**21 September 1912** Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. Sister Ballard presided. The Bedlinog Lodge entertained.

**28 September 1912** Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. Many brothers from Bedlinog were present. Sister Ballard presided. Mrs. Dr. Davies read an excellent paper entitled 'The Home.' The ideal home was depicted, and afterwards, the home where intemperance prevailed, the two being contrasted most vividly.

**5 October 1912** Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. Bro. W. Griffiths presided. After the ordinary business of the lodge, Sister B. Ballard, Chief Templar, who is leaving the neighbourhood, was presented with a breakfast cruet as a token of respect and appreciation of the good work done in connection with the lodge. Bro. T. Lewis made the presentation

and gave very valuable advice, after which Sister Ballard responded. A very good programme had been prepared, the following contributing: pianoforte solos - Bros. J. E. Davies and T. Walters; reading - Bro. H. Thoams; solos - Sister C. Thomas and Bro. W. Griffiths; paper by Bro. D. James - 'Temperance and its Influence.' Verses of their own composition were read by Bros. W. Jones and Sam Lewis which were well-suited to the occasion. Bros. H. Thomas, W. Jones, S. Lewis, T. Walters, D. James and Sisters Thomas and Rees also spoke, and expressed their regret at losing Sister Ballard, but wished her every happiness in her new sphere. After an enjoyable evening, the meeting concluded with the singing of 'For All Eternity,' by Sister C. Thomas.

**12 October 1912** Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. Bro. E. Jones presided. Short addresses were given 'In Praise of Town and Country,' the sisters taking country and the brothers town. The Grand Lodge report was given by Bro. Charles Payne.

**19 October 1912** Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. The evening was given over to 'Ode Practice,' Bro. Walters being responsible. Bro. Sam Lewis presided.

**26 October 1912** Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. Bro. Wm. Griffiths presided. Bible stories were discussed by members, and the district lodge report was given by Bros. Payne and Griffiths.

**2 November 1912** Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. Bro. T. Lewis presided. Elections for officers for the coming quarter took place, Brother Thomas Lewis being elected Chief Templar. A resolution was unanimously passed protesting against the granting of licenses for the opening of cinemas etc. on the Sabbath Day, and also thanking those members of the Council who opposed the same, although in a minority. The brothers had provided a fruit banquet. Music and recitations were contributed by the following: pianoforte duet - Bro. T. Walters and Sister C. Thomas; solo - Bro. Harris (Brithdir); recitation - Sister Cresswell (Brithdir).

**9 November 1912** Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, biblical quotations were given by the following sisters on 'Hearth Voices:' M. Cole, M. Simmons, A. M. Jenkins and Bro. S. Lewis. Short addresses were given by the following: Bros. D. James, S. Lewis, T. Lewis, H. Thomas, C. Payne, Sisters C. Thomas and M. Griffiths.

**16 November 1912** Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. Bro. T. Lewis presided. Bro. Payne installed the officers for the coming quarter. This was followed by an excellent programme: recitations - Sisters A. M. Jones, Ceridwen Thomas, Leonora Jenkins, Annie Gwen Thomas, Phyllis Williams, Maggie Thomas, Annie Jones, Annie Jenkins; Bros. Latimer Evans, Thomas John Evans; solos - Sisters Doris Davies, M. Evans, Bessie Hughes, R. Griffiths, C. Thomas, Bessie Ballard; Bro. Edmund Davies; a dialogue; an action song and a sketch.

**23 November 1912** Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. Bro. Perkins (Aberbargoed) presided and addressed the meeting. The evening was devoted to 'Translations from Welsh to English and vice versa,' all taking part.

**30 November 1912** Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. Bro. T. Lewis presided, and gave an excellent paper entitled 'Ideals.'

**14 December 1912** Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. There was a miscellaneous programme which had been prepared by Bro. D. James as follows: duet - Bro. & Sister Walters; pianoforte solo - Bro. C. Richards; solo - Sister M. Thomas; reading - Bro. J. Healey; humorous reading - Bro. H. Thomas. Bro. & Sister T. Walters, who were

recently married, were presented with a very prettily mounted cream jug and sugar bowl. Bro. Charles Payne made the presentation. Bros. S. Lewis and Wm. Jones read verses of their own composition suitable for the occasion, these carrying the good wishes of all members. A vote of condolence was passed with Bros. R. Thomas and John E. Davies in their recent bereavement.

**21 December 1912** Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. Bro. T. Lewis presided. A vote of sympathy was passed with Rev. and Mrs. D. H. Jones on their sad bereavement. An excellent paper was read by Bro. Henry Thomas on 'Where our village is at a disadvantage.' The drawbacks were dealt with in a very lucid manner, and the way in which the young men spend their leisure hours was commented upon. Comments were made by Bros. T. Lewis, C. Payne, S. Lewis, D. James, S. Ballard and J. Healy.

**11 January 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 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; pianoforte solo - Bro. T. Walters; address - Bro. C. Payne.

**18 January 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. After the ordinary business of the lodge was transacted, an excellent paper was read by Miss A. G. Williams entitled 'Divine Lessons in Nature.'

**25 January 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. Bennett, district secretary, Tirphil, presided. Readings were given by Sisters Walters, Ceredwin Thomas, Myfanwy Cole and Olwen Hughes.

**1 February 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. 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.

**8 February 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. Walters and his sister were responsible for the programme.

**15 February 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. 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.

**22 February 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. Mr. T. Jones, Pontlottyn, read a paper entitled 'Why Advocate Temperance?'

**1 March 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. West of Brithdir read a paper entitled 'The Ill-effects of Intemperance.'

**8 March 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. Papers were read by Bro. S. Lewis on 'Emerson,' and by Bro. H. Thomas on 'Charantan.'

**15 March 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. Fourteen young members were taken through the initiatory ceremony, after which there was a short miscellaneous programme.

**22 March 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. 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.

**29 March 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. The following members contributed to the programme; Bros. T. Lewis, Dan James, C. Payne, and Sister M. A. Lewis.

**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.

**12 April 1913** 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.

**19 April 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 evening's programme was given by the Hope of Beulah Lodge, Brithdir.

**26 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. 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.

**3 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. 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.

**17 May 1913** 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.'

**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.

**31 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 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.

**7 June 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 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.

**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.

**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.

**21 June 1913** 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 Pontllytyn, leaving by the 9 a.m. train, and returning to Pontllytyn by the 10.30 p.m. train after visiting many places of interest.

**28 June 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. Members gave their impressions of their visit to Hereford

**5 July 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 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.

**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.'

**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.'

2<sup>nd</sup> Bn. 24<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Tientsin 17<sup>th</sup> 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 whole-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.

**26 July 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. Mrs. Morgan, Ael-y-bryn, read a paper on 'Greatness and Goodness.'

**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.

**9 August 1913** 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.

**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. 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.

**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.

**30 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. It was 'Question Night' and an enjoyable evening was spent.

**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.

**13 September 1913** 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.'

**20 September 1913** 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.

**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.

**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.

**4 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.

**18 October 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.

**18 October 1913** 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.

**25 October 1913** 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.

**1 November 1913** 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.

**8 November 1913** 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.

**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.

**22 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. 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.

**29 November 1913** 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.

**6 December 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 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, 21<sup>st</sup> November.

**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.

**20 December 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 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.

**3 January 1914** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge. The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday week. Bro. Wm. Griffiths, Chief Templar, presided. Humorous readings were given by the following: 'Stop Thief,' by Sister C. Thomas; 'Country Newspapers,' Sister M. Thomas; 'Its early youth,' Bro. Sam Lewis; 'Gossiping,' Sister M. Griffiths; 'A Pin,' Bro. Thomas Lewis; 'The Clever Student,' Bro. Thomas Walters; 'Cracked Lips,' Bro. J. E. Davies; 'A Difficult Pupil,' Sister Olwen Hughes; 'Mr. Nott and Mr. Shot,' Bro. L. Evans; 'A Clever Cook,' Sister Catherine Jones; 'Why She Worried,' Sister M. A. Lewis; 'A Faithful Member,' Sister C. Walters; 'A Good Word for Women,' Bro. Wm. Griffiths; 'Stealing his Horse,' Bro. Charles Payne. On Tuesday, after the ordinary business had been transacted, a paper 'About Toys,' was read by Mr. J. Payne.

**10 January 1914** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge. The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday week. Bro. Wm. Griffiths, Chief Templar, presided. Contributions were given by Bros. T. Lewis, H. Thomas, D. James, S. Lewis, J. E. Davies, and C. Payne.

**17 January 1914** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge. The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday week. After the ordinary business was transacted, the following brothers spoke on the question, 'Why wear the I.O.G.T. Recognition Badge?' - namely, Bros. D. James, S. Lewis, H. Thomas, C. Payne, Wm. Jones and Wm. Griffiths.

**24 January 1914** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge. The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. The District Lodge report was given by Bros. H. Thomas and Sam Lewis, Charles Payne and Wm. Griffiths. 'Ode Practice' followed led by Bro. T. Walters, the following tunes being sung: 'Winchester Old,' 'Luther's Chant,' and 'The Lord's Prayer.'

**31 January 1914** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge. The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening, Bro. Wm. Griffiths presiding. The following contributed to an excellent programme: pianoforte solo - Bro. J. E. Davies; solo - Sister Ceridwen Thomas; pianoforte solo - Bro. T. Walters; solo - Bro. Sam Lewis; solo - Bro. Wm. Jones; reading - Bro. Henry Thomas; solo - Bro. Thos. Lewis; reading - Sister M. Thomas; solo - Bro. Wm. Griffiths; solo - Bro. C. Payne; reading - Bro. T. Walters; solo - Sister C. Walters. Bro. C. Payne gave a report on the International Juvenile Council meeting held at Penarth on January 19<sup>th</sup>.

**7 February 1914** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge. The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening, Bro. Wm. Griffiths presiding. After the quarterly elections, the programme for the evening was 'English Correction.' The juvenile temple held their weekly meeting in the Vestry on Thursday, Bro. Caswallon Williams presiding over a large attendance. The Rev. W. J. Brawn, Manchester, delivered an interesting address to the Temple, dealing chiefly with drink and gambling and their great evils. He gave an interesting account of his work in the slums of Manchester. Bro. J. C. Payne also gave an address. The following contributed to the programme: recitations - Sisters L. M. Lawrence & Lala Cole; solo - Miss Addie Meredith. Great praise is due to Bros. T. Lewis and Wm. Griffiths for their excellent work with the children. The meeting was brought to a close with the singing of a fine solo by Sister Ruth Griffiths.

**14 February 1914** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge. The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening, Bro. Henry Thomas presiding. It was 'Question Night' and all took part. The officers for the quarter were installed by Bro. Charles Payne, who was assisted by Bro. Wm. Jones, installing marshal.

**21 February 1914** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge. The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening, Bro. Henry Thomas, C.T., presiding. After the ordinary business was completed, Sister Margaret Thomas read a paper on 'Isaac Pitman,' and Sister M. A. Lewis read papers on 'Lives of Great Men,' and 'Jonas Hanway.' Bro. Payne, Grand Marshall, conveyed to the Star of Fochriw Lodge fraternal greetings from the Pride of Old Tredegar Lodge.

**28 February 1914** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge. The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening, Bro. Henry Thomas, C. T., presiding. A very plentiful 'Fruit Banquet' was provided by the Sisters. A programme of music and readings followed, presided over by Sister M. A. Lewis. The following contributed: readings - Sisters C.

Thomas, C. Jones, M. Cole, B. Jenkins, Bro. H. Thomas; solos - Sister Mary Tyler and Bro. T. Walters.

**7 March 1914** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening, Bro. Henry Thomas, C.T., presiding. After the ordinary business, an excellent programme was contributed to as follows: pianoforte solo - Bro. J. E. Davies; reading - Bro. Owen Evans; solo - Sister Mary Tyler; painoforte solo - Bro. T. Walters; solo - Bro. Sam Lewis; reading - Sister B. Francis; solo - Bro. Thomas Lewis; reading - Sister B. Jenkins; solo - Bro. Charles Payne; reading - Sister C. Jones.

**14 March 1914** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening, Bro. Henry Thomas, C.T., presiding. The following gave short addresses on St. David's Day: Bros. Henry Thomas, Thos. Lewis and Charles Payne. Short readings were given on St. David by Bros. Sam Lewis and Wm. Jones. A party from the Juvenile Lodge gave a good rendering of 'Galwad y Brenin.'

**21 March 1914** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening, Sister Mary Tyler presiding. 'Humorous Readings' were contributed by the following: Bros. Henry Thomas, Thos. Lewis, Chas. Payne; Sisters Catherine Jones, Bronwen Francis, Irene Davies, M. Tyler, C. Thomas. Bro. Payne conveyed fraternal greetings to the 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge from the 'Rose of Sirhowy' Lodge, Tredegar, which was accepted with thanks.

**28 March 1914** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening, Bro. Henry Thomas, C.T., presiding. Miss Jenkins, Pontlottyn, read an excellent paper on 'The Dignity of Womanhood,' provoking comment from the following: Sisters A. M. Jenkins, M. Tyler, Bronwen Francis; Bros. H. Thomas, Wm. Jones, S. Lewis, Chas. Payne and T. Lewis. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Miss Jenkins. A vote of condolence was passed with Bros. Bertie Edwards and Percy Mantle, in their recent sad bereavement.

**4 April 1914** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening, Bro. Henry Thomas, C.T., presiding. A paper on the 'Women's Temperance Movement, its origin and progress,' was read by Miss Walters, and was much appreciated by the large number present.

**25 April 1914** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening, Bro. Henry Thomas presiding. The programme for the evening was 'Ode Practice.' Several hymns were sung from the Ode Hymn Book.

**2 May 1914** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening, Bro. Henry Thomas presiding. The juveniles provided an excellent programme which was contributed to as follows: recitations - Sisters Gwladys Watkins, Maggie Thomas, Lizzie M. Lawrence, Mary H. Cook, Ceinwen Ballard and Bro. Thomas J. Evans; solos - Sister Agnes Cook and Bro. T. J. Evans; duet - Sisters Edna Burrows & Ceinwen Ballard; trio - Sisters E. Burrows, M. H. Cook & C. Ballard. A party of eight sung the following: 'Fe welir Seion fel y mawr,' and 'Ewch dros yr Hen, Hen Hanes.'

**9 May 1914** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening, Bro. Henry Thomas presiding. Elections for officers for the coming quarter were held. The following were elected officers for the ensuing quarter: Chief Templar - Bro. Daniel James; vice-templar - Sister Bronwen Francis; past chief templar - Bro. H. Thomas; treasurer - Bro. Sam Lewis; chaplain - Sister B. Jenkins; marshall - Bro. Owen Evans; financial secretary - Sister Annie J. Jones; assistant secretary - Sister Maggie Griffiths; guard - Bro. Robert Thomas; sentinel - Bro. Bertie Edwards; deputy marshall - Bro. Lewis Evans; organist - Bro. J. Elias Davies; secretary - Sister C. Walters. The following hold annual offices: L. D. - Bro. C. Payne; E. S. Bro. Wm. Jones; S. J. W. - Bro. T. Lewis. The programme for the evening was 'Topical Temperance Talks,' in which several took part. Sister B. Francis presided.

**16 May 1914** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. The following took part in the programme: pianoforte solo - Bro. J. E. Davies; solos - Sisters M. Tyler, C. Thomas, C. Walters, and Bros. W. Griffiths and C. Payne; duet - Sisters M. Tyler and M. Griffiths; readings - Sisters B. Griffiths and B.

Francis, and Bros. Sam Lewis and Henry Thomas. Bro. Thomas Lewis also gave an address. The officers for the coming quarter were installed by Bro. C. Payne, assisted by Bro. W. Griffiths, installing marshall. Bro. Payne was elected to represent the lodge at the Grand Lodge to be held at Aberdare in June. He afterwards gave an interesting account of his visit to the English Grand Lodge held at Birmingham on Easter Monday.

**23 May 1914** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the ordinary business of the lodge was transacted, members of the Star of Bedlinog Lodge entertained.

**30 May 1914** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening, Bro. C. James presiding. A fruit banquet was provided by the brothers. An excellent programme of music etc. followed: reading - Bro. H. Thomas; pianoforte solo - Bro. J. E. Davies; solos - Bros. Payne, and Wm. Griffiths and Miss Davies of London. Bro. Payne conveyed to the Lodge the best wishes of the Pride of the Valley Lodge, Blackwood.

**6 June 1914** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. The evening was set apart for a spelling bee, all members taking part. Bro. Owens of Tredegar presided, and addressed the Lodge.

**13 June 1914** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening, Chief Templar, Bro. Daniel James presiding. The programme for the evening was 'What the Lodge has done for me.' The following spoke: Bros. D. James, C. Payne, S. Lewis, Wm. Griffiths, and Sister M. Griffiths. Papers were read on the same subject by Bro. Henry Thomas and Sister B. Jenkins.

**20 June 1914** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. Chief Templar Bro. D. James presided. After the ordinary business of the Lodge, the following programme was gone through: pianoforte solo - Bro. T. Walters; solos - Sisters M. Tyler, C. Thomas; duet - M. & C. Thomas. An interesting address was given by Bro. Hocking, G.S.J.W. (Maesteg), Bro. Phillips (Wrexham), and Bros. W. Jones and Sam Lewis.

The juvenile lodge had their weekly meeting on Thursday evening last, when Bro. W. Griffiths presided, assisted by Bro. Payne, Bro. Hocking, Bro. T. Lewis, Sister Weaver and Bro. Phillips (Wrexham). The following contributed to the programme: songs - Doris Davies, Ruth Griffiths, Gwenda Thomas; duet - Lydia & Ceinwen Ballard; recitations - Phoebe Cole, Eirlys Jenkins, May Cook, Delsie Turner, Lizzie May Lawrence, Leonora Jenkins. Bro. Hocking presided over the programme, and addressed the children.

**27 June 1914** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. Bro. H. Thomas presided. After the ordinary business was gone through, the following programme was presented: solos - Sisters C. Thomas, Mary Griffiths, Maggie Thomas, Maggie Griffiths; recitation - Sister Maggie Griffiths; readings - Sisters A. J. Jones, Maggie Thomas, C. Jones and Mary Griffiths.

**4 July 1914** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. Bro. T. Lewis presided. After the ordinary business was gone through, the following contributed to the programme: Bros. David J. Davies, Sam Lewis, Wm. Jones, Henry Thomas, Sisters C. Thomas and Margaret Thomas. Bro. C. Payne also gave an address.

**4 July 1914** I.O.G.T. Outing The annual outing of the I.O.G.T. took place on Saturday, when about 70 journeyed to Weston. The day was beautiful. The train left Pontlottyn at 7.45 a.m. for Cardiff, and thence by boat to Weston. Some of the party went to Cheddar, others for drives, and others different amusements in Weston. They returned home about midnight after a most enjoyable day. Thanks are due to Bro. T. Lewis for making the day such a success.

**25 July 1914** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge. The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. Bro. Thomas Lewis presided. Sister M. A. Lewis read a paper 'In praise of Fochriw,' and Bro. Payne gave his report on the Annual Grand Lodge, held at Aberdare.

**1 August 1914** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. Chief Templar, Bro. D. James, presided. The evening was set

apart for 'Ode Practice,' and the singing was conducted by Bro. T. Walters. The following were elected as officers for the coming quarter: Chief Templar - Bro. Wm. Jones; vice-templar - Sister Ceridwen Thomas; secretary - Sister Maggie Griffiths; financial secretary - Sister A. J. Jones; treasurer - Bro. Sam Lewis; chaplain - Sister B. Jenkins; marshal - Bro. D. J. Davies; guard - Bro. F. Walters; sentinel - Bro. B. Edwards; past chief templar - Bro. D. James; organist - Bro. J. E. Davies; assistant organist - Sister Olwen Hughes. The following hold annual offices: lodge deputy - Bro C. Payne; electoral supt. - Bro. Wm. Jones; Spt. juvenile work - Bro. Thos. Lewis.

**8 August 1914** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. Bro. Chas. Payne presided. After the ordinary business an excellent programme of music etc. was given by members from other lodges. An enjoyable evening was brought to a close by the singing of 'God be with you till we meet again.'

On Wednesday, the Juvenile Temple and parents intended going by special train from Fochriw via Dowlais Top to Abergavenny for their annual outing. On Monday night, however, Bro. Thomas Lewis was informed by the railway authorities that the excursion would have to be cancelled, owing we presume to the difficulties created by the present crisis. An attempt will be made to do something for the children at a later date.

**15 August 1914** I.O.G.T. A tea was given to the members of the Morning Star Juvenile Temple on Wednesday. A large number of parents, in addition to members, were present. The tables, which were beautifully laid out, were presided over by: W. Lewis, J. Jones, R. Parry, J. Lawrence, D. Jones, M. Williams, A. Pugh, W. Walters and J. James.

**22 August 1914** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. Bro. T. Lewis presided. An excellent report on the juveniles' tea was given by Bro. W. J. Griffiths. Sister Maggie Thomas gave a recitation, and interesting addresses were given by Mr. M. Williams (Fochriw), and Mr. Davies (Ferndale). A good number of visitors were present.

**29 August 1914** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening, and was presided over by Bro. Wm. Jones, C.T. After the ordinary business was gone through, a Bible class was held, when Bro. Thomas Lewis proved a very capable teacher. The officers for the quarter were installed by Bro. Payne.

**5 September 1914** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. Bro. T. Lewis presided. After the ordinary business was gone through, a fruit banquet was provided by the sisters. A duet was rendered by Sisters M. Tyler and M. Griffiths; solos were given by Bro. C. Payne, Sister M. Tyler and Sister Mrs. Walters, with Bro. T. Walters accompanying on the pianoforte. Sister M. Thomas gave a reading, and Bro. T. Lewis an address.

**12 September 1914** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. Bro. Parsons, Tredegar, presided. The programme was a singing class, when Bro. T. Walters ably conducted the singing. An excellent rendering of 'The Children's Home' was given by the choir. Sister Harris (Rose of Sirhowy Lodge) rendered a beautiful solo, followed by an address from Bro. Parsons.

**10 October 1914** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the ordinary business, a session for the young was held. Bro. Thomas Lewis took the chair. The following programme was gone through: reading - Bro. Sam Lewis; duet - Bro. & Sister T. Walters; recitation - Bro. T. Lewis; pianoforte solo - Bro. T. Walters; reading - Sister Elsie Griffiths; solo - Sister Ceridwen Thomas.

**17 October 1914** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. Bro. T. Lewis presided.

**24 October 1914** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. Bro. T. Lewis presided. After the ordinary business was gone through, Bros. Chas. Payne, M. Moses, Wm. Jones and Sam Lewis gave interesting accounts of some of the notable lodge sessions attended by them.

**14 November 1914** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. Bro. T. Lewis presided. The following were elected officers for the coming quarter: Chief Templar - Br. T. Walters; vice templar - Sister M.

Thomas; past chief templar - Bro. Wm. Jones; treasurer - Bro. Sam Lewis; chaplain - Sister C. Jones; marshall - Bro. R. Thomas; financial secretary - Bro. W. Davies; assist. secretary - Bro. W. Griffiths; guard - Sister M. Tyler; sentinel - Sister B. Francis; deputy marshall - Sister E. Griffiths; organist - Bro. J. E. Davies; assistant organist - Sister Olwen Hughes; lodge deputy - Bro. C. Payne; electoral supt. - Bro. Wm. Jones; supt. juvenile work - Bro. T. Lewis; secretary - Bro. H. Thomas. The officers were installed by the lodge deputy Bro. C. Payne. A fruit banquet was provided by the brothers. The following contributed to the evening's entertainment: pinoforte solos - Bro. W. A. Davies, Dd. Thomas and Henry Thomas; solo and reading - Bro. T. Walters; solo - Bro. Dan James.

**21 November 1914** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. Chief Templar, Bro. T. Walters, presided. After the ordinary business was gone through, the evening was devoted to 'Encouraging the Young.' Interesting addresses were given by Bros. T. Walters, Wm. Jones, Moses Williams, Chas. Payne, Thos. Lewis and Bro. Dean of Pontlottyn.

**28 November 1914** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. Chief Templar, Bro. T. Walters presided. The following contributed to the programme: readings - Bro. D. J. Davies, Bro. H. Thomas, and Sister M. Cole; solos - Sisters C. Thomas, F. Williams, and Mary Tyler. Bro. Dean of Pontlottyn was admitted a member of the lodge.

**5 December 1914** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. Bro. Moses Williams presided. A vote of condolence was passed with Sister Martha Thomas in her recent sad bereavement. The following contributed to an excellent programme: solos - Sisters Walters, C. Thomas, F. Williams, Mary Tyler; trio - Bros. Sam Lewis, Thos. Lewis and T. Walters; song - Bro. C. Payne; readings - Bro. S. Lewis and Henry Thomas; recitations - Bro. Henry Walters.

**12 December 1914** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening, Bro. Wm. Griffiths presiding. The juveniles entertained. The following contributed to the programme: recitations - Sisters Mary Jones, Leonora Jenkins, Lala Cole, M. A. Griffiths and Ceinwen Ballard; dialogue - Bro. Sylvan Llewellyn and friends; part song - Sister L. A. Angell and friends; character song 'Granny' - Sister Doris Davies. Sister M. A. Lewis is to be highly complimented for the manner in which she has prepared the juveniles, the entertainment being one of the best provided in the lodge, and a hearty vote of thanks to her and the juveniles was accorded by Bros. Dean, S. Lewis and C. Payne.

**19 December 1914** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the ordinary business of the lodge was transacted, the programme for the evening was 'Topical Temperance Talks.' Sister Cole ably presided, and was also responsible for the programme. Bro. Moses Williams proposes a vote of thanks, which was seconded by Bro. W. Jones.

**26 December 1914** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge. The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. Humorous readings were given by Sisters Myfanwy Cole, Ceridwen Thomas and Margaret Thomas; Bros. T. Walters, Sam Lewis, H. Thomas, T. Lewis, C. Payne, Wm. Griffiths, Lewis Evans, Cyril Cook, J. E. Davies, Sister M. A. Davies and Sister F. M. Williams. A vote of condolence was passed with Bro. John Evans (Tirphil) in his recent bereavement.

**2 January 1915** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the ordinary business had been transacted, short addresses on "Privileges of the Young People of Today," were given by the brothers, Thomas Walters, Sam Lewis, Henry Thomas, Moses Williams, and Charles Payne.

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**9 January 1915** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the ordinary business had been transacted, interesting addresses on "Christmas" were given

by Brothers Thomas Walters, Thomas Lewis, J. R. Dean, M. Williams and C. Payne. Brother Thomas Walters presided.

**16 January 1915** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. Brother Lewis presided. Addresses on "Resolutions for the New Year" were given by Brothers Dean, M. Williams, and C. Payne.

**30 January 1915** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, ode practice was indulged in. A vote of condolence was passed with Brother William Griffiths in his recent bereavement. Brother Thomas Lewis presided.

**6 February 1915** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. Brother Thomas Walters presided. The following officers were elected for the next quarter: Chief Templar - Brother Thomas Walters; vice-templar - Sister Maggie Thomas; past chief Templar - Brother William Jones; treasurer - Brother Sam Lewis; chaplain - Sister C. Jones; marshall - Brother R. Thomas; financial secretary - Brother W. A. Davies; assistant secretary - Brother Wm. Griffiths; guard - Sister M. Tyler; sentinel - Sister B. Frances; deputy marshal - Sister A. Griffiths; organist - Brother J. E. Davies; lodge deputy - Brother Charles Payne; electoral secretary - Brother William Jones; S.J.W. - Brother Thomas Lewis; secretary - Brother Henry Thomas. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, a fruit banquet was provided by the Sisters. During the evening, a splendid programme was provided by the following: solos - Sisters C. Walters, C Thomas, M Tyler; reading - Sister B Francis.

**13 February 1915** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of the International Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. Brother Thomas Walters presided. The programme for the evening was a "Sing, say, or penny pay." The following contributed to an enjoyable evening: songs - Brothers W. Jones, D. James, W. Davies, Sisters Mary Tyler, F. Williams, C. Walters, Mrs Walters; readings - Brothers O. Evans, J. E. Davis, L. Evans, M. Williams, H. Thomas, Sisters M. Cole, D. Francis, M. Thomas, D. Griffiths, M. Griffiths, C. Jones; addresses - Brothers Lewis, T. Lewis, and C. Payne.

**20 February 1915** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening last. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, humorous readings were given by the following: Brothers C. Payne, J. R. Dean, M. Williams, J. E. Davies, C. Cooke, W. Davies, Sisters E. Griffiths, C. Thomas, M. Thomas, M. Griffiths, C. Jones, D. Francis, M. Cole, F. Williams and Maggie Griffiths.

**27 February 1915** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, the programme for the evening was "Topical Temperance Talks," Sister M Cole being responsible. Most of them brothers and sisters contributed. Brother Thomas Lewis presided.

**13 March 1915** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, the Juveniles entertained, the following contributing: songs - Irlis Jenkins, Agnes Cook, Doris Davies Mary Cole; recitations - Mary Jones, John Evans, Leonora Jenkins, Lala Cole, Edmund Davies, Maggie Griffiths; dialogue - Lizzie Mary Lawrence, Ceinwen Ballard, Gladys Davies, Mary H. Cooke, and friends.

**27 March 1915** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, a singing competition took place. The following were competitors: Sisters C. Thomas, Florrie Williams, M. Thomas, H. Davies, M. Jones, and Brother D. James. The adjudicator was Brother Thomas Walters, A.L.C.M. The



first prize was awarded to Sister C. Thomas; the second was divided between Sisters H. Davies and Florrie Williams. During the evening pianoforte solos were given by Brothers W. A. Davies and T. Walters. Brother T. Lewis presided.

**3 April 1915** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. The night was set apart for "Ode Practice." Several of the brothers and sisters took part. Brother Thomas Walters was responsible. Brother William Griffiths presided.

**10 April 1915** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of the International Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, the following contributed to the programme: songs - Brothers William Griffiths, Dan James, C. Payne, William Jones; recitation - Brother William Jones. Brother T. Lewis presided over the meeting.

**1 May 1915** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. Brother Thomas Walters presided. A letter was read by Brother T. Lewis from Private Harry. In the election of officers for the coming quarter, all the existing officers were re-elected. The programme for the night was "Merry Evening," the following contributing: song - Brother Thomas Walters; recitation- Sister C Thomas; dialogue - Sisters Bronwen Francis and May Rowlands; solo - Sisters C. Walters. A vote at sympathy was passed to Brother William Jones on the recent death of his father.

**8 May 1915** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, a vote of sympathy was passed to Brother E. H. Lewis on the death of his mother. During the evening, a paper was read by Mr. David Jones, son of Councillor Jones, and headmaster of Pantywaun School, entitled "Prydferthwch ac Ardduneth." Brother Thomas Walters presided.

**15 May 1915** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, the programme for the evening was "Topical Talks". Sister Myfanwy Cole was responsible. During the evening, the annual trip was discussed, and it was decided to postpone it for a while. The meeting was closed in due form by the Brother Moses Williams.

**22 May 1915** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of the International Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, the programme for the evening was a prize for "Unpunctuated Reading." The adjudicator was Sister M. A. Lewis, who, together with the other sisters, gave the prize. The prize was divided between Sister M Cole, and Brothers Thomas Walters and W. A. Davies.

**5 June 1915** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of the International Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, the following contributed to the programme: Bros. Thomas Walters, Lewis Evans, James C. Cooke, C. Payne, M. Williams, T. Lewis, W. Jones, and Sisters M. A. Lewis, C. Jones, B. Francis, M. Rowlands, Maggie Thomas, D. Griffiths, M. Cole, and C. Thomas. The lodge was closed in due form by Brother M. Williams.

**12 June 1915** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, the programme for the evening was "What Have Learned since I Began in the Lodge." The following responded: Bros. Owen, Walters, Williams, and Payne. A vote of condolence was passed with Brother E. H. Lewis upon the death of his father.

**19 June 1915** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, the programme for the evening was

"Ode Practice." The conductor was Brother Thomas Walters. Brother Moses Williams presided.

**26 June 1915** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, the Bedlinog Lodge entertained. Brother Moses Williams presided.

**3 July 1915** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. Members were entertained at to Welsh cakes and drinks. A card was read from the Star of Bedlinog Lodge inviting members to an open air meeting at Bedlinog. Brother Moses Williams presided.

**10 July 1915** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, the programme for the evening was proceeded with, the Juveniles entertaining. The election of officers for the coming year was also made: Brother Thomas Lewis, S. J. W.; Brother C Payne, L.D.; Brother W. Jones, E. S.; Brother Dean, R.C.T. J. Brother Moses Williams presided.

**31 July 1915** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, the election of officers for the coming quarter was made as follows: Chief Templar - Bro. Moses Williams; vice-templar - Sister M. Thomas; chaplain - Sister C. Jones; marshall - Sister E. Griffiths; deputy marshal - Sister A. Williams; secretary - Bro. W. A. Davies; financial secretary - Sister C. Thomas; guard - Bro. L. Evans; Sentinel - Bro. Dean; past chief Templar - Bro. Thomas Walters. The programme for the evening was "Humorous Readings." The following contributed: Bros. S. Lewis, W. Jones, C. Payne, J. E. Davies, and Dean, Sisters C. Thomas, C. Jones, C. Walters and Lewis. The lodge was closed by Brother Walters.

**7 August 1915** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, an edifying paper, entitled, "Recreation and Amusement," was read by Sister M. A. Lewis.

**14 August 1915** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, a presentation was made to Bro. Dan James on the occasion of his marriage. The gift was a silver cruet, subscribed to by the members of the lodge. Sister Walters made the presentation, to which Bro. James suitably responded. During the evening an excellent programme was gone through, and adresses were given by Bros. Williams and Dean. Brother Moses Williams presided.

**28 August 1915** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, the evening was set apart for "Temperance Topical Talks." The meeting was presided over by Brother Moses Williams.

**11 September 1915** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, a programme, prepared Bro. Dean, was presented, the following contributing: Master Dean, Sisters G. Williams and M. Davies. The first prize for the unpunctuated reading was awarded to Bro. L. Richards, Bedlinog, and the second prize divided between Bro. William Jones and Sister Maggie Griffiths. A reading was then given by Master W. Dean. Bro. Moses Williams closed the meeting in due form.

**25 September 1915** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, the evening was set apart for "Select Readings," the following taking part: Brothers William Griffiths, Dan James, Sam Lewis, William Jones, and Charles Payne.

**2 October 1915** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, the programme for the evening was "Ode Practice." Brother Thomas Walters was responsible.

**9 October 1915** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of the International Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, the following contributed to the programme: readings - Brothers William Jones, Lewis Evans, Cyril Cooke, Moses Williams, Morgan (Bedlinog), and H. Thomas. Fruit was served during the evening. Brother Walters presided.

**23 October 1915** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of the International Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, the evening was set apart for "Bible Class." Large numbers were present and a most enjoyable evening was spent. The lodge was closed by the singing of "Work For The Night Is Coming," after which the chaplain engaged in prayer. Brother Moses Williams presided.

**23 October 1915** Presentation to Dr. E. Davies The members of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. made a presentation on Saturday last to one of their members, Dr. E. Davies, Ivor House, on the occasion of his departure from Fochriw. Dr. Davies has been a member of the Order from the commencement. His departure will be keenly felt by all. The presentation took the form of a fountain pen suitably inscribed. It was handed to him privately at his house by Bros. W. Jones and S. Lewis. In a letter which Dr. Davies sent to friends of the Order, he asked them to accept his sincerest thanks. It would serve as a reminder of pleasant meetings in the days that are gone, listening to speakers, singers, reciters, debaters, etc., each with a pleasure of its own, with the promise of the future activities of the various members of the lodge. I look back with pleasure on all these experiences. I am pleased to accept the pen on account of the special principles which such an acceptance involves, and this is an acknowledgement of these principles. I wish the Lodge every success in the continuation of its teaching.

**30 October 1915** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, a debate took place on "Ought I To Keep A Diary?" Bro. William Jones took the affirmative, and Bro. Sam Lewis and negative. After the debate, the following officers were installed for the next quarter: chief Templar - Sister C. Walters; vice-templar - Sister C. Thomas; secretary - Bro. W. J. Davies; financial secretary - Sister A. J. Jones; treasurer - Bro. Sam Lewis; chaplain - Sister C. Jones; marshal - Sister Elsie Griffiths; guard - Bro. Lewis Evans; sentinel - Bro. B. Davies; assistant secretary - Bro. William Griffiths; deputy marshal - Sister E. Davis; past chief Templar - Bro. Moses Williams; lodge deputy - Bro. Charles Payne; electoral superintendent - Bro. William Jones; superintendent juvenile temple - Bro. T. Lewis. During the evening, a sister from London visited the Lodge.

**6 November 1915** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, the evening was set apart for competitions, including an impromptu speech.

**13 November 1915** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, singing practice followed, conducted by Brother Thomas Walters.

**20 November 1915** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, the programme for the evening was "Sing, Say or Penny Pay." All members took part.

**27 November 1915** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After

the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, the evening was set apart for "Ode Practice." Brother Thomas Walters was responsible. Sister C Walters took the chair.

**4 December 1915** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, the following contributed to the programme: solos - Brothers T. Lewis, C Payne, Sisters Ruth Griffiths and Annie Evans; duet - Sister Mary Tyler and Sister Bronwen Francis; reading - Sister C. MacArthur; pianoforte solo - Brother O. Richards. Brother T. Lewis presided.

**11 December 1915** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of the International Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, the following contributed to a programme: solos - Sisters Stella Cole, Mary J. Cole, M. Tyler, Brothers D. James, T. Walters; recitation - Sisters M. Jones, C. Ballard, C. Thomas; quartette - Brother Thomas Walters and friends. A vote of sympathy was passed with Brother William Griffiths upon the death of his mother. Brother Moses Williams presided.

**18 December 1915** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, the following contributed to the programme: solos - Sisters F. Williams, K. MacArthur, R. Griffiths, M Tyler; reading - Sister C Thomas. A vote of condolence was passed with the widow and family of the late Brother J. Healy .

**1 January, 1916** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, the evening was spent in singing. Brother Thomas Walters was the leader. Sisters C. Walters presided.

**8 January, 1916** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, the topic for the evening was "The happiest Christmas I have ever spent," the following contributing: Brothers Moses Williams, T. Walters, O. Richards, W. Jones, T. Lewis, S. Lewis, C. Payne, Sisters M. Griffiths and M. A. Lewis.

**15 January, 1916** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, the evening was given to "Ode Practice." Selina Burrows was made a member of the lodge. Brother Moses Williams presided over the meeting.

**22 January, 1916** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, the programme was "Bible Stories." The following took part: Sister C Jones - The Story of Elijah; Sister M Griffiths - The Love Of God; Brother Dan James - St. Matthew, Chapter 24; Brother H. Thomas - The Present War. Sisters C Walters presided.

**29 January, 1916** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. Sister C. Walters presided. The following officers were elected for the coming quarter: chief Templar - Sister C. Walters; vice-templar - Sister C. Thomas; secretary - Bro. Thomas Walters; financial secretary - Sister A. J. Jones; treasurer - Bro. Sam Lewis; chaplain - Sister C. Jones; marshal - Sister E. Griffiths; guard - Bro. I. Evans; sentry - Bro. B. Davies; assistant secretary - Bro. William Griffiths; deputy marshal - Sister A. G. Thomas; past chief Templar - Bro. M. Williams; lodge deputy - Bro. Charles Payne; electoral superintendent - Bro. William Jones; superintendent juvenile temple - Bro. W. K. Davies. It was "Open Session," the following taking part: address - Bro. W. Williams; solo - Sister C. Thomas; readings - Bro. C. Payne; pianoforte solo - Bro. D. Thomas.

**5 February, 1916** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, a most interesting paper was read by Miss M. J. Williams, Pontlottyn, entitled "Man's Inhumanity To Man." The following commented on the paper: Brothers T. Lewis, M. Williams and C. Payne, and Mrs. E. Cole Jones, headmistress of the Infant School.

**12 February, 1916** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, the evening was set apart for questions, all members taking part. Three new members were received into the Lodge. Officers for the new quarter were installed by Brother Charles Payne, assisted by Brother H. Thomas. A vote of condolence was passed with Brother William Jones and Sister B. Francis in their sad bereavement.

**19 February, 1916** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, the evening was spent in asking questions on the third chapter of St. John's Gospel. Brother Moses Williams was responsible.

**26 February, 1916** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, Brother Charles Payne gave a report on the Juvenile conference at Mountain Ash, and a guess cake competition took place, directed by Brother Payne.

**4 March 1916** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, the evening was devoted to "Ode Practice." Brother Thomas Walters was responsible. Sisters C. Walters presided.

**11 March 1916** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, a paper was read on "Ideals," by Mr. T. Jones, assistant master at the Fochriw school.

**18 March 1916** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, Sister Uzzell, Deri, was presented with some silver spoons on the occasion of her marriage. Sister C. Walters presided.

**25 March 1916** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, the evening was set aside for singing rehearsal, Brother Thomas Walters conducting.

**8 April 1916** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, the following programme was gone through: essays on "Dangers of Intemperance," and "Benefits of Temperance." Essays were sent in by Sisters M. J. Jones, and E. Griffiths, and by Brothers David Thomas and Dan James. Sister C Walters presided.

**15 April 1916** Eisteddfod An eisteddfod was held at Carmel Chapel on Thursday we under the auspices of the I.O.G.T. A large number of entries had been sent in, and the place was crowded. The president was Mr. Charles Payne, and the conductor Mr. Moses Williams. The adjudicators were: music – Mr. John Thomas, Penywern; recitations - Rev. Fred Jones, Rhymney; prize bags – Mrs. Isaac Roderick; adjudicators of the preliminaries - Revs. D. Hughes Jones and Isaac Roderick; accompanist, Messrs. O. Richards and W. A. Davies; treasurer – Mr. W. T. Jones; secretary – Mr. Thomas Walters. Awards: sole, "Knocking, Knocking, who is there?" -1. Gwenda Thomas, 2. Lala Cole; recitation, "Yr Ysgoler" - 1. Jack Thomas, 2. Mary Jones; solo, "Will You Meet Me At The Fountain?" - 1. divided between Edith Evans and the singer from Treharris, 2. divided between Miriam Thomas and Mary Cole; recitation, "Vanity of Riches," - Stella Cole, Florrie Cole, and Delcie Turner; pianoforte solo - Aneurin Thomas; love letter - divided between Mrs. Cole Jones and Mr. William Jones; soprano solo - "Y Deryn Pur" – Mrs. Hannah Davies; novice tenor solo - Robert Thomas and John Davies; recitation – Mrs. Blanche Thomas, Penywern; contralto solo, "Flee as a bird," - Miss H. Davies; poem, "The Forest," - Rev. I. Roderick; tenor solo, "Paham y sefi draw?" – Mr. Edward Lewis, Dowlais; essay, "Habits" – Mr. T. H. Jones; baritone solo – Mr. Tom Jenkins; debate – Mr. Thomas and son, Bedlinog; trio – Mrs. Rachel Williams, Mrs. H. Davies and Miss M. A. Walters; prize bags – Mrs. Blanche Thomas; children's choir - School Children conducted by Miss M. Davies; mixed choir - Aelybryn Choir, conducted by Mr. W. J. Jones; open recitation – Mrs. C. A. Weeks, Abertyswg.

**22 April 1916** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, the lodge was entertained by the Juveniles.

**29 April 1916** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, the evening was set apart for a fruit banquet. Brother Lewis Evans was made the recipient of a fountain pen on his joining the colours. The evening was presided over by Sister C. Walters.

**6 May 1916** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. The following were elected officers: chief Templar, Brother William T. Jones; vice-templar, Sister B. Francis; secretary, Brother Thomas Walters; financial secretary, Sister E. M. Thomas; treasurer, Brother S. Lewis; chaplain, Brother M. Williams; marshal, Sister R. Griffiths; guard, Brother B. Davies; sentinel, Brother C. Cooke; assistant secretary, Brother William Griffiths; deputy marshal, Sister M. Tyler; past chief Templar, Sister C. Walters; lodge deputy, Brother Charles Payne; electoral superintendent, Brother William Jones; superintendent juvenile temple, Brother Thomas Lewis; organist, Brother William Davis. After the election, a paper was read by a Brother Thomas Lewis entitled, "A History of the Fochriw Lodge," which proved very interesting.

**13 May 1916** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last, and was presided over by Sister Walters, C.T. During the evening, the following read very edifying papers: Sisters Edith M. Thomas, Katie Jones Davies and Annie M. Jones. A vote of thanks was accorded the Sisters for the excellent papers, after which the new officers for the coming quarter were installed by Bro. C. Payne, L.D., assisted by Bro. Sam Lewis. Amost enjoyable evening was spent.

**20 May 1916** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, the evening was set apart for "Question Time," all members taking part. Brother W. Jones presided.

**27 May 1916** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, an evening of musical entertainment followed .

**3 June 1916** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, the evening was set apart for "Ode Practice." The following pieces were nicely sung: "The Cuckoo," and "Summer Again." Brother Thomas Walters was in charge of the programme.

**10 June 1916** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, a paper on "Habits" was read by the Bro. Thomas H. Jones. The following commented on the paper: Bros. T. Lewis, M. Williams, Charles Payne, and Sister Walters. Brother W. Jones presided.

**24 June 1916** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, the evening was set aside for "Leaflet Practice." Brother Thomas Walters was responsible. During the evening, very encouraging letters were read from Brothers Lewis Evans, Fochriw, and Harry West, New Tredegar, who are serving with the colours.

**1 July 1916** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, the Star of Bedlinog Lodge entertained.

**8 July 1916** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry Thursday week, and was largely attended, the programme being "Sing, Say of Penny Pay." The following contributed solos - Bros. C. Payne, Sam Lewis, M. Williams, Wm. Thomas; readings - Sisters Selina Burrows, A.G. Thomas, Elsie Griffiths, Catherine Jones; chorus - Sister Myfanwy Cole and friends; saying - Sister Catherine Jones;

story - Sister M. Griffiths; debate - Bros. H. Thomas and T.J. Jones; pianoforte solo - Bro. O. Richards.

**15 July 1916** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, a most interesting paper was read on "Peter Pugh" by the Reverend Esaiiah Williams. The paper was read in Welsh.

**22 July 1916** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, the juveniles entertained. The following contributed: songs - Phoebe Cole, Miriam Thomas, Mary Jones, Latimer Evans; recitations - Lala Cole, Miriam Thomas, Lizzie M. Lawrence, Eirlys Jenkins, Gwladys Shankland. Brother William Jones presided.

**29 July 1916** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. The question of the outing was discussed.

**5 August 1916** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, a report of the Juvenile Council at Penarth, and the Grand Lodge meeting was given by Brother Charles Payne. The programme for the year evening was "Quotations By Famous Writers," the following contributing: Brothers Thomas Lewis, H. Thomas, Sam Lewis, W. Thomas Jones, Sisters E. M. Thomas, M. A. Lewis, Ruth Griffiths, and Mary Davies.

**12 August 1916** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, the programme was "Sing, Say or Penny Pay." Officers for the coming quarter were installed by Brother Charles Payne.

**19 August 1916** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, the evening was set apart for questions. Brother Sam Lewis presided.

**2 September 1916** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, two new members were initiated into the Order. Words of encouragement were spoken by Brothers Thomas Lewis and William Jones. The annual tea in connection with the Juvenile Temple Lodge took place the same day. A large number were entertained.

**9 September 1916** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, the evening was set aside for Ode Practice, Brother Thomas Walters being responsible.

**16 September 1916** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, the members sat down to a fruit banquet, after which the following contributed to the programme: pianoforte solos - Brother Thomas Walters, Brother David Thomas; readings - Brothers H. Thomas, Sam Lewis; recitation - Brother Thomas H. Jones; numerous dialogue - Brothers H. Thomas, D. Thomas, and T. J. James; guessing competition - Sister M. Tyler. Brother Sam Lewis presided.

**30 September 1916** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening last. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, the Pride of Tredegar Lodge entertained. Brother Parsons presided.

**7 October 1916** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, a paper was read by the chief templar on "The Works of a Good Templars Lodge." The following commented on the paper: Brothers H. Thomas, W. Griffiths, T. Mitchell, H. Jones, and Charles Payne. Brother Sam Lewis presided.

**14 October 1916** I.O.G.T. The Morning Star Juvenile Temple held its first session of the season. Brother Thomas Lewis addressed the children. The Star of Fochriw Lodge also met on the same day. Two new members were initiated, and three transferred from the juvenile

temple. A prize was given for the best essay entitled "Ideal Temperance Worker," the prize being awarded to Brother Thomas H Jones.

**21 October 1916** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, the programme for the evening was as Ode Practice.

**28 October 1916** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, the juveniles entertained.

**4 November 1916** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, a presentation was made by Brother Henry Thomas, on behalf of the members of the lodge, to Sister Ambrose Jones, Glyn-terrace, on the occasion of her marriage. Afterwards, the following programme was contributed to by the following: pianoforte solo, Brother Thomas Walters; solos, Sisters Ruth Griffiths, Ceridwen Thomas, and Brother Sam Lewis; mouth organ selection, Brother Tom Mitchell. Brothers Sam Lewis and William Jones read suitable verses of their own composition. Addresses were also given by Brothers Thomas Lewis and Moses Williams. A vote of condolence was passed with Brother Dean on his bereavement. Brother Sam Lewis presided.

**11 November 1916** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, the programme for the evening was "Enlist Recruits." All the new members who joined during the last quarter were fully initiated. The ceremony was very impressive and instructive. The Juvenile Temple Lodge was entertained on Thursday week by members of the adult Lodge.

**18 November 1916** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, the programme was "Paper Cuttings," to which a very large number responded. It was one of the best evenings ever spent at the lodge. Brother Sam Lewis presided.

**25 November 1916** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, the programme was "Guess Night." The Sisters of the lodge provided fruit etc., after which the following programme was contributed to as follows: readings - Sisters A. G. Thomas, C. Jones, and Edith Thomas; solo - Sister Ceridwen Thomas. The guessing competition was won by Brother Charles Payne and Sister Maggie Lewis. Brother William

**25 November 1916** Interesting Presentation A very pleasant evening was spent at Carmel Vestry on Wednesday week, when the younger members of the Star of Fochriw, I.O.G.T., presented Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Davies with a teapot, stand, and hot water jug on the occasion of their marriage. The Rev. D Hughes Jones was chairman. Speeches were given by Rev. D Hughes Jones, Messrs. Moses Williams, T. Howell Jones, and Myfanwy Cole; pianoforte solos, Miss Annie Evans and Mr. W. A. Davies; duet, Misses Nan Angell and Ruth Griffiths; solo, Misses Ruth Griffiths, M. Tyler, Hilda Davies, Mattie Jones; mouth organ selections, Mr. Tom Mitchell; recitation, Miss L. M. Lawrence and Mr. T. H. Jones; Children's Choir, under the conductorship of Miss M. Davis. Miss Myfanwy Cole made the presentation on behalf of the young members.

**2 December 1916** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, the following contributed to the programme: readings, Brother Charles Payne, H. Thomas, Sister A. G. Thomas, D. Thomas, Selina Burrows; solos, Sister Ceridwen Thomas, Brothers Thomas J. James and William Griffiths; pianoforte solo, Brother Thomas Walters; addresses Brothers T. Lewis and C. Payne. Brother Charles Payne presided.

**9 December 1916** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, a very interesting paper was read by the Rev. J. M. Jones on "Irish Wits." The following commented: Brothers William Jones, Thomas Walters, Thomas Lewis. A vote of



condolence was passed with Sister Annie Hollister in her bereavement. Brother Sam Lewis presided.

**16 December 1916** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, a very interesting paper was read by Brother D. J. James, after which a "Spelling Bee" was held, Brother T. H. Jones conducting. Brother W. Jones presided.

**23 December 1916** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, a miscellaneous programme was gone through, the following contributing: pianoforte solo, Sister Katie Davies, Brother Aneurin Thomas; Mr Bailis, Cwmbargoed, recited verses of his own composition, entitled "Tit-bits on Fochriw;" recitations: Sisters Avonwy Price, Irllys Jenkins, Lalla Cole, Brother Edmund Davies; solos, Sister Maggie Davies; duet, Sisters A. Jenkins, and Jesse M. Davies; stump speech, Mr. Bailis.

**6 January, 1917** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, the programme was "How I Spent My Christmas."

**13 January, 1917** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, the programme for the evening was "My Motto for 1917." A most interesting and beneficial evening was spent.

**20 January, 1917** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, a paper was read by Mr. Thomas Walters entitled "A Christian Gentleman." The following commented on the paper: Brothers Sam Lewis, William Jones, Thomas Walters, Sisters M. A. Lewis, and E. M. Thomas. Brother Sam Lewis presided.

**27 January, 1917** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, the Juveniles entertained. The following contributed to the programme: recitation - Sisters Phoebe Cole, Irllys Jenkins, Sarah G. Price, Elizabeth Lawrence, Adelaide Lawrence, Maggie Davies, M. S. Edwards, Lydia Cumpstone, Miriam Thomas, May Cook, Brothers Lewis Angell, Edmund Davies, Thomas J. Evans; songs - Sisters May Cook, Lalla Cole, Mary Jones, Brother Latimer Evans; piano forte solo - Brother Wyndham Lawrence. After the entertainment, the following were elected officers for the new quarter: chief Templar, Brother Sam Lewis; vice-templar, Sister Aronwy Price; past chief Templar, Brother William Jones; treasurer, Brother Sam Lewis; chaplain, Sister Katie Jones Davies; marshal, Brother Bryn Price; financial secretary, Sister E. M. Thomas; assistant secretary, Brother William Griffiths; guard, Brother T. J. James; sentinel, Brother D. H. Lewis; deputy marshal, Brother Thomas Lawrence; organist, Brother Octavius Richards; lodge deputy, Brother Charles Payne; electoral superintendent, Brother William Jones; superintendent juvenile temple, Brother Thomas Lewis; secretary, Brother Henry Thomas.

**3 February 1917** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, the following contributed to a programme of instrumental music: pianoforte solos, Brother Thomas Walters and Sister Katie Jones-Davies; brass band quartet, Messrs Tom Powell, Albert Mantle, William Davies and Bob Rees; tin whistle solo, Brother William Jones; cornet and euphonium duets, Messrs Tom Powell and Albert Mantle; violin solo, Brother Thomas Walters accompanied by Brother Thomas James. During the entertainment, several excellent selections were given on the gramophone, Miss L. M. Jones being responsible. Brother Sam Lewis presided.

**10 February 1917** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, the programme was "Question Night," all members taking part.

**17 February 1917** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, the programme was "Topical Temperance Talks." Brother William Jones was responsible, with Brother Sam Lewis presiding. It was very amusing and instructive. Brother Charles Payne was congratulated on his having recently been presented by the members of the Merthyr District Foresters' Benefit Society with a valuable china tea set. Brother Payne has for many years been district chief ranger of the above. He takes an active part in all other good causes, and is held in high esteem everywhere. Brother Payne has been a member of the Star of Fochriw Lodge **since the day of its constitution, nearly 13 years**. He was elected its first chief Templar. He has travelled all over Wales and many parts England for the good of the order. He holds the office of lodge deputy, and treasurer of the end N.J.C.. Other offices he has held are D.C.T., D.C., D.Tr., D.M., G.S., and G.M.

**24 February 1917** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, the programme of was "Impromptu Speech," all members taking part. The prize was awarded to Sister Aronwy Price, the adjudicator being Brother William Jones. A vote of condolence was passed with Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Beddoe, Pontlottyn, on the death of their son, Mr. J. H. Beddoe, A.L.C.M.. Brother Sam Lewis presided.

**3 March 1917** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. Brother Sam Lewis presided. Brother T. J. James read the auditor's report, which was accepted. Brothers T. J. James and Tom Lawrence were appointed on the Programme Committee for the next quarter. The following contributed to the programme: solos, Sisters Sarah Jones and M. Evans; recitations, Sisters Avonwy Price and Annie Hollister; duet, Sisters S. Jones and M. Evans; readings, Sisters A. G. Thomas, A. Jenkins, N. Lewis, C. Jones, and Brother Thomas Walters.

**10 March 1917** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, the evening was set apart as a "Welsh Night" with various readings and recitations. The singing of "Hen Wlad fy Nhadau" brought an enjoyable evening to a close.

**17 March 1917** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, the programme for the evening was "Wit and Wisdom" all present taking part.

**24 March 1917** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, the programme was "The Best True Story of Myself." Most members took part. The adjudicator was Sister M. A. Lewis, and the prize was divided between Sister E. M. Thomas and Brother T. H. Jones. Brother Sam Lewis presided.

**31 March 1917** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, a miscellaneous programme was presented, the following contributing: pianoforte selections, Brothers Octavius Richards and Thomas Walters; mandoline selections, Brother Harry Thomas; solo, Brother Sam Lewis; readings, Brothers Thomas Lewis and Charles Payne. Brother Sam Lewis presided.

**7 April 1917** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, the programme was entertainment by the juveniles, the following contributing: songs, Beryl Ballard, Mary Jones, Aneurin Thomas; recitation, Lalla Cole, M. A. Griffiths, Maggie Ballard, Annie Ballard, Mary

Jones, Lydia Cumpstone; readings, Evan Slimmons, Ernie White, Edmund Davies, Lewis Angell, M. S. Edwards; story, Lydia Cumpstone; pianoforte solo, A. Thomas. Brother H. Thomas presided.

**14 April 1917** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, Brothers H. Thomas, and Thomas Lewis gave readings. The following spoke: Brothers Sam Lewis, Charles Payne, Sisters Katie Jones Davies, E. M. Thomas and M. A. Lewis. Brother Charles Payne presided.

**21 April 1917** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, a programme for the evening was "Ode Practice." It was decided to accept the Pride of Tredegar's invitation to entertain them in May.

**28 April 1917** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, the chief event of the evening was a presentation to Brother T. Howell Jones on his leaving for the Army.

**19 May 1917** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of the International Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, the resolution was passed urging their Government to prohibit the sale and manufacture of all intoxicating drinks. Brother Charles Payne duly installed the officers for the coming quarter. He spoke very encouraging words to the new officers. Brother Sam Lewis presided.

**26 May 1917** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, the programme was "Bible Reading." Brother T. Lewis was in charge and the subject proved most interesting. Brother Thomas Lewis presided.

**23 June 1917** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, the Pride of Bedlinog Lodge entertained. An interesting paper was read on the "Life of F. N. Charrington," by Brother Harry Thomas. A letter was read from Brother Bennett, Brithdir, who is away fighting in France. Brother Charles Payne presided.

**30 June 1917** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of the International Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, the programme for the evening was "Ode Practice." It was decided to accept the invitation to visit the Rose of Sirhowy Lodge on July 9<sup>th</sup>. One new member was initiated during the evening.

**7 July 1917** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of the International Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, the following contributed to the programme: violin solos, Brothers Thomas Walters and Frances Wilton; mandoline solo, Brother H. Thomas. A fine display of clubs was given by Bro. Bryn Price. Several letters were read from brothers, some of whom are with the Colours. Brother H. Thomas presided.

**14 July 1917** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, a paper was read by Brother Tuckwell, Dowlais, on "Modern Martyrs of Social Reform." Speeches were also made by Brothers Harry Thomas, Sam Lewis, and Sister Bronwen Davies. The following commented on the papers: Brothers T. Lewis, C. Payne, W. Jones. A vote of thanks was proposed by Sister Edith Thomas, seconded by Sister Katie Davies. A most enjoyable evening was spent, Brother H Thomas presiding.

**21 July 1917** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, the Juveniles entertained as follows: violin solo, Brother F. Wilton; solos, Beryl Ballard, May Cook, and Mary Jones; recitation, Annie Ballard, Edmund Davies, Maggie Ballard. The accompanist for the juveniles was Brother Eddie Thomas. Prizes were given by Brother T. Lewis to the juveniles who had best contributed to the entertainments for the last twelve months, and they were awarded to Edmund Davies, Beryl Ballard, and May Cook. A vote of thanks to the Juveniles for the able way they entertained was proposed by Brother Charles Payne, seconded by Brother H. Thomas. Brother T. Lewis presided.

**28 July 1917** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, two very interesting papers were read by Sisters E. A. Lewis and E. M. Thomas. The following commented on the papers: Brothers S. Lewis, T. Lewis and William Jones. A vote of thanks was accorded to the Sisters for their excellent papers, proposed by Brother Charles Payne and seconded by Brother T. H. Jones. Brother Henry Thomas presided.

**4 August 1917** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, the meeting was set aside as a musical evening. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to all who took part.

**11 August 1917** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, the evening was set-aside for the best impromptu speech, for which a prize was given. The winner was Sister M. A. Lewis.

**18 August 1917** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, the programme for the evening was "Juveniles Entertain."

**25 August 1917** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, the programme for the evening was "Question Night." Some very interesting questions were asked.

**1 September 1917** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, the evening was set apart for humorous readings. A large number of members took part. A letter was read from Private Thomas H. Jones who has lately joined the Colours, and is now training in Shropshire.

**8 September 1917** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, a miscellaneous programme was presented, all the items being good. It was an evening to be remembered by many. A candidate for membership was admitted into of the lodge. Brother H Thomas presided.

**15 September 1917** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, the Pride of the Tredegar Lodge entertained.

**22 September 1917** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, the programme for the evening was humorous readings, several taking part. The prize was divided between Sister Price and Brother James. During the evening, Brothers Payne and Thomas spoke of the good qualities of their secretary, Sister E. M. Thomas, and the loss they would receive by her departure from among them. She will leave on Monday for Goldsmiths College, London.

They all wished her success and happiness in her new sphere of life. Sister Thomas feelingly responded.

**29 September 1917** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of the International Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, the session was an open one. The Rev. Esaiiah Williams read a most interesting paper on "Tomos Bartley," one of the characters of Daniel Owen in "Rhys Lewis." Brother Thomas Lewis presided.

**6 October 1917** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening last week. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, the evening was spent in discussing "How To Increase Our Membership." Two candidates were admitted for membership. Brother H Thomas presided.

**13 October 1917** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, Mr. Arthur Evans read an edifying paper on "Christian Advancement." Bro. Charles Payne presided.

**20 October 1917** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of the International Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, the programme was a miscellaneous evening, the following taking part: songs, Brothers T. Walters, B. Chegwiddden, Sisters Mary Tyler, and M. Evans; readings, Brothers T. J. James and S. Lewis; addresses, Brothers C. Payne and T. Lewis. A candidate for membership was admitted into the lodge. The vice-templar presided.

**27 October 1917** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, the programme was instrumental music. Music was played on the piano, strings and brass instruments. Pianoforte solos were played by Brothers O. Thomas and T. J. James; violin solos by Master Francis Wilton; violin quartet, Brothers Thomas Walters, Charles Budd, Francis Wilton, and Sister Katie J Davies; mandoline solo with piano, Brother H Thomas; brass quartettes, Messrs. T. S. Powell, Albert Mantle. A most enjoyable evening was spent. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to all, especially those of the brass band, who were asked to convey the best wishes and fraternal greetings of the lodge to the band. Brother T. Lewis presided.

**3 November 1917** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, the election of officers for the coming quarter took place. This was followed by a thoroughly good paper on "Friendship," read by Mr. Arthur Ballard. Brothers H. Thomas, J. Williams and T. Lewis commented on the paper. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Ballard. Brother Charles Payne presided.

**10 November 1917** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of the International Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening last week. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, the officers for the coming quarter were installed by Brother Charles Payne, assisted by Brother Sam Lewis. The remainder of the evening was set apart for questions, in which most of the members took part.

**17 November 1917** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, the existing officers were re-instated. The remainder of the evening was devoted to "Ode Practice." Brother Tom Walters was responsible. Brother T. J. James presided.

**24 November 1917** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of the International Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, the programme

was the reading and comment on "Newspaper Cuttings." The following took part: Brothers W. Griffiths, Sam Lewis, H. Thomas, Charles Payne, and D. James.

**1 December 1917** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, a consultation took place on "What I can do for one shilling." The prize was awarded to Sister Ruth Griffiths. The other contributors each received a recognition prize. The adjudicator was Brother Charles Payne. The session was presided over by Brother T. J. James.

**8 December 1917** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, a paper was read on "Influence" by the Mrs. Arthur Lucas, Dowlais. It was exceptionally interesting and edifying. The following commented on the paper: Brothers T. Lewis, C. Payne, W. Griffiths, J. Williams, W. Jones, S. Lewis, H. Thomas, and Sister M. A. Lewis. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mrs. Lucas, proposed by Sister C. Jones, seconded by Brother D. Thomas. Brother T. J. James chief templar, presided.

**15 December 1917** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, the following contributed to the programme: Sisters Katie Jones Davies, Sarah Jones, Ruth Griffiths, Brothers Tom Lawrence, James Williams, Caradoc Thomas, Uriah Evans, T. J. James.

**29 December 1917** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of the International Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, the Juveniles entertained, the following taking part: solos, G. M. Cook, L. Cole, Edmund Davies, M. Ballard, H. Thomas, A. Ballard, M. J. Cole, G. James, M. L. Thomas, L. Evans, E. Evans. Several of the children gave a nice little sketch, entitled "The Christmas Plum Pudding." A quartette was given by four of the juveniles, "God Bless Our Soldiers." Brother Thomas Lewis presided.

**5 January 1918** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, members spent a delightful three-quarters of an hour speaking about "Christmas Thoughts."

**January 1918** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, Brother Owen Evans gave an account of his visit to the Juvenile Temple. A musical programme followed, Brothers Harry Thomas, Charles Payne and James Williams contributing.

**January 1918** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of the International Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, the programme was a discussion on "My Motto for 1918," many members taking part. Brother T. J. James presided.

**12 January 1918** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, Mr. James Williams, Pentwyn, read an interesting paper on "Ben Bowen," paying him a glowing tribute as one of the greatest geniuses within the principality. He had died at the age of 24.

**19 January 1918** I.O.G.T. The Star of Fochriw Lodge held an open session on Thursday evening. Mr. James Williams, Pentwyn, read an interesting paper on "Ben Bown." Mr. Williams, being one of the many admirers of "Ben Bowen," paid him a glowing tribute as one of the greatest geniuses in his calling in the Principality, but who died at the age of 24. Several members commented on the paper, and Mr. Williams was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. Bro. T.J. Jones, C.T. presided.

**2 February 1918** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, a paper was read by the Rev. John Francis on "Character." Mr. Francis read his paper with much earnestness and fervour and with a sense of the importance of the subject. A discussion followed.

**9 February 1918** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of the International Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, officers for the ensuing quarter were elected. One candidate was admitted into membership. The meeting was presided over by Brother T. J. James.

**16 February 1918** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of the International Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, Sister Jones gave an account of her visit to the Juvenile Temple. "Discussion on Inspiration," by Brothers Thomas Lewis and James Williams, was the subject for the evening. Brother Payne read a card inviting all the members to open the lodge at Bethel Chapel, Merthyr. A vote of sympathy was passed on behalf of Sister Walters on the death of her father.

**23 February 1918** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. During the evening, a silver cruet was presented to Sister M. Evans by Bro. C. Thomas. The following contributed to the entertainment: pianoforte solo, Brother David Thomas; mandoline solo, Brother Henry Thomas; solos, Sister Ruth Griffiths, Brothers Latimer Evans, Howell Thomas; recitations, Brothers Henry Thomas, Latimer Evans; duet, Phyllis Williams and Ivy Curtis; speech, Brother Charles Payne.

**2 March 1918** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. The Bedlinog Lodge entertained. Sister M. Jones presided.

**23 March 1918** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. Short papers on "The Four-fold Pledge" were read by Brothers W. Griffiths, S. Lewis and H. Thomas. Brother T. J. James was responsible.

**6 April 1918** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. The following gave short addresses to the Lodge: Bros. Payne, S. Lewis & Simmonds.

**20 April 1918** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. Those present took part in the discussion on the welfare of the lodge in face of losing members by the war.

**27 April 1918** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. The following programme was given: solos, Annie Ballard, Adelaide Lawrence, Gwenda Thomas, Elvis Phillips, Lizzie M. Davies, Mary J. Cole, Latimer Evans; pianoforte solo, Master Wyndham Lawrence; recitation, Eirlys Jenkins, Latimer Evans, Lalla Cole, Mary Jones, Nellie Morris, Maggie Ballard; reading, Enid Evans; dialogue, Maggie S. Evans and Edmund Davies. The party rendered "My Native Land" and "Saf Dros y Gwir."

**4 May 1918** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. The officers for the coming quarter were installed by Brother Charles Payne. A surprise visit was paid by the members of the Tredegar Lodge who were entertained.

**11 May 1918** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. A paper was read by Sister M. A. Lewis on "Environment." Brothers T. J. James presided.

**18 May 1918** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. The programme for the evening was "Newspaper Cuttings."

**25 May 1918** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. The musical programme for the evening was contributed to by Messrs. Latimer Evans, David Thomas, Sam Lewis Charles Payne, James Williams and Thomas Lewis. Brother James Williams presided.

**1 June 1918** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. The programme for the evening was "How I spent Whitsun." A most enjoyable and edifying evening was spent.

**15 June 1918** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, the programme was as follows: pianoforte solo, Wyndham Lawrence; songs, Mary Jane Cole, Lizzie Mary Davies; recitation, May Cook, S. J. Price, M. Jones, M. Ballard, M. Price, Edmund Davies, Lewis Angell, M. L. Thomas, Latimer Evans, E. Davies, D. Thomas; sketch, Olive May Payne and Lena Rees. Three visiting members from Merthyr took part in the evening.

**22 June 1918** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, an address was delivered by Brother James Williams. There were visitors from the Brithdir Lodge who also contributed to the programme for the evening.

**29 June 1918** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. The programme was "Topical Talks." Brother W. Griffiths presided.

**6 July 1918** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. Brother Simmons presided.

**13 July 1918** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. The programme for the evening was "A Night with our Soldiers." Brother Simmons presided.

**27 July 1918** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. The following contributed to aid to the entertainment: pianoforte solo, Master W. Lawrence; solo, Leonora Jenkins, Adelaide Lawrence, Elvis Phillips, M. J. Cole, Enid Evans; recitations, Mary L. Thomas, Eirlys Jenkins, Mary Jones, Latimer Evans, Lalla Cole; dialogue, Olive May Payne and Lena Rees, David Thomas and Richard Evans; sketch "Teatime Party."

**3 August 1918** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. The programme for the evening was "Question Time." Officers for the coming quarter were elected. Brothers Simmonds presided.

**10 August 1918** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. A letter was read from Private Brother Harry West junior, who, for a considerable time, has been a prisoner of war in Germany. Brother West feels quite fit, and in his own words "as happy as most people who are prisoners of war." Brother West is chaplain to the prisoners' camp, in which capacity the lodge wishes him God's blessing on his labours.

**17 August 1918** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. A paper was read by Sister M. A. Lewis on "Cheerfulness in Thought." The new officers were installed by Brother Charles Payne.

**24 August 1918** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. The programme for the evening was a paper read by Rev. John Francis, vicar, on "Temperance." The Lodge accorded the Vicar a hearty vote of thanks, to which the Vicar responded.

**31 August 1918** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. The programme for the evening was contributed to, and well sustained by Bro. Charles Payne and Bro. G. H. Simmonds. Brothers Simmonds presided.



**14 September 1918** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. The following took part in the programme for the evening: a short paper on Burns was read by Brother W. James; speech, Brother H. Bellamy; solo, Sister Havard; recitation, Sister Thomas; speech, Bro. Saunders; duet, Sister Havard. Brother Simmonds presided.

**21 September 1918** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. The Lodge was entertained by the Juveniles. Songs, recitations, dialogues, pianoforte solos, and choruses made up the entertainment, all being of high quality. Each child was presented with a book to mark the fourth anniversary of "The World War."

**28 September 1918** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. Brother William Griffiths read a paper entitled "John Wesley." A for very edifying hour was spent, several members speaking on the paper. Brother Simmonds presided.

**5 October 1918** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week.

**12 October 1918** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. Brother Simmonds presided. The evening was set apart for Bible Stories, many members taking part.

**19 October 1918** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. The election of officers took place, and Brother Charles Payne gave a report of the Grand Lodge session held at Cory Hall, Cardiff. Brother Simmonds presided.

**2 November 1918** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. The members were entertained by Mr. Harry Roberts, who well sustained the interest of the audience. Brothers Simmonds presided.

**9 November 1918** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. Officers for the coming quarter were elected. A paper was read by Brother Thomas Lewis on "The Joy of Consecration." Brother Simmonds presided.

**16 November 1918** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held on Thursday. During the evening, the installation of officers took place by Bro. C. Payne. The meeting was presided over by Bro. J. Williams.

**23 November 1918** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. A vote of condolence was passed with Brother Evans, New Tredegar, upon the loss of his only daughter. The programme for the evening was "Newspaper Cuttings." Private James Williams read a memorial poem composed by him on the occasion of the death of his young nephew Johnny Williams, on the field of battle in France. Brother Simmonds presided.

**30 November 1918** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. After disposing of business, a paper was read by Brother James Williams, Pentwyn, on "Telepathy," which was very humorous and interesting. Brother Simmonds presided.

**7 December 1918** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. The programme for the evening was as follows: pianoforte solos, songs, recitations, dialogues etc., given by the Juveniles. Brother Thomas Lewis presided.

**14 December 1918** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. A miscellaneous programme was the order of the evening. In addition to the part taken by the members, Mr. Harry Roberts entertained with the gramophone. Brother Simmonds presided.

**21 December 1918** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. The programme for the evening was "Recitations."

**11 January 1919** I.O.G.T. The Star of Fochriw Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday evening week at Carmel vestry. The programme for the evening was "Thoughts on Christmas." The majority took part. Brother Simmonds presided.

**18 January 1919** I.O.G.T. The Star of Fochriw Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday evening week at Carmel vestry. The programme was "Resolutions for over New Year." The majority took part. Brother Simmonds presided.

**25 January 1919** I.O.G.T. The Star of Fochriw Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday evening week at Carmel vestry. Brother Simmonds presided. During the evening, the Juveniles entertained, the following contributing to a musical programme: solos, Miss M E Davis, Miss Mary J Cole, Mrs C Walters; pianoforte solos, Master W. Lawrence, Mr. Thomas Walters; pianoforte duet, Mr. Thomas Walters and Master W Lawrence; vocal duet, Mary J. Cole and M.E. Davies. Brother Payne proposed a vote of thanks, seconded by Brother Lewis.

**1 February 1919** I.O.G.T. The Star of Fochriw Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday evening week at Carmel vestry. A paper was read by Brother Sam Lewis entitled "What is it that makes a man?" Several members commented on the paper, which was much appreciated by all present. Several members from New Tredegar were present. Brother Simmonds presided.

**15 February 1919** I.O.G.T. The Star of Fochriw Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday evening week at Carmel vestry. The programme for the evening was "Variety." Most of the members present took part with speeches, solos, recitations and pianoforte playing. Brother Simmonds presided

**8 March 1919** I.O.G.T. The Star of Fochriw Lodge held its weekly meeting on Wednesday at Carmel vestry. A letter was read from Brother Councillor Charles, Bedlinog, who is a patient at Talgarth Sanatorium. The secretary was instructed to write a letter of reply. The programme for the evening was "St. David's Night," to which the following contributed: solos, Brothers T. J. James, Tom Lawrence, Uriah Evans Crad Thomas, Sam Lewis, Sister C. Thomas; readings, Brother Latimer Evans, Sister C. Jones, Sister M. A. Lewis; pianoforte solos, Brother David Thomas.

**15 March 1919** I.O.G.T. The Star of Fochriw Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday at Carmel Vestry. A letter was read from Brother Charles, Bedlinog, a patient at Talgarth Sanatorium. A letter was also read from Brother Harry Powell, Merthyr. The programme for the evening was a reading by Brother Thomas Lewis, who read from a book entitled "On the Heights" by the Christian, D. Lasson. Brothers Harry Thomas, Simmonds and Payne commented on the reading, and Sister M. A. Lewis proposed, and Sisters C. Jones seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to Brother Lewis. The meeting was closed with prayer.

**22 March 1919** I.O.G.T. The Star of Fochriw Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday March 13<sup>th</sup> at Carmel Vestry, presided over by Bro. Harry Powell, Hope of Merthyr Lodge. Eight members accompanied Bro. Powell from the Merthyr Lodge, and one member from the Star of Tabernacle Lodge was also present. The programme was a miscellaneous one, the following taking part: address, Bro. Powell; speech, Bro. D. J. Davies; recitation, Sister Betty Morgan; solo, Sister Lennett; address, Bro. Rees; singing, Ode 66; vocal and pianoforte solos, Brothers Uriah Rees and David Thomas. Bro. Payne thanked all the contributors, seconded by Bro. Sam Lewis.

**29 March 1919** I.O.G.T. The Star of Fochriw Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday at Carmel Vestry. The programme was provided by the Juvenile Temple.

**12 April 1919** I.O.G.T. The Star of Fochriw Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday at Carmel Vestry. The programme for the evening was "Opinions on Temperance." A most edifying evening was brought to a close with a prayer.

**19 April 1919** I.O.G.T. The Star of Fochriw Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday last at Carmel Vestry. The programme for the evening was "Adult Lodge to entertain the Juvenile Temple." The following took part: readings, Brothers Payne, David Thomas, Sister A. G. Thomas, Bro. T. J. James; mandoline solo, Brother Henry Thomas;

solo, Sister Ceridwen Thomas; solo, Bro. Sam Lewis; solo, Bro. Simmonds; address, Bro. Thomas Lewis. The session closed with prayers.

**26 April 1919** I.O.G.T. The Star of Fochriw Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday at Carmel Vestry. The Merthyr Lodge entertained during the evening.

**10 May 1919** I.O.G.T. The Star of Fochriw Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday last at Carmel Vestry. Brother Simmonds presided. A miscellaneous programme was given by the following: Brothers Sam Lewis, David Thomas, Henry Thomas, Charles Payne and Sister Thomas.

**24 May 1919** I.O.G.T. The Star of Fochriw Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday at Carmel Vestry presided over by Bro. Simmonds C.T. Brother Harry West, Brithdir, delivered a most stirring address on "My 18 months' experience in German prison camps." The vestry was packed, and Bro. West held the audience spellbound. Although only a private, Bro. West acted as chaplain to British prisoners at the camp. Bros. Thomas Lewis, Charles Payne and Simmons commented on the address, and a hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Bro. T.J. James, seconded by Bro. Harry Thomas.

**31 May 1919** I.O.G.T. The Star of Fochriw Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday at Carmel Vestry. The programme for the evening was "Bible Class."

**7 June 1919** I.O.G.T. The Star of Fochriw Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday at Carmel Vestry, when it was "Quarter Night." A vote of condolence was passed with Mrs. Davies in the death of her son. Brother David Thomas presided, and a capital time was spent.

**14 June 1919** I.O.G.T. The Star of Fochriw Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday at Carmel Vestry. Friends from the Hope of Merthyr Lodge entertained, and provided an excellent programme.

**21 June 1919** I.O.G.T. The Star of Fochriw Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday at Carmel Vestry. After the ordinary business, the following gave their army experiences: Bros. T. J. James, T. H. Jones, and H. Thomas. Brother Thomas also read verses he had written in memory of the late Brother D. Lloyd Davies.

**28 June 1919** I.O.G.T. The Star of Fochriw Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday at Carmel Vestry. The speakers were Brother Rev. T. Powell, and Brother Richard Evans, Cwmdare, both dealing lucidly with the temperance question.

**5 July 1919** I.O.G.T. The Star of Fochriw Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday at Carmel Vestry. Four members of the Pride of Tredegar Lodge were present.

**12 July 1919** I.O.G.T. The Star of Fochriw Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday at Carmel Vestry. Brother Thomas H. Jones presided. A paper entitled "Faith, Hope, and Charity" was read by Brother Thomas Lewis, and a second paper on "Drink" was read by Brother Latimer Evans. Brothers T. H. Jones, Sister M. A. Lewis, Brother T. James, and Brother Payne commented on the papers.

**19 July 1919** I.O.G.T. The Star of Fochriw Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday at Carmel Vestry. Various solos were given and papers read.

**2 August 1919** I.O.G.T. The Star of Fochriw Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday at Carmel Vestry. Brother Thomas Lewis presided. The programme for the evening was "Temperance Readings." The following took part: Brothers Latimer Evans, J. James, Jack Lawrence, Charles Payne, Charles J. Lawrence, Wyndham Lawrence, Howell Thomas, Sisters C. Jones, Ruth Griffiths.

**16 August 1919** I.O.G.T. The Star of Fochriw Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday at Carmel Vestry. Brother David Thomas took the chair. A letter of thanks was read from Brother Hockings, Maesteg, thanking the brethren for sympathy in his bereavement. Brother Charles Payne was appointed representative to the Grand Lodge to be held at North Wales. The meeting was brought to a close with prayer.

**31 August 1919** I.O.G.T. On Thursday last, instead of the ordinary lodge section, the Star of Fochriw Lodge went for a ramble, and met the Pride of Tredegar Lodge on Cefn Goleu Mountain. A prize for a pronunciation competition was divided between Brothers Bryn Jones and Harry Lewis. Addresses were given by Brothers David Thomas, Thomas Lewis and Moon. Brother David Thomas was chairman.

**6 September 1919** I.O.G.T. The Star of Fochriw Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday at Carmel Vestry. This week, the lodge was entertained by the Pride of the Tredegar Lodge. During the evening, Mrs. Saunders, formerly Miss Ceridwen Thomas, was presented with a cruet set on the occasion of her marriage. Brother Payne made the presentation.

**13 September 1919** I.O.G.T. The Star of Fochriw Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday at Carmel Vestry. The subject for the night was "Prohibition."

**20 September 1919** I.O.G.T. The Star of Fochriw Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday at Carmel Vestry. The programme for the evening included three Bible stories by Sisters Catherine Jones, A. J. Jones, and Bronwen Davies. Brothers Tom Jones, Loughor, and J. Jenkins, Merthyr, commented thereon. Brother Payne proposed a vote of thanks to the Sisters, and also to the large number of Merthyr members who were present. Sister M. A. Lewis seconded. A most edifying evening was brought to a close by Brother David Thomas, chief templar.

**27 September 1919** I.O.G.T. The Star of Fochriw Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, at Carmel Vestry. The programme for the evening was a miscellaneous one, being contributed by the following: pianoforte solos, Brother W. Lawrence; readings, Brother Jack Lawrence, Brother Latimer Evans, Sister Maggie S. Evans, Sister Maggie S. Griffiths, Brother David Thomas; recitation, Sister Davies.

**11 October 1919** I.O.G.T. The Star of Fochriw Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October, at Carmel Vestry. The programme for the evening included a paper by Brother Thomas Lewis on "The History of the Lodge from Opening to Present State." Brother Henry Thomas proposed a hearty vote of thanks and Sister M. A. Lewis seconded.

**11 October 1919** I.O.G.T. The Star of Fochriw Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday at Carmel Vestry.

**18 October 1919** I.O.G.T. The Star of Fochriw Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday at Carmel Vestry. A musical evening was enjoyed by all.

**25 October 1919** I.O.G.T. The Star of Fochriw Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday at Carmel Vestry. A paper was read by Sister M. A. Lewis on the "History of Miss Frances, Ridley Havergal," which everyone enjoyed.

**8 November 1919** I.O.G.T. The Star of Fochriw Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday at Carmel Vestry. The programme for the evening was as follows: piano forte solo, Brother W Lawrence; recitations, Brother Sam Lewis, Sister Catherine Jones, Sister Bronwen Davies; solo, Brother Thomas Lewis; readings, Brother D. Thomas.

**15 November 1919** I.O.G.T. The Star of Fochriw Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday at Carmel Vestry. Readings were given by Brother Sam Lewis, Sister M. A. Lewis, Brother Charles Payne, and Sister Annie Evans. Brother W Jones, Deri, addressed the lodge.

**22 November 1919** I.O.G.T. The Star of Fochriw Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday last at Carmel Vestry. The programme was as follows: readings, Brothers Sam Lewis, Brother Charles Payne; recitations, Sister Sara Evans, Sister Bronwen Davies. The lodge was closed by singing.

**29 November 1919** I.O.G.T. The Star of Fochriw Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday at Carmel Vestry. The programme for the evening consisted of an address by Brother Harry West, a solo by Brother Roland West, recitations by Sister Maude Davies and Mrs. West, a solo by Brother Graham Price, and speeches by Brothers Thomas Lewis and Charles Payne.

**6 December 1919** I.O.G.T. The Star of Fochriw Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday at Carmel Vestry. Sister M. A. Lewis presided. The Juvenile Lodge provided the programme, the following taking part: pianoforte solo, Brother W. Lawrence; recitations, Sisters Beryl Ballard, Olive May Payne, Muriel James, M. Morris, M. L. Thomas, Iris Evans, N. Jenkins, L. Jenkins, Stella Cole, Annie Ballard, Maggie Ballard, Jesse Thomas, Elsa Mathews, L. Cole, Brothers J. G. Lewis, Gordon Lawrence, R. G. Jones, Tom Lewis; pianoforte solo, Sister L. Cole and P. Cole; violin solo, Sister M.

Thomas; solos, Sisters M. Morris, L. A. Jenkins, A. Lawrence, Muriel Jones; duets, Bros. L. Angell, A. Ballard, Miss Lewis and party; dialogues, Bro. Jack Lawrence and friends; Bro. Rd. Evans and friends. A hearty vote of thanks was proposed by a Bro. Thomas Lewis, seconded by Bro. Charles Payne.

**13 December 1919** I.O.G.T. The Star of Fochriw Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday at Carmel Vestry. The programme for the evening was a miscellaneous one, the following contributing: Sisters Lynda Roberts, Olive May Payne, Bronwen Davies, Brothers D. Thomas, Tom Lewis.

**20 December 1919** I.O.G.T. The Star of Fochriw Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday at Carmel Vestry. The programme for the evening included a short drama in which the following appeared: Brothers Sam Lewis, D. Thomas, R. Evans and Sisters M. A. Lewis and G. Jones. A pianoforte solo was given by Brother Wyndham Lawrence, and solos by Brothers Leyshon Rowlands and Uriah Evans. Brother W Jones, Deri, spoke. Brother Thomas Lewis proposed, and Brother Charles Payne seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to all who contributed to the programme.

**27 December 1919** I.O.G.T. The Star of Fochriw Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, at Carmel Vestry. Three short biographies were read by Brother D. Thomas, Sister C. Jones, and Sister M. A. Lewis. A short speech was given by Brother Thomas Lewis. Sister E. M. Thomas proposed a vote of thanks and Sister Harriet Jones seconded.

**21 February 1920** I.O.G.T. Under the auspices of the Star of Fochriw Lodge, a dramatic recital was given by Sister B. Ballard Davies, at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. Sister Davies proved to be an excellent elocutionist. She recited 16 pieces, and was relieved at intervals by Sister Ruth Griffiths, who sang, and Brother David Thomas, who played a pianoforte solo. Sister Davies greatly impressed the large audience present. The meeting was presided over by Brother David Thomas, chief templar. A hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Brother Charles Payne, seconded by Brother Thomas Lewis.

**28 February 1920** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening at Carmel Vestry. It was presided over by Brother D. Thomas.

**6 March 1920** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening at Carmel Vestry. Brother Thomas Lewis presided. The following contributed to a musical programme: Brothers Thomas Lewis, Samuel Lewis, Sister Ballard. Brother Lewis spoke some very encouraging words about Brother J. C. Payne, on his recent success.

**13 March 1920** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening at Carmel Vestry. Reviewing the evening, Bro. Sam Lewis gave a fine reading, Bros. Thomas Lewis and David Thomas commenting on it. Bro. Charles Payne proposed a hearty vote of thanks, seconded by Sister B. Davies.

**20 March 1920** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening at Carmel Vestry. The Reverend Esaiiah Williams delivered a very edifying address on "Religion."

**27 March 1920** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening at Carmel Vestry. A most edifying paper was read on "The life of Robert Louis Stevenson" by Mr. Arthur Ballard.

**10 April 1920** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening at Carmel Vestry. Many members spoke of the good work done by the lodge during the last 17 years, and hoped it would be continued for many years to come. Brother H. Thomas gave selections on the mandoline.

**17 April 1920** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening at Carmel Vestry. Brother David Thomas, chief Templar, presided. During the evening the chief Templar gave an excellent address.

**24 April 1920** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening at Carmel Vestry. The programme for the evening was humorous readings. Many took part.

**1 May 1920** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening at Carmel Vestry. During the evening, an excellent paper was read by the Brother Jenkins, Merthyr. The following also spoke: Brothers David Thomas, Thomas Lewis and Charles Payne. Sister Mrs Davies recited "Alaska." A most enjoyable evening was spent.

**8 May 1920** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening last at Carmel Vestry. Members of the Merthyr Lodge entertained. Brother Payne proposed a hearty vote of thanks, seconded by Sister Jones.

**15 May 1920** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening at Carmel Vestry. Officers for the coming quarter were elected. An instrumental programme was gone through, and a most enjoyable evening spent.

**22 May 1920** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening last at Carmel Vestry. Brother Harry Thomas, Chief Templar, presided. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, a number of members who joined during the last quarter by obligation only, were fully initiated along with two members. The ceremony was enjoyed by all.

**5 June 1920** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening at Carmel Vestry. Brother Thomas Lewis presided. During the evening, a very edifying paper entitled "A Line of Thought," was read by Mr. Tom Walters. Sister Jones and Brother L. Rowland commented on the paper. A vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Walters by Brother Charles Payne, seconded by Sister M. A. Lewis.

**12 June 1920** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening at Carmel Vestry. During the evening, a very edifying paper on "The Peril of Wealth" was read by Sister B. Davies. Sister Davies also gave a recitation, "The Leak in the Dyke." Bro. W. Jones proposed a vote of thanks, seconded by Bro. D. Jones.

**26 June 1920** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening last at Carmel Vestry. During the evening, a very edifying paper - "Man's Disposition," - was read by Sister Jones.

**10 July 1920** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening last at Carmel Vestry. The Rose of Sirhowy Lodge entertained.

**17 July 1920** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening last at Carmel Vestry. Brithdir Lodge entertained, and Brother West presided. A hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Brother Charles Payne for the splendid programme, seconded by Brother David James.

**24 July 1920** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening last at Carmel Vestry. The juveniles entertained, the following contributing: Wyndham Lawrence, Muriel Ballard, Annie Ballard, Lydia Ballard, Maggie Ballard.

**14 August 1920** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening last at Carmel Vestry. A very intelligent paper entitled "Influence" was read by Brother Sam Lewis, and was very much enjoyed.

**21 August 1920** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening last at Carmel Vestry. A very interesting paper was read by Sister Ballard on "Louisa Allcott." Sister Davies gave a recitation entitled "The Woman of Mumbles Head." The officers of the previous quarter were re-elected.

**28 August 1920** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening last at Carmel Vestry. The following contributed to the programme: Wyndham Lawrence, Lydia Ballard, Enid Evans, Ceinwen Ballard, Agnes Cook, and Stanley Lewis.

**11 September 1920** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening last at Carmel Vestry. A very edifying reading was given by Brother Thomas Lewis.

**18 September 1920** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening last at Carmel Vestry. A few members from the Merthyr Lodge were present. The programme was a musical one, the following contributing:

pianoforte solos, Brothers Thomas Walters and Wyndham Lawrence, Sisters Bessie and Annie Ballard; mandoline solo, Brother H. Thomas; mouth organ solo, Brother Leyshon Rowlands; dramatic recital, Sister B. Davies. A most enjoyable evening was spent.

**25 September 1920** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening last at Carmel Vestry. During the evening, a very edifying paper entitled "Recreation and Amusement" was read by Sister M. A. Lewis.

Autumn Fashions - Special display of new goods in all departments commencing Friday October 1<sup>st</sup>. R. T. Jones, Merthyr.

**2 October 1920** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening last at Carmel Vestry. The programme for the evening was a devotional services, the following taking part: flute solo, Brother David Jones; reading, Sister J. Jones; speeches, Brothers Sam Lewis, Leyshon Rowlands, Charles Payne.

**9 October 1920** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening last at Carmel Vestry. A paper "The Consecration of Youth," was read by Bro. Arthur Lloyd, Bedlinog. The following commented on the paper: Bros. T. Lewis, H. Thomas, Sam Lewis, Sisters Walters and Lewis. Sister B. Davies give a few recitations. A vote of thanks was proposed by Bro. H. Thomas, seconded by Bro. Howell Thomas.

**16 October 1920** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening last at Carmel Vestry. A presentation was made to Brother David Thomas. The following contributed to a musical programme: Brother Wyndham Lawrence, Sister Lydia Ballard, Misses Lydia and Ceinwen Ballard, Sister B. Davies. The presentation was made by Sister B. Davies. Brother Thomas Lewis spoke a few words. Brothers Charles Payne gave a report on his visits to Merthyr, Dowlais and Bedlinog, with the Grand Secretary, who is now visiting the Merthyr district.

**23 October 1920** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening last at Carmel Vestry. Brother T. Lewis presided.

**30 October 1920** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening last at Carmel Vestry. Brother Thomas Lewis presided. The usual business was put aside for the evening, and the Reverend D. Jenkins Jones was then called upon to deliver an address to the meeting. He took as his subject "The Good Man," which was really an impression of a remarkable portrait he had seen when a boy. The address was remarkable for its intense abundance of capital illustrations which even the very youngest could not fail to understand. Everyone present seemed overjoyed with the address, and Brothers T. Lewis, W. Jones and Charles Payne thanked the lecturer. A recitation was given by Sister B. Ballard Davies, who recited "The Dream of Pilat's Wife," in Welsh.

**6 November 1920** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening last at Carmel Vestry. Brother W Jones presided. The following officers were installed by Brother Charles Payne: chief Templar - Brother Thomas Walters; vice-templar - Sister B. Ballard; secretary - Brother W. Lawrence; financial secretary - Sister T. Walters; chaplain - Brother D. Jones; treasurer - Brother S. Lewis; marshal - Brother C. J. Lawrence; deputy marshal - Sister L. Ballard; guard - Brother H. Thomas. A short a reading was given by Brother Sam Lewis.

**13 November 1920** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening last at Carmel Vestry. The programme for the evening was readings by Brothers David Thomas and Sam Lewis. The evening closed with prayers led by the chaplain.

**20 November 1920** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening last at Carmel Vestry. Brother Thomas Walters presided. The programme for the evening was "Question Time" all present taking part.

**20 November 1920** Juvenile Temple The weekly meeting of the Juvenile Temple of the Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel vestry, when the following contributed to the programme: Sisters Glenys Jones, Olive May Payne, Lalla Cole, Eiluned Lawrence,

Christey Sibley, Stella Cole, and Brother W. Williams. The meeting was closed by singing and repeating "Our Duty Lesson" with the vice templar.

**27 November 1920** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening last at Carmel Vestry. The programme for the evening was "Your Favourite Hymn." The following took part: Brothers H. Thomas, Sam Lewis, David Jones, Thomas Walters, Charles Payne, Thomas Lewis, Sisters M. A. Lewis, Ceridwen Thomas, and Charles Payne.

The weekly meeting of the their Juvenile Temple of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel vestry on Thursday, when a very fine miscellaneous programme was contributed to by Gomer Davies, Glenys Jones, Lala Cole, Stella Cole, Iris Evans, Nesta Jenkins, Tudor Davies. The meeting was closed in prayer by the chaplain.

**4 December 1920** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening last at Carmel Vestry. Brother Thomas Walters presided. The following contributed to the programme: Brothers Wyndham Lawrence, H. Thomas, David Jones, Sister L. M. Davies, Mrs. David Jones, Sisters L. Ballard and C. Walters. Addresses were given by the Brothers Thomas Walters and Charles Payne. During the evening a presentation was made by Brother William Jones to Brother and Sister Sam Lewis on the occasion of their marriage.

**4 December 1920** Juvenile Temple On Thursday last at Carmel vestry, the Juvenile Temple Lodge held their weekly meeting, the following taking part: Sisters Megan Morris, Nesta Evans, Iris Evans, Eiluned Lawrence, Phoebe Cole.

**11 December 1920** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening last at Carmel Vestry. Sister E. Thomas read a paper.

**18 December 1920** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening last at Carmel Vestry. The programme for the evening was "Quotations and Proverbs."

**1 January 1921** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday, and was presided over by Brother Thomas Walters, Chief Templar. During the evening, an interesting paper was read by Brother H. Thomas, with Brothers Thomas Lewis, Samuel Lewis, Charles Payne, Thomas Walters, Sister Lewis, and Sister Walters commenting on it. A vote of sympathy was passed with Sister Jones on the recent loss of her father.

**8 January 1921** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday, and was presided over by Brother Thomas Walters, Chief Templar. During the evening, a most edifying paper was read by Brother Walters entitled "Great Minds in Music." The following commented on the paper: Brothers Thomas Lewis, H. Thomas, Sam Lewis, Charles Payne, and David Thomas.

**15 January 1921** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday, and was presided over by Brother Thomas Walters, Chief Templar. During the evening, Sister Bronwen Davies entertained the members with her dramatic recitals. A vote of sympathy was passed with the Brother Charles Payne and Mrs. Payne on the death of her brother.

**22 January 1921** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday, and was presided over by Brother Thomas Walters, Chief Templar. The evening was set apart for the juveniles to entertain, and right royally did they do it. Solos: Ceinwen Cole, Olive May Payne; recitations: M. C. Jones, E. Lawrence, Linda Robert, Olive May Payne; part song: E Lawrence and party; recitations: John G. Lewis, Stella Cole. Great credit is due to the noble workers in the Temperance cause.

**29 January 1921** I.O.G.T. Under the auspices of the Independent Order of Good Templars, on Thursday evening last, at Carmel Chapel (kindly lent), a grand dramatic recital was given by Mrs. B. Ballard Davies to a large audience. The chairman was Mr. Charles Payne, who gave a very interesting account of the work of the Order during the last 18 years. All the artistes were faithful members of the Order. The programme was contributed to by Master Wyndham Lawrence, Miss Lydia Ballard, and Mrs. B. Ballard



Davies. Brother William Jones proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the officers of the chapel for the use of the same, and all who had given their services. This was seconded by Brother Thomas Walters. The evening concluded with the singing on "Hen Wlad fy Nhadau," Miss Lydia Ballard leading.

**12 February 1921** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. The following took part: Sister B. Ballard Davies and Sister M. A. Lewis.

**19 February 1921** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. During evening, a presentation was made to Brother and Sister Thomas on the occasion of their marriage. A very interesting programme was gone through, the following contributing: duet, Sisters B. & A. Ballard; solo, Sister Lydia Ballard; recitations, Brother Thomas Walters and Sister B. Davies; flute solo, Brother David Jones. Suitable verses were composed by Brother Samuel Lewis. A short address was also given by Brother Charles Payne.

**26 February 1921** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. An interesting paper was read by Bro. Sam Lewis entitled "The School of Life." Bro. Thomas Lewis commented on the paper. Bro. Payne proposed a vote of thanks, seconded by Bro. Thomas.

**5 March 1921** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. The programme for the evening was a musical one, the following contributing to the programme: Brothers Francis Wilton, Wyndham Lawrence, Sisters Lydia and Ceinwen Ballard.

**12 March 1921** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. The following contributed to a fine programme: Brothers Sam Lewis and Henry Thomas, Sisters C. Jones, B. Ballard, B. Davies, Brothers David Thomas, Sam Lewis, Thomas Walters, Leyshon Rowlands, Sisters Bessie and C. Ballard, Lydia and Ceinwen Ballard, Brother Tom Lawrence, Sister Lydia Ballard. An enjoyable evening terminated with the singing of "Hen Wlad fy Nhadau."

**19 March 1921** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. Brother Thomas Walters presided. During the evening, a miscellaneous programme was presented, all brothers and sisters taking part.

**26 March 1921** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. Two papers were read by Brother David Thomas, "The Uncertainties of Life" and "Trust the Pilot." The following commented thereon: Brothers Charles Payne, H. Thomas, Thomas Lewis, David Jones and Samuel Lewis. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Bro. Thomas.

**2 April 1921** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. After the ordinary business, a pleasant entertainment was given by Brother Thomas Walters, Chief Templar. In addition to pianoforte and vocal solos, he recited sketches from "Ni'n Dau" (Glynfab), and "Labour" (Carlyle). Two members from the Hope of Merthyr Lodge were present. Bro. Walters was thanked for his excellent programme.

**16 April 1921** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. The Merthyr Lodge was present. The programme for the evening was as "A Night with Poets." Sister Ballard took up Wordsworth, and Sister Lewis, Walter Scott. Mr. Jenkins gave a solo.

**30 April 1921** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. During the evening, Tredegar Lodge entertained. A most edifying paper was read by Brother Idris Jones, B.A. The following commented on the paper: Brothers Parson, Sam Lewis, Payne, Jones, Sister B. Davies. Sister Parson also gave a solo. The paper read during the evening was entitled "The History of a Nation." Brother Jones dealt with the Roman Empire.

**7 May 1921** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. During the evening, members of the Juvenile Lodge entertained, the following contributing: Sisters Megan Morris, Linda Robert, Olive May Payne, Nellie Morris, Muriel Jones, Dennis Jones, Annie Ballard, Ceinwen Cole, Chrislie Sibley, May Cook, Eiluned Lawrence, Jack Sims, Beryl Ballard. A most enjoyable evening was spent.

**14 May 1921** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. Brother Thomas Lewis presided. The officers for the coming quarter were installed, most of them having been re-elected. Sister Ballard Davies was appointed Chief Templar for the coming quarter. During the evening there was a miscellaneous concert, the following contributing: Sister Ballard, Brother Lloyd Richards, Brothers Gettins, Owens, Jones, and Sister Ballard Davies.

**21 May 1921** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. Sister Ballard Davies presided. The programme for the evening was "Question Night," all members taking part.

**4 June 1921** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. The chief templar Sister Ballard Davies presided. After the usual routine business, the members listened very attentively to a very able paper by Brother Henry Thomas entitled "Smoking and its evil effect." Brothers Charles Payne, David Jones, Thomas Lewis, Sam Lewis and Leyshon Rowlands spoke. A hearty vote of thanks brought a pleasant evening to a close.

**11 June 1921** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. The chief templar presided. The evening was set apart for papers by Brother L. Rowlands, who read an extract from "Self Help" by Samuel Smiles, and a paper by Brother C. J. Lawrence, entitled "The Sheltering Rock." Brother William Jones, Deri, gave a few interesting words on the papers, as did several other members, including some friends from Gilfach.

**18 June 1921** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. Sister Ballard Davies presided. The following will read papers: Sister D. Jones, Brynteg, and Sister S. Lewis. The following commented on the papers: Brothers Thomas Lewis, W. Jones, and Charles Payne.

**25 June 1921** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday last at Carmel Vestry. Bro. Thomas Lewis presided. Brother Charles Payne reported having opened a new Lodge at Deri. The programme for the evening was "A Welsh Night." The following took part: readings, Bro. William Jones, Deri, Bro. Leyshon Rowlands; address, Bro. J. Phillips, Deri; readings, Brothers Sam Lewis and Thomas Lewis, Sister Bessie Ballard. The lodge closed with the singing of the well-known Welsh hymn "Mae'r Iachawdwriaeth fel y Mor."

**9 July 1921** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. After the usual business had been transacted, the members listened to a very interesting paper by Brother Thomas Lewis entitled "The Star of Fochriw and My Personal Experience." The paper was brimful of interest and was very favourably commented on by other members.

**16 July 1921** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday last at Carmel Vestry. The following contributed to a musical programme: Sisters Ballard, Brothers Rowlands, S. Lewis, T. Lewis, Owen, and Richards.

**23 July 1921** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday last at Carmel Vestry. Brother Charles Payne gave a report of the District Lodge held at Gilfach. The programme for the evening was as "Spelling Bee." Sister Bessie Ballard was responsible. Sister Ballard Davies closed the Lodge with a recitation.

**30 July 1921** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday last at Carmel Vestry. Brother Thomas Lewis presided. Brother Charles Payne reported on his visit to the Merthyr District Lodge at Bedlinog on Saturday last. The programme for the evening included a reading by a Brother Thomas Lewis. Sister Davies recited "The Heart of a Child."

**6 August 1921** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday at Carmel Vestry. Brother Thomas Lewis presided. The subject for discussion was "Legends and Superstitions." The following took part: Brothers Sam Lewis, D. Jones, T. Lewis, C. Payne, Sisters B. Ballard and C. Ballard.

**13 August 1921** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday last at Carmel Vestry. The programme for the evening was "Biblical Questions," all members taking part.

**20 August 1921** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday last at Carmel Vestry. The subject for the evening was "Town or Country Life," and some very interesting addresses were given. The chair was taken by Brother Thomas Lewis.

**27 August 1921** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday last at Carmel Vestry. After the usual business, the members were entertained to a musical treat by the Bedlinog Lodge. An enjoyable evening was brought to a close by Sister Ballard Davies giving two recitations in her own sweet style. A hearty invitation is extended to all to join the order.

**3 September 1921** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday last at Carmel Vestry. The programme for the evening was supplied by members of the Gwalia Lodge, Troedrhifwuch. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the visitors on the motion of Brother Charles Payne, seconded by Brother Thomas Lewis.

**24 September 1921** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday last at Carmel Vestry. The programme for the year evening was: "A favourite poem: its history and a short biography of its author." Brother Sam Lewis and Sisters M. A. Lewis, B. Ballard and C. Ballard took part.

**10 September 1921** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday last at Carmel Vestry. Brother D. Phillips presided. The programme for the evening was "A Visit to the Castles of Glamorgan," Sisters M. A. Lewis and B. Ballard taking part.

**22 October 1921** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday last at Carmel Vestry. The programme for the evening was "Antiquarian Remains in Glamorgan."

**29 October 1921** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday last at Carmel Vestry. The programme for the evening was a paper entitled "Glamorgan," given by Mr. Idris Jones, B.A. A most interesting evening was spent.

**5 November 1921** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday last at Carmel Vestry. Brother Thomas Lewis read a most interesting paper entitled "Freedom."

**26 November 1921** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday last at Carmel Vestry. The programme for the evening was selections on the gramophone given by Brother C. J. Lawrence, which was much enjoyed.

**3 December 1921** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday last at Carmel Vestry. The evening was set apart for questions, all present taking part. Brother Thomas Walters presided.

**10 December 1921** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday last at Carmel Vestry. Brother Phillips gave the reading entitled "Drink," which was much appreciated by all present.

**24 December 1921** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday last at Carmel Vestry. The programme for the evening was a paper entitled "Prevention is better than cure." It was read by Brother T. Phillips. All present joined in the discussion which followed.

**31 December 1921** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday last at Carmel Vestry. After the usual business had been transacted, a very edifying paper was read by Brother David Jones, entitled "Habits," which was well received.

**7 January 1922** Independent Order of Grand Templars Star of Fochriw The last meeting of the old year was held on Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> December, 1921. Programme: 2 solos by Br. T. Rowlands & Sister L. Ballard and duets by Sisters L. & C. Ballard.

**4 February 1922** Independent Order of Grand Templars: Star of Fochriw Lodge The meeting held at Carmel Vestry. Br. William Jones of Deri presided over a programme of readings, Br. Sam Lewis and others taking part.

**11 February 1922** Independent Order of Grand Templars: Star of Fochriw The meeting was presided over by the Chief Templar, Bro. Thomas Walters. The subject of the evening was 'Topical Talks.'

**25 March 1922** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening last, and was presided over by Bro. T. Lewis. After the ordinary business of the Lodge had been transacted, speeches were made by Bros. C. Payne and T. Phillips. A most enjoyable time was spent. A vote of condolence was passed with Bro. Lewis and family on the death of their mother.

**8 April 1922** I.O.G.T. Weekly Meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge Held on Thursday last in Carmel Vestry with Bro. T. Walters presiding. A paper was given by Mr. Arthur Lloyd of Bedlinog - "This Man or Barabas." Comments were made by Miss H. Evans, Bro. T. Ballard and Sister B. Ballard.

**15 April 1922** I.O.G.T. - Weekly Meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge Held on Thursday last at Carmel Vestry, presided over by Bro. Thomas Lewis. Several members from the Bedlinog Lodge were present for a musical programme, which included contributions from Sister Mrs. C. Walters, E. M. Jones, Dilys Evans, Bro. David Thomas, Bro. Richards (Bedlinog). Brothers Davies and Slimmon (Bedlinog) addressed the meeting.

**22 April 1922** "Star of Fochriw" Lodge At a meeting held in the lodgeroom on Thursday, April 15th, the Senior Lodge was entertained by the juveniles, the following taking part: Tom Davies, Maggie Ellen Thomas, Dilys Evans, Olive May Payne, Rosy Williams, Eirwen May Jones, Nesta Evans, Beryl Ballard, Lena Rees, M.H. Williams, May Cook, Mary Lewis Thomas, Ceinwen Cole. The meeting was thoroughly enjoyed.

**29 April 1922** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. Bro. T. Walters presided. The evening was an instrumental one. Bro. Phillips took the chair. Items were ably given by Bro. Walters, Sister Ballard, Bro. S. Rowlands and Bro. Enoch Lewis. A hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Bro. Payne, and seconded by Bro. S. Lewis, and the meeting was close in the usual manner.

**6 May 1922** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge Weekly Meeting The meeting was held on Saturday evening, and was presided over by Bro. T. Walters. Programme: "Surprise Night" with Sister C. Ballard in charge. Sister C. Ballard, Anne Ballard, L. & C. Ballard, and Sister B. B. Davies contributed, as did the children of the Juvenile Lodge. Votes of thanks were proposed by Sister Lewis, seconded by Bro. C. Payne.

**13 May 1922** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge Weekly Meeting At Carmel Vestry on Thursday. The Bedlinog Lodge entertained, and the programme was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

**20 May 1922** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last, and was presided over by Bro S. Lewis. The programme for the evening was a paper by Mr. Cyril Evans entitled, "The Growth of the British Navy." It was a most interesting paper, thoroughly enjoyed by those present. A hearty vote of thanks, proposed by Bro. C. Payne, and seconded by Bro. T. Lewis, brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

**27 May 1922** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last, and was presided over by Bro. S. Lewis. The following contributed to the programme: Bro. Walters, recitation and pianoforte solo; Sister Ballard-Davies, recitations. A most enjoyable evening was spent.

**3 June 1922** I.O.G.T. The "Star of Fochriw" weekly meeting was held on Thursday evening, May 25th. The programme for the evening was "Musical," the following taking part: Bro. T. Walters, pianoforte solo; Bros. Rowlands, Walters, S. Lewis and Howell Thomas, solos; Bros. L. Rowlands, S. Lewis and T. Lewis, trio, accompanied by Bro. T.

Walters; Sister Lydia and Ceinwen Ballard, duet; Sister Lydia Ballard, sol. Bro. Payne proposed and Sister Mrs. Davies seconded a vote of thanks to all taking part.

**1 July 1922** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge Weekly Meeting Held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. During the evening, a most edifying and interesting paper entitled "Prohibition in America" was read by Rev. D. J. Jones. It was much appreciated by all present.

**8 July 1922** Independent Order of Grand Templars Star of Fochriw The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. It was presided over by Bro. Sam Lewis, C.T. Bro. Leyshon Rowlands was in charge of the programme. The following contributed: pianoforte Bro. T. Walters; solos, Bros. Rowlands, Uriah Evans, Howell Thomas.

**15 July 1922** Independent Order of Grand Templars Star of Fochriw The weekly meeting took place on Thursday. A programme of solos and readings was given by the brothers and sisters.

**29 July 1922** Independent Order of Grand Templars Star of Fochriw Weekly Meeting Held on Thursday when Bro. T. Walters was responsible for the evening's entertainment.

**2 September 1922** Independent Order of Grand Templars Star of Fochriw Lodge Weekly Meeting Held on Thursday, the 14<sup>th</sup> August. Bro. T. Lewis gave a reading entitled "A Question of the Day," and Sister Ballard Davies recited "Cleon and I," and "The Arrow and the Song."

**9 September 1922** Independent Order of Grand Templars Star of Fochriw Lodge Weekly Meeting Bro. S. Lewis took the chair. Sister B. Ballard gave a paper on "Character," which was thoroughly enjoyed by all, and Sister Davies recited the poem "The Dream of Pilate's Wife."

**16 September 1922** Independent Order of Grand Templars, Star of Fochriw Lodge, Weekly Meeting Members of both Troedrhywfwuch and Merthyr Lodges, as well as a few from Bedlinog Lodge, attended for a programme of entertainment largely provided by Troedrhywfwuch members. A highly enjoyable evening was spent.

**23 September 1922** Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. During the evening, some choice pieces of literature were read by Bro. H. Thomas, which drew comments from several brothers and sisters.

**30 September 1922** "Star of Fochriw Lodge" At the meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup>, the Deri Lodge were the visitors, and the Fochriw members were successfully entertained by them.

**7 October 1922** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge Held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. The meeting was set aside for ode practice, Bro. Thomas Walters being responsible for the highly enjoyable programme.

**14 October 1922** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The evening was devoted to "Ode Practice," Bro. Walters directing the programme.

**21 October 1922** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge Sister C. Ballard was responsible for the main programme, after which ode practice was held.

**28 October 1922** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The programme was given by Mr. Lewis of Abertysswg, assisted by his daughter Gladys, with the accompanist being Miss H. Evans, Aelybryn.

**4 November 1922** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge On Thursday last at Carmel Vestry, Mr. J. P. Isasacs, schoolmaster, gave a paper on "Old King Coal."

**11 November 1922** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The chief business of the evening was the election of officers, the following being elected:- C.T. - Bro. Sam Lewis; V.T. - Sister Mrs. Lewis; F. Sec. - Bro. Howell Thomas; treasurer - Bro. Sam Lewis; chaplain - Bro D. Jones; P.C.J. - Bro T. Walters; marshall - Bro. Howell Thomas; deputy marshall - Bro. T. Lawrence; organist - Bro. Howell Thomas; E. S. - Bro. Wm. Jones; S.J.W. - Bro T. Lewis; D.G.C.T. - Bro. C. Payne; Sec. - Sister Ballard, Aelybryn. Bro. Payne, L.D., duly installed the officers, Sister Mrs. Ballard-Davies and Sister Lydia Ballard acting as installing marshall and deputy respectively.

**18 November 1922** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge Bro. Jones, Bargoed, delivered a speech, and Sister Davies and Bro. Walters recited poems.

**25 November 1922** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening last, and was opened in due form by Bro. Sam Lewis, C.T. Sister (Mrs.) B. Davies was responsible for entertaining the Juveniles with recitations. The programme was thoroughly enjoyed by all, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded for the same.

**2 December 1922** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge Held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday, Bro. Sam Lewis presiding. The programme was musical with the following contributing:- pianoforte solo Bro. T. Walters; violin solo Miss A. Cooke; mandoline solo Bro. H. Thomas; pianoforte duet, Bros. T. Walters & E. Lewis.

**9 December 1922** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge At the meeting Bro. Thomas Lewis read a most interesting paper.

**16 December 1922** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held on Thursday with the subject for the evening being "Customs of other Nations." The contributors were Bro. Trevor Lawrence, Bro. H. Thomas and Sister M. A. Lewis.

**23 December 1922** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held on Thursday with Sister Ballard giving a paper that was very well received.

**6 January 1923** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. Bro. S. Lewis presided. The programme was entitled 'Round Table Talks.' Sister Ballard Davies and Bro. Sam Lewis entertained the Lodge.

**20 January 1923** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. Bro. Jones, G. C. T., visited the Lodge and gave an address. Sisters L. & C. Ballard gave a duet.

**27 January 1923** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last.

**3 February 1923** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. Bro. T. Walters was responsible for the programme.

**17 February 1923** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. The topic for the evening was 'Temperance Reform.'

**3 March 1923** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last.

**17 March 1923** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. The evening was devoted to discussion.

**24 March 1923** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. Bro. T. Walters presided. Bro. Lewis gave a very interesting reading and solos were given by Bro. Walters.

**7 April 1923** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. Bro. Isaac Evans, the district secretary, gave a paper entitled 'Life and How to Live It.'

**14 April 1923** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. The programme which included 'Incidents in Daily Life,' and a poem entitled 'The Convicts Reform,' was given by Sister Ballard Davies. Bros. Payne, D. Jones, T. Lewis and Sister Jones took part in the discussion.

**21 April 1923** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. Bro. Payne read a chapter from 'The Pearly Gates.'

**28 April 1923** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. Bro. S. Lewis presided. The programme for the evening was "Ode Practice." Bro. T. Walters was responsible for the meeting which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

**5 May 1923** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last.

**12 May 1923** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. Bro. T. Lewis presided. 'Building up Manhood,' was the subject of a paper given by Bro. Richards of Merthyr.

**19 May 1923** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. Bro. S. Lewis presided. The programme was 'A Humorous Evening,' Sisters B. Ballard Davies and L. Ballard taking part.

**26 May 1923** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge. The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last week, when the programme was 'A Recital.' Bro. Thomas Walters and Sister Lydia Ballard were responsible. Each contributor gave an excellent rendering.

**2 June 1923** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge. The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. Sister S. Lewis presided. The subject for the evening was 'The Triumph of Woman in Art, Music and Travel,' Sister B. Davies being responsible.

**9 June 1923** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. Miss M. A. Williams, Headmistress, Graig, Bedlinog, was responsible for the programme. Miss Williams read an entertaining paper entitled 'The Moving Finger Writes, and having writ, moves on.'

**16 June 1923** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. A gramophone entertainment was given by Sister M. Jones.

**23 June 1923** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. The Troedrhiwfuwch Lodge entertained.

**21 July 1923** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. Sister S. Lewis, Chief Templar, presided. The evening was set apart for Biblical question.

**28 July 1923** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. The programme was a paper by Sister B. Ballard, and this was much enjoyed by all present.

**4 August 1923** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. The programme was 'Recitation Night for Volunteers.'

**11 August 1923** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge. The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. Short readings were given by Bros. L. Rowlands, S. Lewis, and T. Lewis.

**18 August 1923** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. An excellent miscellaneous programme was given.

**25 August 1923** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. Sister S. Lewis presided. Bedlinog Lodge was due to entertain, but, owing to the bad weather, they were unable to turn up. Instead, Bro. W. Jones, who was on a visit from Deri, addressed the meeting.

**1 September 1923** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. Brother and Sister Lewis entertained the Lodge.

**8 September 1923** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. Sister S. Lewis presided. The programme for the evening was 'Riddles' - all having to respond.

**15 September 1923** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. The brothers and sisters of Bargoed Lodge entertained with a musical programme.

**22 September 1923** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. Brother T. Walters presided. The programme for the evening was 'All Responsible.' Bro. T. Walters gave two pianoforte solos, Sister L. Ballard and Bros. L. Evans and Emrys Jenkins gave a song, Bro. Prosser, Bargoed, an address and a monologue. Bro. T. Walters ended the evening with a solo.

**29 September 1923** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. Brother T. Walters presided. The programme for the evening was 'Spelling B,' Bro. T. Lewis being responsible.

**13 October 1923** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last, when Sister Lewis took the chair. Bro. Williams, Troedrhiwfuwch, was responsible for the programme. A number of the Troedrhiwfuwch members helped him. Sister Ward was the pianist for the evening. The programme was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. Bros. S. Lewis, C. Payne and T. Walters thanked them for entertaining the lodge. The meeting was closed in the usual manner.

**20 October 1923** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last, presided over by Bro. Sam Lewis. A paper entitled "The French Revolution" was read by Mr. Cyril Evans.

**27 October 1923** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. Bro. Lewis presided. Brithdir Lodge was unable to attend due to the bad weather. Sister Mary Jones filled the gap with gramophone entertainment.

**3 November 1923** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. Sister S. Lewis presided. Sister Lewis gave a reading entitled 'Getting up in the Morning,' and Bro. Lewis a reading entitled 'Cheerfulness in the Homes.'

**10 November 1923** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. Sister S. Lewis presided. Bro. Lewis gave a reading entitled 'The Diary of Daniel Quorn.'

**17 November 1923** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. Sister S. Lewis presided. Sister B. Ballard was responsible for the programme of two readings, namely, an extract from 'David Copperfield,' and 'The Invention of Roast Pig.'

**17 November 1923** Church in Wales Temperance Society A Band of Hope in connection with the juvenile section of the above was started with the children at St. Mary's Church on Wednesday evening, when quite a number of children were enrolled. For the present, it is intended to meet every Wednesday evening at 5.30, when the children will be instructed and different classes formed. The Vicar, Rev. S. Evans, Mr. J. Lloyd Jones, secretary, and Mr. W. N. Hughes were in charge.

**24 November 1923** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. Brother S. Lewis presided. The programme was 'Humourous Evening.' The following members took part: Bro. L. Evans, solo; Bro. T. Lawrence, Bro. S. Lewis, Bro. C. Payne. Sister B. Ballard, sister M. Jones and Sister M. Ballard. The evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

**1 December 1923** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. Brother S. Lewis presided. The programme for the evening was 'Ode Practice.' Bro. T. Walters was responsible.

**8 December 1923** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. The programme was 'Juveniles to Entertain.'

**22 December 1923** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. Bro. Lewis took the chair. The programme for the evening was "Readings," the following taking part: Sister M. Ballard on "Angling," Bro. T. Lewis on "Courage," and to wind up the entertainment, Bro. L. Evans gave a solo, "Dyma Feibl Anwyl Iesu." The meeting was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. Bro. Payne, Bro. Walter, and Bro. Jones thanked those who had taken part.

**29 December 1923** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last, when Sister Lewis took the chair. Bro. T. Lewis gave a reading entitled 'Glad Tidings,' and Bro. Jones and Sister Lewis also spoke.

**5 January 1924** I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw A meeting was held at Carmel Vestry, Sister S. Lewis taking the chair. The following took part in the programme: S. Lewis, T. Lawrence, L. Evans, C. Davies, Sisters C. Thomas, M. Jones and Lewis.

**12 January 1924** Temperance Veteran Honoured by Fellow Workers: Mr. Henry Charles Payne On Thursday evening last, a representative gathering assembled at Carmel Vestry to do honour to a faithful stalwart of the cause of temperance, in the person of Mr. Henry Charles Payne. For the last 36 years, he has been faithfully associated with the cause of temperance, having held all the offices in the Rhumney Valley District of the I.O.G.T., and also offices in the Grand Lodge of Wales, positions he has filled with distinction. Mr. Payne recently celebrated his golden wedding and is still hale and hearty. He is also active in other spheres of life being vicar's warden of the parish. The presentation took the form of a beautifully illuminated address and a handsome inscribed clock. Bro. Williams, D.C.T., Bargoed, presented the address and Bro. Thomas Lewis the clock. A short musical



programme was then given as follows: pianoforte solo - Bro. T. Walters; solo - Bro. Latimer Evans; recitation - Bro. T. Walters, followed by a number of short addresses.

**19 January 1924** I.O.G.T. On Thursday last, a pleasant evening was spent at Carmel Vestry for the noble work of Good Templary. Sister Lewis opened the meeting. The programme for the evening was a reading by Bro. S. Lewis entitled "God in common life." The reading was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. Bro. Lewis was heartily thanked, and the meeting was closed in prayer by the Chaplain.

**26 January 1924** I.O.G.T. 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge A meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. Sister Lewis took the chair. The programme for the evening was in the hands of Bros. T. Lawrence and E. Lewis. Bro. Lawrence read a paper on 'The Life of John Hampden,' and Bro. Lewis a paper on 'Alcohol.' The Bros. were heartily thanked by Bros. T. Lewis, S. Lewis, C. Payne, L. Evans and Sisters M. Lewis, M. Jones, C. Jones and M. Ballard. The meeting was closed in prayer.

**2 February 1924** I.O.G.T. 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge A meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday, Bro. T. Lewis in the chair. Sister Mary Jones was responsible for a programme of gramophone entertainment.

**9 February 1924** I.O.G.T. 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge A meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. The programme was given by Bro. T. Lewis.

**23 February 1924** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. Sister Lewis presided. The programme for the evening was a paper by Bro. Griff Thomas, Rhymney, entitled "Immortality." It was a very deep subject to speak upon, but it was well done and thoroughly enjoyed by all present. Bros. T. Lewis, C. Payne, D. Jones and S. Lewis commented upon the paper, and Bro. Thomas was heartily thanked for the entertaining evening he had provided. The meeting was closed by singing.

**1 March 1924** I.O.G.T. 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge A meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. Sister Lewis presided. The programme was 'A Musical Evening,' the following taking part: Bro. G. Lewis - solo; Sister L. Ballard - solo; Sister B. Ballard - pianoforte solo; a chorus by the members.

**8 March 1924** Temperance Meeting A meeting of the St. Mary's Branch of the Church in Wales Temperance Society was held on Wednesday when Mr. Charles Payne gave a very eloquent address on 'Temperance.' Mr. J. Lloyd Jones also commented from the society's text book, 'The Formation of Character,' and was ably assisted by Mr. Harold Harris.

**8 March 1924** I.O.G.T. 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge A meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. Bro. S. Lewis presided. The programme for the evening was 'Temperance Topical Talks.'

**8 March 1924** Temperance Meeting A meeting of the St. Mary's Branch of the Church in Wales Temperance Society was held on Wednesday when Mr. Charles Payne gave a very eloquent address on 'Temperance.' Mr. J. Lloyd Jones also commented from the society's text book, 'The Formation of Character,' and was ably assisted by Mr. Harold Harris.

**15 March 1924** I.O.G.T. 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge An excellent evening was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday in commemoration of St. David's Day. It was a Welsh night throughout. The following took part: Bro. T. Walters; Bro. S. Lewis; Bro. L. Evan; Miss Lewis; Bro. L. Rowlands; Sister B. Ballard; Bro. D. Jones.

**22 March 1924** I.O.G.T. 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge The meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. Bro. S. Lewis presided. The following members took part in the programme: Bros. C. Payne, S. Lewis, L. Evans, T. Lawrence, E. Lewis, and Sisters E. Lewis, Jones and B. Ballard.

**29 March 1924** I.O.G.T. 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. Bro. S. Lewis presided. The programme was entitled 'Curiosity,' and the following members took part: Sisters Lewis, B. Ballard, M. Ballard, Bros. Lewis, T. Lawrence, S. Lewis and C. Payne.

**5 April 1924** I.O.G.T. 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. The young members of the lodge were responsible for the programme,

the following contributing: Sisters B. Ballard, M. Ballard and L. Ballard; Bros. L. Rowlands and L. Evans.

**12 April 1924** I.O.G.T. 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. Sister Lewis took the chair. The programme for the evening - 'Young Members to Entertain' - was excellently carried out, the following taking part: Bros. Leyshon Rowlands, S. Lewis and Latimer Evans.

**26 April 1924** I.O.G.T. 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. The programme for the evening was a debate: 'Should the Egyptian Mummies be Disturbed?' Sister B. Ballard led the debate in the affirmative, and Sister B. Thomas the negative.

**3 May 1924** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. During the evening a very edifying paper entitled "What is Freedom?" was read by Sister Bessie Ballard. Brothers S. & T. Lewis spoke on the paper. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Sister Ballard, proposed by Sister C. Walters, and seconded by Bro. C. Payne. A most enjoyable evening was brought to a close in the usual way.

**10 May 1924** I.O.G.T. 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. The new Chief Templar, Miss Ballard, was welcomed to the chair by the members. A splendid paper 'The Beauty of Nature,' was then read by Bro. T. J. Jones.

**24 May 1924** I.O.G.T. "Star of Fochriw" Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday.

**31 May 1924** I.O.G.T. 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. A large number of juveniles also attended to celebrate the birthday of Bro. Charles Payne, lodge deputy at Fochriw, and treasurer of the National Juvenile Council of Grand Lodges. Bro. Payne is now in his 73rd year and has travelled all over the country in the cause of temperance. A full programme of entertainment was given by both adult and juvenile members.

**7 June 1924** I.O.G.T. 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. Sister B. Ballard presided and gave a paper.

**14 June 1924** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. Sister B. Ballard presided. The programme for the evening was a "Welcome Home to Sister C. Ballard," the following taking part: pianoforte solo, Bro. T. Walters; solos, Bro. L. Evans and L. Rowlands, Bro. S. Lewis; readings, Sisters Lewis and Jones. Bro. Payne and Bro. T. Lewis thanked all who had taken part.

**21 June 1924** I.O.G.T. 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. The programme was given by Bro. and Sister Walters.

**28 June 1924** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. Sister Ballard took the chair. The programme for the evening was a paper by Bro. L. Evans entitled, "The Way of Life." this was an excellent paper, simple and very instructive. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all present, and he was heartily thanked for his pains in preparing it. After the reading of the paper, the members enjoyed themselves in the translating of English to Welsh and vice versa. Bro. Payne and Bro. Lewis proposed and seconded a hearty vote of thanks to all who had taken part.

Our Great Summer Sale commences Friday, July 4th - R.T. Jones & Co., Merthyr.

**5 July 1924** I.O.G.T. 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. The programme for the evening was a Welsh reading by Bro. Wm. Jones of Deri.

**19 July 1924** I.O.G.T. 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. The Bedlinog lodge provided the programme for the evening.

**2 August 1924** I.O.G.T. 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. Sister Ballard presided. The programme was a debate on capital punishment. The main speakers were from Rhymney and Pontlottyn.

**9 August 1924** I.O.G.T. 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. Sister Ballard took the chair, and gave two readings from works by Carlyle and Ruskin. The readings were thoroughly enjoyed by all present. Bros. Payne,

Lewis, Jones and Sister Jones commented upon the readings, and Sister Ballard was heartily thanked.

**16 August 1924** I.O.G.T. 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge The weekly meeting of the Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. Sister B. Ballard presided. The programme for the evening was "A Night with Ella Wheeler Wilcox," Sister S. Lewis being responsible. The paper was thoroughly enjoyed by all present, and poems were read by Bros. T. & S. Lewis, and also by Sister C. Thomas

**30 August 1924** I.O.G.T. 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. A musical programme was presented by the following contributors: Bros. Walters, Thomas, S. Lewis, D. Jones, and Sisters C. and L. Ballard.

**6 September 1924** I.O.G.T. 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. Sister Ballard presided over a programme entitled 'Questions.'

**20 September 1924** I.O.G.T. A very pleasant evening was spent at the "Star of Fochriw" on Thursday evening. Sister Ballard presided. The programme for the evening was a humorous one, Bro. Lewis being responsible. Bro. Lewis with Sister Mrs. Lewis, gave an excellent entertainment. There were several visitors present who expressed their appreciation of the programme. The D.C.T. was called to address the meeting. Bro. Payne, Bro. Jones, and some of the visitors, thanked Bro. & Sister Lewis for their excellent programme.

**27 September 1924** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. Sister B. Ballard presided. The programme was "Tableaux," Sisters S. Thomas and Ballard being responsible. Bros. Lewis & Payne addressed the meeting. Sister Lewis proposed and Bro. Jones seconded a hearty vote of thanks to all who assisted.

**4 October 1924** I.O.G.T. 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. Sister B. Ballard presided over a programme given by Bro. Payne.

**11 October 1924** I.O.G.T. 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. Sister Ballard presided over a programme given by members of the Troedrhifwuch lodge.

**18 October 1924** I.O.G.T. 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. The programme was entitled 'Short Tales by Sisters,' the Sisters of the lodge contributing.

**25 October 1924** I.O.G.T. 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. The programme was 'Impromptu Speeches.' First prize went to Sister S. Lewis, second prize to Bro. Jones.

**1 November 1924** I.O.G.T. 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. The juvenile section entertained the meeting.

**8 November 1924** I.O.G.T. 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. Sisters C. Ballard and C. Thomas presented the programme.

**15 November 1924** I.O.G.T. 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. Sister B. Ballard presided. Bros. C. Payne, Jones and Lewis took part. There were three visitors present from Troedrhifwuch, each taking part in the programme. Bro. t. Lewis gave a short address.

**13 December 1924** I.O.G.T. A meeting was held on Thursday of the executive members of the Rhymney and District Lodge. The chairman was Bro. Williams. Three members - Bros. Payne & S. & T. Lewis received the district degree.

**27 December 1924** I.O.G.T. 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. Sister Ballard presided. The programme for the evening was entitled 'Peace and Goodwill,' with the following taking part: Bros. C. Payne, Sam Lewis, D. Jones and Sisters Ballard.

**17 January 1925** I.O.G.T. Another pleasant evening was spent at Carmel Vestry last Thursday. The programme was "Spelling B." Bro. D. Jones presided. Sister C. Ballard was responsible for the programme, and did her work very well. The winner was Bro. T. Lewis. Bros. Payne and Jones spoke a few words. The meeting was closed in prayer by the Chaplain.

**24 January 1925** I.O.G.T. 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. The evening was given over to a selection of gramophone music.

**24 January 1925** I.O.G.T. 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday, Sister Beryl Ballard presiding. The programme for the evening was a paper by Bro. G. Lewis entitled 'The Life and Works of Mr Bliss.' The meeting closed by singing 'Hold the Fort,' one of Mr Bliss's hymns.

**31 January 1925** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last, Sister B. Ballard presiding. The programme for the evening was a paper by Bro. G. Lewis entitled "The Life and Work of Mr. Bliss." Bro. Payne proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Bro. Lewis, and Bro. Jones seconded. The meeting was closed by singing "Hold the Fort," one of Mr. Bliss's hymns.

**7 February 1925** I.O.G.T. 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. The following took part in the programme: Bros. Payne, S. Lewis, T. Lewis and Jones.

**14 February 1925** I.O.G.T. 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. The programme was a presentation to Brother and Sister Thomas on the occasion of their wedding. The meeting was opened by Bro. Walters with a pianoforte solo. This was followed by a humorous reading by Sister Lewis entitled 'Husbands and Wives.' Bro. Lewis gave a solo followed by a reading by Sister B. Ballard. Bro. Payne then spoke and also presented the couple with a set of stainless knives. Bro. Walters gave a second solo, followed by Sister Thomas singing 'Down upon the Swanee River.'

**21 February 1925** I.O.G.T. 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. Bargoed Lodge members entertained the gathering.

**28 February 1925** I.O.G.T. 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. An excellent paper was read by Sister Mary Jones entitled 'Wordsworth and his Friends.'

**7 March 1925** I.O.G.T. 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. Bro. Thomas Lewis presided. The programme for the evening was impromptu speeches. The different subjects were: coal, books, houses and a locomotive engine. Sister C. Ballard, Bros. Lewis, T. Lawrence and I. Thomas took part.

**14 March 1925** I.O.G.T. Function A pleasant evening was spent at Carmel Vestry on March 4<sup>th</sup> to keep the old custom of Gwyl Dewi by the members of the 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge. Bro. Samuel Jones was responsible for the programme and Bro. Thomas Lewis took the chair. Members gave individual contributions, but the feature of the evening was the performance of a drama in which the following took part: Bros. T. Walters, Lewis and Evans, and Sisters Lewis and Ballard.

**28 March 1925** I.O.G.T. 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. Sister Ballard presided. Bro. T. Lawrence read a paper entitled 'The Life of John Bunyan,' and Bro E. Lewis on 'Reaping the Whirlwind.'

**11 April 1925** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. Sister B. Ballard presided. The programme for the evening was Troedrhifwch Lodge to entertain. An excellent programme was given, and all thoroughly enjoyed themselves. A few words of thanks were given by the members, and the lodge was closed in due form.

**18 April 1925** I.O.G.T. 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. Sister Ballard presided. Bro. L. Evans read a paper entitled 'The Way, the Truth and the Light,'

**25 April 1925** I.O.G.T. 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. Sister Ballard presided.

**9 May 1925** I.O.G.T. 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. Sister Ballard was in the chair. The programme for the evening was 'All to Respond.'

**16 May 1925** I.O.G.T. 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. Sister B. Ballard presided. The programme was 'The Cobweb,' Sister C. Ballard being responsible. It was a new programme and also a very good one.

**23 May 1925** I.O.G.T. 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. Sister Ballard presided. Officers for the quarter were installed by Bro. Payne. Sister M. Jones presented a selection on gramophone.

**13 June 1925** I.O.G.T. 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. A programme of recitations, readings and solos was given by the members.

**27 June 1925** I.O.G.T. The Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday, Bro. D. Jones presiding. A paper was read by Bro. Evan Davies on "The Panama Canal." Bro. T. Lewis proposed, and Bro. Jones seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to Bro. Davies.

**4 July 1925** I.O.G.T. 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. Bro. D. Jones presided. Sister B. Ballard read a paper.

**18 July 1925** I.O.G.T. 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. Troedrhwiwfwch Lodge entertained.

**25 July 1925** I.O.G.T. 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. Bro. Jones presided. The programme was 'Practice Night,' Bro. T. Walters being responsible.

**1 August 1925** I.O.G.T. 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. The programme was entitled 'Question Night,' and all members present took part.

**8 August 1925** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. Bro. Jones presided. A pianoforte solo was given by Bro. F. Walters, and Bro. S. Lewis gave a solo. The following also took part: violin solo, Sister Mary Morgan; solo, Howel Thomas; pianoforte solo, B. Ballard; duet, Bro. & Sister Walters; violin solo, Sister Morgan; solo, C. Ballard; pianoforte solo, Sister Nesta Evans; solo, C. Walters; pianoforte solo, Bro. T. Walters. A vote of thanks was proposed by Bro. T. Walters, seconded by Bro. Payne.

**15 August 1925** I.O.G.T. 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. Bro. D. Jones presided. The programme for the evening was 'Topical Talks,' and the subject chosen was 'Water.' All present took part.

**22 August 1925** I.O.G.T. 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. Bro. Thomas Walters presided. The programme included a reading of a chapter from 'Pilgrim's Progress,' by Br. Walters.

**29 August 1925** I.O.G.T. 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. Bro D. Jones presided. The choir had a practice and two visitors from Bristol spoke a few words of encouragement to the Lodge.

**5 September 1925** I.O.G.T. 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. Bro. D. Jones presided. The programme was 'A Musical Evening,' with most members making contributions.

**12 September 1925** I.O.G.T. 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. Sister C. Thomas gave a paper.

**19 September 1925** I.O.G.T. 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. Members of the Bargoed Lodge provided the evenings entertainment.

**26 September 1925** I.O.G.T. 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. The programme was a musical evening, with Sister Ballard presiding.

**3 October 1925** I.O.G.T. 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. The programme was a concert which proved to be excellent. The following contributed: violin solo - Sister M. Morgan; tenor solo - Bro. Evans; recitation - Bro. T. Walters; baritone solo - Bro. Howell Thomas; sketch 'Love and War;' violin solo - Sister Morgan; recitation - Bro. Thomas; tenor solo - Bro. Leyshon Rowlands; violin solo -

Sister Morgan; contralto solo - Sister C. Ballard; sketch - 'The Misleading Diary.' Bro. Payne presided.

**10 October 1925** I.O.G.T. 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. The programme for the evening was 'Topical Talks on the Poetry of Flowers.' Sister Ballard presided.

**17 October 1925** I.O.G.T. 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. Bro. T. Lewis presided. The programme for the evening consisted of readings by Sisters M. Morgan and B. Ballard.

**24 October 1925** I.O.G.T. 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. The programme was given by Sister Lucas of Merthyr, who spoke about Joseph Dairner, the Roman Catholic priest.

**31 October 1925** I.O.G.T. Another very pleasant evening was spent at Carmel Vestry last Thursday, Bro. S. Lewis presiding. The programme for the evening was, "All to Respond." The following took part: solos, Bro. L. Rowlands and L. Evans; reading, Bro. G. Evans; violin solo with clapper, Bro. H. Thomas & Sister Mary Morgan; reading, Bro. W. Rees; recitation, Sister Nesta Evans. Bro. T. Lewis proposed, and Bro. Payne seconded, a very hearty vote of thanks to all who took part.

**7 November 1925** I.O.G.T. 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. Two short addresses were given, the first by Bro. E. Davies, 'The Worth of a Penny;' the other, by Bro. L. Evans, 'The Right Spirit.'

**14 November 1925** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry last Thursday. The programme was as follows: solo, Bro. T. Walters; violin solo, Sister M. Morgan; pianoforte solo (with clappers), Bros. I. Walters and H. Thomas; solo, Bro. L. Rowlands; piano and violin solo, Bro. T. Walters and Sister Morgan. Bro. Evan Davies proposed, and Sister Ballard seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to all who had performed.

**21 November 1925** I.O.G.T. 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. Sister Ballard presided. Bro. Payne installed the officers, and the programme was a paper by Bro. Howell Thomas.

**5 December 1925** I.O.G.T. 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. A paper was read by Mr. Thomas J. Jones, B. A., entitled 'The Spirit of Christmas.'

**12 December 1925** I.O.G.T. 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. An address was given by Rev. Ieuan Evans.

**19 December 1925** I.O.G.T. 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. Bro. C. Davies presided. The programme was 'Round Table Talks,' with most members contributing.

**9 January 1926** I.O.G.T. Another very pleasant evening was spent at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. Brother Evan Davies presided. The programme for the evening was "Question Night." All the members present took part in this edifying and amusing programme. The meeting was closed by the singing of "Heavenly Father, Give Thy Blessing."

**16 January 1926** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. Bros. H. Thomas and E. Davies were the presidents. The following took part: solo, Nesta Evans; recitation, G. P. Lewis; solo, Olga Chapman; solo, Megan Morris; solo, R. Price; recitation, M. Evans; solo, E. Davies; pianoforte solo and clappers, Nesta Evans and H. Thomas; recitation, Rita Cole; Jazz Band; solo, M. Jenkins; solo, M. Pritchard; recitation, M. Ballard; solo, C. Cole; recitation, B. Williams; solo, A. Dummett; solo, W. Rees; solo, T. Morgan; Jazz Band; solo, Richard Price. Bro. T. Lewis proposed, and Bro. Walters seconded a hearty vote of thanks to all who had taken part.

**23 January 1926** I.O.G.T. An excellent concert was held at Carmel Vestry last Thursday by the members of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge. Bro. T. Lewis presided. The following took part: solos, Sisters C. & L. Ballard, Bros. L. Rowlands & Howell Thomas; recitations, Sister B. Davies. Following this was a drama entitled "The Toilers,"

written by Bro. Evan Davies, chief templar. The following took part: Bros. E. Davies, L. Rowlands, T. Lawrence, L. Evans, H. Thomas, G. Evans, E. Lewis, G. Thomas, Sisters May Cook, M. L. Thomas, M. Jones.

**30 January 1926** I.O.G.T. Bro T. Walters was responsible for the programme, and read a biography of Haydn, the famous musician. The interest was strengthened by selections on the piano.

**6 February 1926** I.O.G.T. Another enjoyable evening was spent at Carmel Chapel on Thursday last in the form of a miniature eisteddfod. Br. Evan Davies presided, and the adjudicators were: music – Mr. D. J. Thomas; elocution - Bro. S. Lewis. Awards: soprano solo, Sister C. Ballard; recitation, Sister Helena Rees; impromptu speech, Bro. E. Davies; tenor solo, Bro. L. Rowlands; boys' solo, R. T. Price; duet, C. & B. Ballard; contralto solo, Sister C. Ballard.

**20 February 1926** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday, when Bro. E. Davies presided. The officers were elected and installed. Sister Lewis gave a reading, and Bros. T. Lewis and T. Walters commented on the subject, at the same time proposing a hearty vote of thanks to Sister Lewis.

**27 February 1926** I.O.G.T. The programme for the evening was "Topical Talks," entitled "Lodge Drill." Bro. Lewis thanked all who took part.

**6 March 1926** I.O.G.T. Bro. E. Davies presided over the meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. The programme was the rehearsal of the sacred cantata "Abraham," under the conductorship of Bro. Thomas Walters. The tenors were Bros. L. Evans and T. Walters; bass, Wm. Angell; soprano, Sister C. Walters; contralto, Sister C. Ballard.

**20 March 1926** I.O.G.T. A very interesting paper was read by Bro. Bevan at the Star of Fochriw Lodge at Carmel Vestry on Thursday, Bro. E. Davies presiding. The subject of the readings was: "Modern Thought, Modern Life and Modern Religion," and it contained many facts which cannot be denied, and was the cause of an interesting discussion. There were several visitors from the Pontlottyn and Bargoed, and they joined the discussion.

**3 April 1926** I.O.G.T. A very enjoyable evening was spent at Carmel vestry by members of the lodge last Thursday, when the Pontlottyn Lodge entertained. Brother Woods of Pontlottyn presided.

**10 April 1926** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of the Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel vestry on the Thursday. Brother Thomas Lewis presided. The programme was "Humorous Evening," Brother Samuel Lewis being responsible. Brother Lewis gave two readings entitled "The Gravedigger" and "Excursion to Wembley." Brother Samuels, Troedrhiwfwuch, gave a few words of encouragement to the lodge.

**17 April 1926** I.O.G.T. The programme for the evening was a paper entitled "My ideal life and the possibility of its attainment," by Brother Evan Davies. It was an excellent paper, well planned and well thought out. Comments were made by Bros. G. & T. Lewis, D. Jones, Walters and Payne. A hearty vote of thanks was given to Bro. Davies.

**24 April 1926** I.O.G.T. A very enjoyable evening was spent at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last by the members and visitors of the Star of Fochriw Lodge. The chief Templar, Brother E. Davies, presided over the meeting. The programme was an "Instrumental Evening," Brother Thomas Walters being responsible. Brother Walters opened at the programme with an excellent pianoforte solo, followed by a violin solo, "The Evening Bell," by Sister Mary Morgan. Next came other excellent pianoforte solos from Brother Walters, and a further solo from Sister Morgan. A solo from Bro. Walters

**1 May 1926** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel vestry on Thursday last. Brother E. Davies presided. The programme for the evening was a lecture by Sister Thomas, Penywern, on "Temperance Talks." Sister Thomas also addressed the juveniles.

cluded the programme.

**8 May 1926** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last, when Brother E. Davies presided. The programme for the evening was a paper "My idea life and the possibility of its attainment," by Sister Bessie Ballard.

**22 May 1926** Star of Fochriw The weekly meeting of the Lodge was held at Carmel vestry on Thursday last. Brother E. Davies presided. The programme for the evening was "Humorous Evening," the following taking part: Brothers E. Davies, S. Lewis, Windsor Rees, T. Walters, Sisters Bessie Ballard, and C. and B. Ballard.

**29 May 1926** Star of Fochriw Lodge Great was the discussion that followed the reading of the paper by Brother Higgs, Deri, on "My ideal life and the possibilities of its attainment," which took place at the Lodge room. Although this was the third paper on the subject to be read at the meetings, the subject was far from exhausted, and the members showed their appreciation.

**5 June 1926** I.O.G.T. The proceedings took the form of a "Question Night." The questions varied a great deal - from biblical questions to humorous conundrums.

**12 June 1926** I.O.G.T. The members of the Star of Fochriw Lodge were entertained by the members of the Bedlinog Lodge on Thursday at Carmel vestry. Brother Lewis proposed, and Sister Ballard seconded, a vote of thanks to the members of the Bedlinog Lodge for an excellent entertainment.

**12 June 1926** I.O.G.T. At the annual conference at Abercynon, Brother Charles Payne, Fochriw, was appointed Chief Sentinel of the Order. Mr. Payne has rendered excellent service to the I.O.G.T. in South Wales, and was for many years Chief Templar for the Rhymney Valley, a post he still holds in an honorary capacity.

**19 June 1926** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held at Carmel on Thursday last, when Brother William Jones, Deri, presided. A paper was read by Brother Howell Thomas entitled "Joseph sold into Egypt."

**3 July 1926** I.O.G.T. Bro. E. Davies presided. The following took part: Bros. S. Lewis, G. Thomas, T. Walters, Sister B. Ballard.

**10 July 1926** I.O.G.T. Bro. Davies presided over a programme conducted by Bro. Jones, Deri.

**17 July 1926** I.O.G.T. A short address was given by Bro. Payne; readings from Ruskin and Carlyle by Sister B. Ballard; a recitation "Thou Knowest" by Sister N. Jenkins; a reading "Playing Second Fiddle" by Bro. D. Jones.

**31 July 1926** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge took place on Thursday, when Brother E. Davies presided. Brothers T. Walters and L. Rowlands, and Sisters Nesta Evans and Ceinwen Cole took part.

**7 August 1926** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Lodge was held at Carmel. The programme for the evening was a paper by Sister S. Lewis on "My ideal life, and the possibilities of attaining it." It was the fourth paper on the subject in the last six months, but nevertheless, it was quite different from the preceding three. It showed the different aims of different people in life. Mrs. Lewis was heartily thanked for her excellent paper by Bro. J. Williams, seconded by Bro. T. Lewis.

**14 August 1926** I.O.G.T. The programme for the evening was "Topical Talks," and it was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Short addresses were given by Brothers Payne and Lewis. The meeting closed with prayer.

**4 September 1926** I.O.G.T. The members of the Star of Fochriw Lodge met again at Carmel Chapel on Thursday last, when Brothers E. Davies presided. Brother Samuels, district chief Templar, was also present. A hearty reception was given to Mrs. Pike, an old member, now living in England, on her visit to the old Lodge. The programme for the evening was "Topical Talks on Flowers."

**11 September 1926** I.O.G.T. The members of the Lodge spent another enjoyable evening at Carmel Vestry on Thursday, when Bro. Evan Davies presided. The programme for the evening was "Surprise Night," Sister L. Ballard being responsible.

**18 September 1926** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held at Carmel Chapel on the Thursday last. Brother Evans Davies presided. The programme for the



evening was "Bible Stories," and these were given by Sisters M. Morgan, Nest Evans and Ceinwen Cole.

**25 September 1926** I.O.G.T. On Thursday last, Brother Evan Davies presided over the meeting of the Lodge. The programme was "Miscellaneous," Brother George, Abercanaid, being responsible.

**2 October 1926** I.O.G.T. The meeting of the Star of the Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel last Thursday, Brother William Jones presiding. A lecture was given by the Rev. Ieuan Evans.

**9 October 1926** I.O.G.T. At the Star of Fochriw meeting last Thursday, Brother Evan Davies presided. The programme was as follows: pianoforte solos, Brother Thomas Walters; solo, Sister N. Evans; solo, Brother L. Rowlands; solo, Brother Sam Lewis; solo, Brother L. Evans; solo, Sister Walters; solo, Sister C. Ballard; pianoforte solo, Sister N. Evans

**16 October 1926** I.O.G.T. Quite a gloom was cast over the meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge on Thursday last, owing to the sudden death of Brother Thomas Lewis, a pioneer of the temperance cause at Fochriw. Brother Payne, a co-worker of Brother Lewis, expressed his grief at the sad event. Brother Lewis had been a member of the order for 22 years, and he will be greatly missed. A vote of sympathy was passed with the bereaved family.

**23 October 1926** I.O.G.T. Bro. Wm. Jones, Deri, presided. Bro. Dd. Jones gave a short reading. The meeting closed in prayer.

**30 October 1926** I.O.G.T. Another meeting of the Lodge was held at Carmel on Thursday last, when Bro. T. Walters presided. The whole of the evening was taken up with discussion of business matters. Bros. D. Jones and Wm. Jones addressed the meeting briefly.

**6 November 1926** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Tuesday, Bro. Thomas Walters presiding. The members of the Juvenile Lodge entertained with solos, recitations, etc.

**13 November 1926** I.O.G.T. The programme for the evening was "Question Night," and all members took part. Bro. T. Walters presided.

**20 November 1926** I.O.G.T. Another of very pleasant evening was spent at Carmel Chapel on Thursday last, when Sister Ceinwen Ballard presided. The programme for the evening was "Poetry and Recitations," the following taking part: readings - Brothers Thomas Walters and G. Lewis; recitations - Brothers Gomer Evans, Howell Thomas, Leyshon Rowlands, Windsor Rees, Sisters Maggie Thomas, B. Ballard, and Nesta Evans.

**27 November 1926** I.O.G.T. Another meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Chapel on Thursday, Sister Ceinwen Ballard in the chair. Brother Howell Thomas read a paper on "The Truth as it should be."

**4 December 1926** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Lodge was held at Carmel Chapel on Thursday last, Sister Ceinwen Ballard taking the chair. Troedrhwiwfwch friends entertained the gathering.

**11 December 1926** I.O.G.T. A very pleasant evening was spent by the members of the Star of the Fochriw Lodge at Carmel Chapel last Thursday. Brother Latimer Evans presided. The programme for the evening was "Piano Recital," Brother Thomas Walters being responsible.

**18 December 1926** I.O.G.T. The programme for the evening was "Humorous Contributions," the following taking part: Sisters Nesta Evans, Beryl Ballard, Bessie Ballard, and Brother Payne.

**25 December 1926** I.O.G.T. A very pleasant evening was spent at Carmel Vestry last Thursday by members of the Lodge, Sister Ceinwen Ballard presiding. The programme for the evening was a gramophone entertainment, Sister Mary Jones being responsible.

**1 January 1927** International Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of the Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held on Thursday, Sister Ceinwen Ballard presiding. The following took part: readings - Brother Thomas Walters and Brother Payne; recitation and reading - Sister Bessie Ballard; duet, Sisters C. and B. Ballard.

**8 January 1927** I.O.G.T. Sister Ceinwen Ballard presided over the meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge on Thursday. Sister Bessie Ballard read a paper on "Progress."

**22 January 1927** I.O.G.T. The programme was "Unpunctuated Readings." After a very humorous competition, the winners were: English - 1. Bro. W. Rees; 2. Sister C. Thomas; Welsh - 1. Bro. S. Lewis; 2. Sister M. Morgan and Bro. W. Rees.

**29 January 1927** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening, Brother Wm. Jones presiding. The programme was a paper of the late Brother Thomas Lewis entitled "Pass it On." Brother Samuel Lewis read the paper.

**5 February 1927** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Society was held for at Carmel vestry on Thursday last, Sister C. Ballard presiding. The programme for the evening was a paper on "The life of Richard Price," given by the Rev. John Harris Jones, Deri.

**12 February 1927** I.O.G.T. The following took part: Sisters M. Jones and B. Ballard; Bro. S. Lewis.

**19 February 1927** I.O.G.T. The "Star of Fochriw" was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last, Sister C. Ballard presiding. The following took part: pianoforte solos, Bro. Walters; solo, C. Ballard; violin solos, Bro. Windsor Rees; pianoforte solos, Sister Beryl Ballard.

**26 February 1927** I.O.G.T. Bro. Thomas Walters presided at Carmel Vestry last Thursday. Sisters B. Ballard, Maggie Thomas, L. Rowlands, L. Evans, Mrs. S. Lewis and Nesta Evans contributed to the programme.

**5 March 1927** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw was held at Carmel vestry last Thursday, the Pontlloyn Lodge entertaining. Brother Lewis proposed, and Brother Payne seconded, a vote of thanks.

**12 March 1927** I.O.G.T. Sister C. Ballard presided over the weekly meeting. The following took part: readings - Brothers S. Lewis, W. Rees, Sisters Ballard and Evans; solo - Brother Samuel.

**19 March 1927** St. David's Day Concert: I.O.G.T. Held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last by members and officers of the Star of Fochriw Lodge. Brother S. Lewis, chairman, opened the evening with an address in Welsh, and the whole programme which followed was also in Welsh. The following took part: Sisters Nesta Evans, C. Ballard, M. Cook, M. Jones, B. & C. Ballard, M. Morgan, Mrs. Lewis, Bro. Rees, Sister Morgan and Bro. Walters.

**26 March 1927** I.O.G.T. A meeting of the Star of Fochriw was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last, when Sister C. Ballard presided. Brother Lewis gave two excellent readings.

**9 April 1927** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last, when Sister C. Ballard presided. The programme was a paper read by Sister S. Lewis entitled "Launch into the Deep." It provoked much discussion.

**16 April 1927** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting was held, Sister B. Ballard presiding. The meeting was closed by singing the usual ode.

**23 April 1927** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Lodge was held on Thursday, Sister C. Ballard presiding. The programme was "Question Night."

**7 May 1927** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw was held at Carmel Vestry last Thursday, Sister C. Ballard presiding. Brothers L. & G. Evans were responsible for programme. The following took part: solos, Brother Latimer Evans; pianoforte solo, Brother Thomas Walters; solo, Brother Leyshon Rowlands; pianoforte solo, Sister Nesta Evans; recitation, Brother Gomer Evans; dialogue, Brothers L. & G. Evans.

**14 May 1927** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry last Thursday, Brother Samuel Lewis presiding. The programme for the evening was "Juveniles Entertaining," the following taking part: Mona Ballard, Marion Gregory, Mavis Pritchard, James Lewis, Bethune Gregory, William Walters, Rosie Williams, Phyllis Davies, Megan Morris.

**21 May 1927** I.O.G.T. A very pleasant meeting was held at Carmel vestry by members of the Star of Fochriw last Thursday. Sister C. Ballard took the chair and the

following took part: solo, Brother Latimer Evans; pianoforte solo, Sisters Nesta Evans; solo, Brother Samuel Evans; reading, Sister Lewis; folk dance, Sisters Mary L. Thomas and Beryl Barnard; pianoforte solo, Brother Thomas Walters.

**28 May 1927** I.O.G.T. Sister C. Ballard presided over the weekly meeting. The programme was one of short readings given by the following: Sisters Mary Jones, Mary Thomas, and Beryl Ballard.

**4 June 1927** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting was held last Thursday, Sister Ceinwen Ballard presiding. The programme was given by Sisters Maggie Thomas, Ceinwen Ballard and Mary Jones.

**18 June 1927** I.O.G.T. A very pleasant evening was spent by the members of the Star of Fochriw at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last, when Sister B. Ballard took the chair. The programme for the evening was as follows: solo, Brother Latimer Evans; topical talk, "The Oak Tree;" readings, Brothers Charles Payne and Windsor Rees.

**25 June 1927** I.O.G.T. Sister C Ballard presided over the weekly meeting at Carmel on Thursday. Short papers were read by the following members: Sister M. Morgan, Brothers Lawrence and Henry Thomas.

**2 July 1927** I.O.G.T. Sister C. Ballard presided over the weekly meeting of the Lodge. In a debate on "Is dress an index of character?" Sister Lewis took the affirmative, and Brother Sam Lewis and negative. The latter was carried by 15 votes to 5. Both Brother and Sister Lewis were thanked for doing their work so well.

**9 July 1927** I.O.G.T. Sister C. Ballard presided over the weekly meeting. Brother Latimer Evans read a paper on "The Influence of the Star of Fochriw." Brother Gomer Evans also gave an excellent reading on the subject "Friends."

**16 July 1927** I.O.G.T. Sister C. Ballard presided over the weekly meeting. An impromptu speech competition was held, Sister Lewis being the adjudicator. Sister C. Ballard was the winner.

**23 July 1927** I.O.G.T. Sister C. Ballard took the chair. The following took part in the programme: solo, Brother Sam Lewis; reading, Sister B. Ballard; solo, Brother Thomas Walters; reading and recitation, Sister M. Morgan.

**30 July 1927** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last, when Sis. C Ballard presided. The programme was a miscellaneous one, the following taking part: pianoforte solo, Bro. Thomas Walters; reading, Sis. Jones on "Character;" solo, Sis. Ceinwen Ballard; solo, Bro. W. Walters; reading, Sis. Thomas; solos, Sis. Walters and Bro. Walters.

**6 August 1927** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last, Sister Ceinwen Ballard presiding. The election of officers took place and the following were appointed: chief Templar, Brother Thomas Walters; secretary, Brother Windsor Rees; assistant secretary, Sister Beryl Ballard. Brother Payne gave an excellent report of the district meeting. The programme for the evening was "Gleanings on the Quarter's Work." It was an excellent evening, and caused much discussion.

**13 August 1927** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held on the Thursday, when the Bedlinog Lodge entertained.

**27 August 1927** I.O.G.T. The programme was a musical evening, Brother Latimer Evans being responsible. The following took part: address, Brother Evans; pianoforte solo, Brother Thomas Walters; solo, M. Shankland; violin solos, W. Rees; solo, Brother L. Rowlands.

**3 September 1927** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday, Brother Thomas Walters presiding. The programme was "Impromptu Addresses," all members taking part. It was an excellent competition, and created much amusement. Brother J. Johnson was the winner with an address on "Milk." Sister Lewis was the adjudicator.

**3 September 1927** I.O.R. A tea party in connection with the Juvenile Tent of the Blodeuyn Dirwest (I.O.R.) was held at the Old Reading Room on Saturday. The tea was preceded by a procession through the village of the members of the Adult and Juvenile Tents and members of the Star of Fochriw Lodge (I.O.G.T.) who had been invited to

attend. The Deri Brass Band, under the conductorship of Mr. William Powell, headed the procession. The following were the tray holders and helpers: Mrs. Sam Lewis, Miss Bessie Ballard, Mrs. Tom Jenkins, Mrs. R. Parry, Mrs. John Lawrence, Mrs. James Lawrence, Mrs. R. Pugh, Miss Muriel Jones, Mrs. Howell Thomas, Mrs. H. Morgan, Mrs. S. Ballard, Mr. David Evans and Mr. Edward Parry.

**10 September 1927** I.O.G.T. Brother Thomas Walters presided. The programme was arranged by Brother Gomer Evans. The following took part: pianoforte solo, Brother T. Walters; reading, Brother I. Davies; solo, Brother L. Evans; violin solo, Sister Mary Morgan; reading, Sister B. Ballard; pianoforte solo, Sisters N. Evans.

**17 September 1927** I.O.G.T. Brother Thomas Walters presided over the weekly meeting of Lodge. The programme was a competition on the hymn by Francis Havengal, "Take my life and let it be." After a keen competition, the prize was divided between Sisters C. Thomas and Beryl Ballard.

**24 September 1927** I.O.G.T. The Lodge met at Carmel Vestry on Thursday, Brother Thomas Walters presiding. The following took part: solo, Bro. T. Walters; chapter, Sis. May Thomas; pianoforte solo, Bro. Walters; recitations, Willie Walters; mandoline solo, Bro. Henry Thomas; solo, Sister Walters; reading, Bro. H. Thomas; monologue, Bro. Walters; duet, Bro. and Sis. Walters.

**1 October 1927** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday and was presided over by the Sister C. Jones. A Welsh night was held and the following contributed to the programme: Brothers Thomas Walters, W. Angell Davies, L. Rowlands, S. Lewis, G. Evans, Trevor Lawrence, W. Rees, Sisters M. L. Thomas, M. Jones, and B. Ballard.

**8 October 1927** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held on Thursday, Brother Thomas Walters presiding. The programme for the evening was a reading given by Sister B. Ballard entitled "Count your blessings," and also a reading by Brother Samuel Lewis entitled "Borrowing." Brother Williams, D.C.T., also gave a paper on "Faith, Hope and Charity."

**15 October 1927** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel vestry on Thursday last. The programme for the evening was a "Devotional Night," the following taking part: Sisters C. Jones, Mrs. Jones, Nesta Evans and Bro. Charles Payne.

**22 October 1927** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held on Tuesday evening last, Sister Ballard presiding. Brothers Johnstone and Thomas were responsible for the programme. Brother Johnstone read an article entitled "Nature's tools and weapons," and Brother Thomas read a paper on "Youth."

**29 October 1927** I.O.G.T. Sister Mrs. Dd. Lewis was responsible for the programme. The following contributed during the evening: Brother Griff Morris, Sister Ceridwen Thomas.

**5 November 1927** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held at Carmel Chapel. The following contributed to the programme: Brothers Johnstone, Griff Thomas, W. A. Davies, H. Thomas, and Henry Thomas, Miss M. Morgan, Sister Ceinwen Ballard. A sketch entitled "Buttonhook" was very nicely performed by the young Sisters of the Order, and a sketch was also performed by the older sisters. Sisters C. Ballard and Brother W. A. Davies also sang. The Rhymney Valley Quarterly Meeting of the District was held at Carmel Vestry, and was presided over by Brother Prosser, in the absence of Brother Williams, who has joined the London Police Force.

**12 November 1927** I.O.G.T. The programme for the evening comprised short addresses. All present took part.

**19 November 1927** I.O.G.T. At the Star of Fochriw lodge on Tuesday evening, the following contributed: Sisters G. Jones, B. Ballard, C. Ballard, Brothers David Jones, H. Thomas, Sam Lewis and W Angell Davies. Sister C Ballard presided.

**26 November 1927** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held last Thursday evening, and was well attended. The Sisters were responsible for programme. The

following contributed: Sisters C. Ballard, B. Ballard, Evans, Brothers Charles Payne, Rees and Jones.

**3 December 1927** I.O.G.T. At the meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge on Thursday evening, Brother W. A. Davies was responsible for the programme. The following contributed solos: Sister Ballard, Brothers Thomas, Davies, Rowlands; readings, Brother Thomas and Sister Ballard; pianoforte solo, Brother Walters; quartettes, Brothers W. Davies, Berkley Davies, Leyshon Rowlands, Latimer Evans, Gomer Evans, and Sister Ballard.

**10 December 1927** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last and was well attended. During the evening, the members of the Juvenile Lodge entertained, and were very much enjoyed by the members of the adult Lodge. The following won prizes during the evening: Norman Thomas, Cissie Thomas, Doris Edwards and Olga Chapman.

**24 December 1927** I.O.G.T. At the Star of Fochriw Lodge at Carmel on Thursday. A paper was read by Bro. Williams of Troedrhifwuch, on "The Shadows of Christ."

**31 December 1927** I.O.G.T. Another splendid evening was spent at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last by the members and the visitors who were present. Brother Thomas Walters presided over the meeting, and the following took part in the programme: pianoforte solo, Brother Walters; solos, Brother Griffith Morris; readings, Sister B. Ballard; solos, Brothers Latimer Evans, Leyshon Rowlands. The evening closed with the singing of Christmas carols.

**7 January 1928** I.O.G.T. Brother Thomas Walters presided over the weekly meeting of the Lodge. The winner of the prize for the solo competition was Brother B. Davies. The winner of the recitation competition was Sister Beryl Ballard. The love letters were read to the amusement of the members, and Sister Ceinwen Ballard and Brother Lawrence shared the prize. The adjudicators were: music, Brother Thomas Walters; literature, Brothers G. Thomas and John Johnston.

**21 January 1928** I.O.G.T. The programme for the evening was very interesting, the following contributing: chairman's address; pianoforte solo, Miss M. Morgan; solo, Brother Johnson; sketch "The Village School" Richard Price; solo, Olga Chapman; recitation, Mimmie Lewis; sketch "Maggie's Basket;" pianoforte solo, Sister Megan Morris; recitation, Maggie Jenkins; pianoforte solo, Sister Nesta Evans; recitation, Jacky Davies. The whole concluded with a laughable sketch entitled "The Story of a Plum Pudding."

**28 January 1928** I.O.G.T. At the Star of Fochriw Lodge on Thursday evening, Mr. Thomas Walters presided. The following contributed to the programme: solos, Richard G. Price and Olga Chapman; recitations, Mattie Jenkins, Jackie Davies, Willie Walters; pianoforte solo, Brother T. Walters; an invitation, Sister M. Morgan accompanied by a chorus; sketch, "Maggie's Basket," Brother Gomer Evans taking his part well as Father Christmas. In a sketch entitled "The Old School," Miss Mary Morgan and Miss Nesta Evans and Miss Megan Morris took the main parts.

**4 February 1928** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel vestry on Thursday evening last. The programme for the evening was "A Welsh Night," the following taking part: Sisters Beryl Ballard, Bessie Barnard, Lewis, Brothers Sam Lewis, David Jones, Thomas Walters.

**11 February 1928** I.O.G.T. Brother Charles Payne installed the officers for the quarter.

**25 February 1928** I.O.G.T. The musical evening was arranged by Sister Mary Jones, who entertained members to gramophone selections.

**3 March 1928** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. Sisters Cole, Thomas and Evans were responsible for the programme. The following took part: Sisters M. Morris, Mary Morgan, Thomas, B. Ballard, N. Evans V. Thomas.

**17 March 1928** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel vestry on Thursday evening last. The programme for the evening was "A Welsh

Night," and the following contributed to a very fine programme: Sisters Lewis, M. L. Thomas, B. Ballard, M. Jones, N. Evans, Brothers T. Walters, W. Rees, and D. Jones.

**24 March 1928** I.O.G.T. A very interesting programme was contributed to by members of the Juvenile Lodge.

**31 March 1928** I.O.G.T. On Thursday evening, the weekly meeting of the lodge was held at Carmel vestry and was well attended. Mr. W. A. Davies presided. After the usual business, the ladies of the lodge presented "The trial of Antonia," from "The Merchant of Venice." The artistes displayed rare ability and gave a polished display. Sister Lewis is to be complemented on her fine production.

**7 April 1928** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held on Thursday last. The programme for the evening was arranged by Bro. Thomas Walters. The following took part: Bros. Walters, W. A. Davies, H. Thomas, M. Shankland, G. Thomas, B. Davies, G. Evans, L. Evans.

**21 April 1928** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the International Order of Grand Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening last. The programme for the evening was "Topical Talks," and the subjects of discourse were: "The I.O.G.T. - What it is and What it does," and "Prohibition." All members present took part.

**28 April 1928** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Lodge was held on Thursday. The evening was set apart for "Readings." Sisters Ballard, M. L. Thomas and Mary Morgan took part, and Brothers David Jones and H. Thomas commented on the readings.

**12 May 1928** I.O.G.T. The programme for the evening was "Everyone Responsible." The following responded: Brothers Walters, Lewis, David Jones, Griff Thomas, Davies, and Sister Ballard.

**19 May 1928** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening, presided over by Brother Charles Payne. The evening was set apart for a minstrel troupe, consisting of the members of the lodge, Brother Griff Thomas being responsible. The following contributed to a fine programme: Brother W. A. Davies (master of troop), solo, "Sweet Genevieve;" Brothers G. Thomas, B. Davies, (Sambo and Bones), duet, "John Wesley;" Bro. Sam Lewis (Ned), recitation, "Three Doctors;" Bro. Enoch Lewis (Pasties), speech, "Proverbs;" Bro. M. Shankland (Dixie), solo, "Poor Old Joe;" Bro. T. Walters (Julius), solo, "Laughing Song;" Sis. Beryl Ballard (Dinah), solo, "Lillabye;" Sister M. Ballard (Topsy), "Ukelele Dream Girl;" Sis. A. Ballard (Trixie), solo, "Yellow Rose of Texas;" Sis. Mary L. Thomas (Rosie), speech, "Babies;" Sis. Nesta Evans (Lulu), pianoforte solo and dance; Sis. Mary Morgan, violin solo; cross-talks with Bones, Sambo and Master; chorus "Nelly was a Lady," and "Swanee River." The troupe rendered "Hen Wlad fy Nhadau," to close a most enjoyable evening.

**26 May 1928** I.O.G.T. The musical troupe provided the programme and their acting and singing were much enjoyed.

**2 June 1928** I.O.G.T. The programme was a debate on "Adult Suffrage." The affirmative was taken by Sister Beryl Ballard and Brother Berkeley Davies, and the negative by Brother Sam Lewis and Brother Enoch Lewis. The following took part in the discussion: Sisters Bessie Ballard and M. A. Lewis, Brothers G. Payne and Windsor Rees.

**9 June 1928** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday last, Brother W. Davies presiding. Brother Davies was responsible for the programme, to which the following contributed: pianoforte solo, Brother Thomas Walters; readings, Sister Bessie Ballard; solos, Brothers W. A. Davies and B. Davies; recitation, Brother Thomas Walters.

**16 June 1928** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of Star of Fochriw was held on Thursday evening last. The evening was an educational one. The programme was a paper by Sister Bessie Ballard on the famous English poet, Lord Tennyson.

**23 June 1928** I.O.G.T. At the weekly meeting of the lodge, Brother Thomas Walters gave a recital and Brother Berkley Davies rendered a solo in very able manner.

**30 June 1928** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening last. The programme was a Welsh evening, the following contributing: Sister Catherine Jones, Brothers Sam Lewis, David Jones, Gomer Evans, Thomas Walters and Willie Morgan.

**7 July 1928** I.O.G.T. A very pleasant evening was spent at Carmel vestry by members of the Star of Fochriw Lodge on Thursday last. A reading was given by Brother Jones on, "The history of Pennsylvania." The members expressed their sympathy with the relatives and friends of the late Brother David Walters of Tredegar who passed away last week. He was a frequent visitor to Fochriw, and an ardent worker in the cause of Temperance.

**14 July 1928** I.O.G.T. At the weekly meeting of the lodge, the programme was "Humorous," all members taking part. The following contributed: Brothers Thomas Walters, W. Rees, Sam Lewis, Sisters Ballard and C. Thomas.

**21 July 1928** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry last Thursday evening. Sister Thomas was responsible for the programme.

**28 July 1928** I.O.G.T. An enjoyable evening was spent at Carmel Vestry last Thursday. Brother Samuel Lewis presided. The programme for the evening was "Impromptu Speeches," and all the members present took part. After a keen competition on various subjects, Brother Sam Lewis was awarded the prize.

**11 August 1928** I.O.G.T. There were many members present at the last meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge which was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. Sister C. Thomas took the chair. The programme for the evening was "Topical talks," the subject being "The Art of High Living."

**18 August 1928** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Lodge was held at Carmel on Thursday last. Sister Bessie Ballard presided, and the following contributed: readings, Bros. Thomas Walters, Sam Lewis, Berkley Davies, Sister Bessie Ballard; duet, Sisters Bessie and Beryl Ballard. The programme for the coming quarter was presented by Brother Sam Lewis and accepted by the members.

**25 August 1928** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held on Thursday last, when several members gathered together to further the cause. Brother Davies presided. The programme was "Welsh Night." The entertainment was carried out completely in Welsh.

**1 September 1928** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel vestry on Thursday last, when Brother David Jones took the chair. Brother Samuel Lewis entertained with some unique readings on "Salt, Coal and Ninevah." A healthy discussion took place afterwards, in which Brothers MacArthur, Lewis and Lawrence took a keen part.

**8 September 1928** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting was held on Thursday last, when Brother Davies presided. The programme for the evening was a musical one, and the following took part: solos, Bro. Lewis, Sister B. Ballard; pianoforte solo, Brother Walters. Brother Willie Davies kept up the high standard of the evening by singing "Rose Eternal" and "Beyond the Dawn." The Lodge was close by singing the closing ode.

**15 September 1928** I.O.G.T. At the weekly meeting of the lodge, the works of Handel and Haydn formed one part of the entertainment. Also, Sister Thomas read Mark Anthony's speech from "Julius Caesar," and also "The Fall of Wolsey."

**22 September 1928** I.O.G.T. Brother William Davies presided over the weekly meeting of the lodge. The programme was a musical evening, the following taking part: pianoforte solo, Brother Thomas Walters; solos, Sister Beryl Ballard and Brother Berkley Davies. The best wishes of the lodge were offered to Brother Enoch Lewis who is leaving for Caerleon College.

**29 September 1928** I.O.G.T. Brother Davies presided over the weekly meetings of the lodge. Brother Payne entertained. He opened by reading the piece, "A Dream Picture of Darkest London," followed by another "Regular Meetings." He finished with a short prayer entitled "Thursday evening."

**6 October 1928** I.O.G.T. Brother Willie Davies presided over the weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge at Carmel Vestry last Thursday. The programme for the evening was "Addresses by some of the Brothers." Brothers Willie Davies and Rees addressed the lodge. Brothers Lewis, Jones and Walters, and Sisters Thomas and Ballard expressed their opinions on the addresses.

**13 October 1928** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting was held on Tuesday evening, the programme being arranged by Bro. Berkley Davies.

**20 October 1928** I.O.G.T. Brother Thomas Walters was responsible for the programme and gave an enjoyable reading.

**27 October 1928** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held last Thursday. Brother William Jones gave a paper on "The Life of Ben Bowen, the famous young Welsh poet."

**13 November 1928** I.O.G.T. The programme for the evening was "Gleanings from the Quarter's Programme," all being responsible.

**0 November 1928** I.O.G.T. At the weekly meeting of the lodge, Brother Payne installed the officers for the coming quarter.

**17 November 1928** I.O.G.T. The programme for the evening was "Topical Talks." Brother Henry Thomas was responsible.

**24 November 1928** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Lodge was held on Thursday, presided over by the chief Templar. The programme was "A night with hymn writers" Sisters C. Jones, C. Thomas and Bessie Ballard being responsible. Sister C. Jones read a paper on "William Williams, Pantycelyn," Sister C. Thomas on "John Newton," and Sister Ballard on "Ann Griffiths."

**1 December 1928** I.O.G.T. A meeting was held on Thursday presided over by the chief templar.

**8 December 1928** I.O.G.T. The Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday, when the programme was "Bible Readings." The following were responsible: Sisters N. Evans, C. Cole and B. Ballard.

**22 December 1928** I.O.G.T. The programme was a miscellaneous one and all present contributed.

**5 January 1929** I.O.G.T. Sister Bessie Ballard presided over the weekly meeting of the Lodge.

**12 January 1929** I.O.G.T. At the weekly meeting of the lodge, Brother Henry Thomas read a very interesting paper on "What are we to believe?" A very enthusiastic discussion followed.

**19 January 1929** International Order of Grand Templars The Lodge was held at Carmel on Thursday. Mr. E. Sibley entertained the members with gramophone selections. Sister Mary Morgan gave a violin solo and Sister Ceinwen Cole rendered a solo.

**26 January 1929** I.O.G.T. At the weekly meeting of the lodge, the following contributed to the programme: pianoforte solo, Bro. Walters; quartette, Bros. B. & W. Davies, Sisters C. & B. Ballard; solos, C. Cole, N. Evans, Bro. Thomas Walters. Also, a laughable sketch entitled "The New Waiter," was performed by Bros. T. Walters, B. & W. Davies, Sisters C. & B. Ballard and M. Morgan.

**2 February 1929** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held on Thursday evening last. The programme for the evening was "Ode Practice," and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

**9 February 1929** I.O.G.T. Brother T. Wallace acted as chief Templar. All the officers were re-elected for the coming quarter. The programme for the evening was a continuation of "Ode Practice."

**16 February 1929** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held on Thursday evening last. The programme for the evening was "Biblical Questions," all present taking part.



**23 February 1929** I.O.G.T. The programme for the evening was of a musical nature. The following contributed: Brothers W. Davies, T. Walters, B. Davies, Sisters N. Evans, C. Ballard.

**2 March 1929** I.O.G.T. At the weekly meeting of the lodge, Sister Ballard read poems on "Winter" and "The Ancient Mariner."

**16 March 1929** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting was held at Carmel vestry on Thursday, when a Welsh programme was enjoyed.

**23 March 1929** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel vestry on Thursday evening last, and was presided over by the chief Templar. The programme for the evening was an instrumental one, Brother Thomas Walters being responsible. The following contributed: pianoforte solo, Brother Walters; violin solos, Sisters Mary Morgan.

**30 March 1929** I.O.G.T. The "Star of Fochriw" Lodge on Thursday was presided over by the Chief Templar. Bros. D. Jones and T. Walters were responsible for the programme. Bro. Jones read papers on "Man's Adventures in Sound," and "Truth in Public Life." Bro. Walters read a paper on "Searchlights in Music."

**4 May 1929** I.O.G.T. At the weekly meeting of the Lodge, Sisters Ballard, C Jones, B. Ballard, and Bros. S. Lewis and T. Walters took part.

**11 May 1929** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening, the chief Templar presiding. The evening was set apart for ode practice, Brother Walters being responsible.

**18 May 1929** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. The adult Lodge gave the Juvenile section a treat. The little ones did justice to the good things provided. Later, the adult members gave a programme of entertainment.

**1 June 1929** I.O.G.T. At the weekly meeting of the lodge, the programme was "How we spent the Whitsun holidays."

**8 June 1929** I.O.G.T. At the meeting the of the Star of Fochriw Lodge held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday, Brother B. Davis, chief templar, presided. The following took part: Brothers Walters, W. Davies, and Sister Ballard.

**15 June 1929** I.O.G.T. The programme for the evening was a musical one, the chief Templar presiding.

**22 June 1929** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday, presided over by Bro. B. Davies. The evening was set apart for "Topical Talks." The Brothers and Sisters took for their subject, "Beer – what it is, and what it does."

**29 June 1929** I.O.G.T. At the weekly meeting of the lodge, solos were given by Brother William Angell Davies, readings by Brothers Thomas Walters, Sam Lewis and Sister Ceridwen Ballard, and recitations by Sister Mary Morgan.

**6 July 1929** I.O.G.T. The evening was set apart for ode practice, Brother Thomas Walters being responsible.

**13 July 1929** I.O.G.T. A paper was read by Mr. T. J. Jones on the "Rainbow," and "Our duty to our neighbour."

**20 July 1929** I.O.G.T. The programme for the evening was "Biblical Questions," all taking part.

**27 July 1929** I.O.G.T. The evening was set apart for ode practice, Brother Thomas Walters being responsible.

**3 August 1929** I.O.G.T. The programme for the evening was a reading by Brother Sam Lewis entitled "Logic," humorously illustrating the progress made by the rise during the last century. Brother Henry Thomas gave a reading.

**10 August 1929** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting was held on Thursday evening, the chief Templar presiding. After the usual business was over, the evening was set apart for impromptu speeches, a good number taking part.

**17 August 1929** I.O.G.T. The programme for the evening was a Welsh one, and was much enjoyed.

**24 August 1929** I.O.G.T. At the weekly meeting of the Lodge, the programme was a miscellaneous one, all members taking part.

**31 August 1929** I.O.G.T. At the weekly meeting of the Lodge, the programme was "Topical Talks." Brother Jones also gave a short reading entitled "The Poetry of Flowers" from the book "In tune with the infinite."

**7 September 1929** I.O.G.T. A very pleasant evening was spent at Carmel vestry on Tuesday evening, when Brother Thomas Walters presided, and the programme was "Ode Practice." Brother Willie Davies took charge for the evening and succeeded in producing some fine renderings of the various parts. Brother Walters played the piano. The meeting closed with prayer.

**14 September 1929** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held on Thursday, when a paper was read by Mr. Trevor Lawrence on "What life gains from death."

**21 September 1929** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held on Thursday, presided over by Mr. Willie Angell Davies. An excellent paper "The training of the mind and will," was read by Mr. Thomas Howell Jones.

**28 September 1929** I.O.G.T. The evening was set apart for "Old Time Music."

**5 October 1929** I.O.G.T. At weekly meeting of the lodge, the following contributed to an excellent programme: pianoforte solo, Brother Walters; solos, Brothers W. Davies, B. Davies, T. Walters; readings, Brother Sam Lewis; recitation, Brothers G. Thomas.

**12 October 1929** I.O.G.T. At the weekly meeting of the lodge, the programme was "Harvest and Social Evening." Suitable hymns were sung.

**19 October 1929** I.O.G.T. At the weekly meeting of the lodge, a debate took place entitled "Should bachelors be taxed?" between Brothers Sam Lewis and B. Davies.

**26 October 1929** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Lodge was held on Thursday evening. A very instructive paper was read by Mr. Higgs of Deri, entitled "The Influence of Christianity on Morality and Civilisation."

**2 November 1929** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held on Thursday. The programme for the evening was "A Night with the Poets." The following contributed: Sisters Beryl Ballard, Nesta Evans, C. Jones, B. Barnard, and Mary Morgan.

**9 November 1929** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday, the chief Templar presiding. The evening had been set aside for ode practice, Brother Thomas Walters being responsible for the programme.

**23 November 1929** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening last, Brother Thomas Walters, Chief Templar, presiding. The programme for the evening was a humorous one, all brothers and sisters taking part.

**30 November 1929** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held on Thursday, the programme for the evening being a musical one. The following contributed: violin solo, Sister Mary Morgan; solos, Sisters Nesta Evans, Beryl Ballard; pianoforte solos, Brother Walters; cornet solos, Brother Bob Rees.

**7 December 1929** I.O.G.T. The Lodge meeting on Thursday was presided over by Bro. T. Walters, Chief Templar. The following contributed to the programme: solo, Bro. W. Davies; reading, Bro. Dd. Jones.

**21 December 1929** I.O.G.T. At the weekly meeting of the lodge, the following contributed readings: Sisters B. Ballard and Mary Morgan; solo, Sister Beryl Ballard.

**28 December 1929** I.O.G.T. At the weekly meeting of the lodge, the evening was set apart for Christmas talks.

**11 January 1930** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held on Thursday. The programme for the evening was the ode practice, Brother Thomas Walters being responsible.

**18 January 1930** International Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel vestry on Thursday, the chief Templar presiding. A very interesting paper entitled "Poetry" was read by Sister Bessie Ballard.

**25 January 1930** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday.

**1 February 1930** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held on Thursday. The following contributed to the programme: readings, "The Meaning of Philosophy," by Brother David Jones; "Helpfulness," by Brother Samuel Lewis; "The Aged Christian in Heaven," by Brother Payne.

**15 February 1930** I.O.G.T. Gramophone selections were played by Sister B. Ballard.

**22 February 1930** I.O.G.T. At the weekly meeting of the lodge, Sister Ballard was responsible for the programme

**1 March 1930** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting was presided over by the chief Templar. The following contributed to the programme: Sister N. Evans, Brothers Walters and B. Davies.

**12 April 1930** I.O.G.T. At the weekly meeting of the Lodge, the programme was "Ode Practice," Bro. T. Walters being responsible.

**19 April 1930** I.O.G.T. The Star of Fochriw Lodge on Tuesday evening was presided over by the chief Templar. The following contributed to the programme: pianoforte solo, Bro. Walters; solos, Bros. H. Davies, B. Rees, Sister B. Ballard; violin solos, Sister Mary Morgan; recitation, Bro. Walters; story, Br. S. Lewis; duet, Sisters C. & B. Ballard.

**22 March 1930** I.O.G.T. At the weekly meeting of the Lodge, the programme for the evening was "Unpunctuated Readings." Sister C. Ballard was responsible.

**29 March 1930** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. The brothers and sisters gave their different opinions of the order of the lodge, and the very interesting time was spent.

**5 April 1930** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held at Carmel vestry on Thursday evening last, the chief Templar presiding. The evening was set apart for "Legends," Sister C. Ballard being responsible. Sister Ballard read very interesting English and Welsh legends.

**3 May 1930** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the International Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Tuesday, when Brother Davies presided. The programme was a recitation competition, and the following took part: Sisters Beryl Ballard, Nesta Evans, Bessie Ballard, Mary Morgan, Brothers B. Rees, W. Davies. Brother Sam Lewis was the adjudicator. Sister Bessie Ballard was the winner, and was invested by Brothers Charles Payne. A vote of thanks was accorded Sister C. Ballard for organising the programme.

**10 May 1930** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held on Tuesday evening, when Sister Beryl Ballard, chief templar, presided. Sister Bessie Ballard was responsible for the programme, and read a paper on "Nature."

**17 May 1930** I.O.G.T. The following contributed to the weekly programme of the lodge: Brothers B. Davies, Thomas Walters, Samuel Lewis, T. Jones, Charles Payne and W. Davies.

**31 May 1930** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held on Tuesday evening, when the adult Lodge entertained the Juvenile Lodge to tea. Afterwards, a miscellaneous concert was provided, presided over by Brother Sam Lewis. The following contributed: Sisters S. Lewis, N. Evans, C. Cole, M. Morgan, B. Ballard, C. Walters, Brothers T. Walters, W. Davies, D. Rees, D. Davies, C. Payne, and S. Lewis. Gramophone selections were given at intervals, and the most enjoyable evening was spent.

**14 June 1930** I.O.G.T. At the weekly meeting of the Lodge, a paper entitled "Civilisation in the Future" was read by Mr. J. P. Isaac, headteacher of Pontlottyn School. He was heartily thanked on a motion of Sister B. Ballard, seconded by Bro. S. Lewis.

**28 June 1930** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held on Tuesday, Brother Samuel Lewis presiding. The following contributed to a musical programme: Sisters Jones, Evans and Morgan, Brothers Lewis, Walters, Davies and Jones.

**5 July 1930** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, Bro. S. Lewis presiding. Sisters C Jones, S J Jones, Brothers T. Walters and Payne contributed to the programme.

**12 July 1930** I.O.G.T. At the weekly meeting of the Lodge, Sister Beryl Ballard gave a reading.

**19 July 1930** I.O.G.T. The programme for the evening was "Ode Practice." Bro. T. Walters was responsible.

**26 July 1930** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Lodge was held at Carmel vestry on Tuesday evening, and was presided over by the chief Templar. Brother and Sister S. Lewis were responsible for the programme. All the officers were re-elected for the coming quarter.

**2 August 1930** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting was held on Tuesday. Bros. T. Walters and W. A. Davies were responsible for the entertainment. The first part of the programme was the story of Mendelssohn, related by Bro. Walters, after which solos were rendered by Bro. W. A. Davies and B. Davies from Mendelssohn's "Elijah."

**16 August 1930** I.O.G.T. Brother B. Davies was responsible for the programme at the weekly meeting of the Lodge. The following contributed: Sisters S. J. Jones, N. Evans, Mary Morgan, Brothers Thomas Walters, W. A. Davis, B. Davies, and C. Payne.

**30 August 1930** I.O.G.T. The weekly Lodge meeting was held at on Tuesday. The chief templar presided. The evening's programme was "Topical Talks," and "Water" was the subject taken, which proved brimful of interest, several members taking part.

**6 September 1930** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel vestry on Tuesday, presided over by the chief Templar. Brothers Enoch Lewis and Trevor Lawrence were responsible for the programme. A pianoforte solo was rendered by Brother Thomas Walters; gramophone selections were given, and there was also a comical story competition, the winner being Brother W. Morgan. Brother Sam Lewis proposed, and Brother Thomas Walters seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the brothers for such an excellent programme

**13 September 1930** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held on Thursday. The programme for the evening was "Magazine Night," and the following contributed: Brothers S. Lewis, David Jones, Sisters C. Jones, Bessie Ballard, and Beryl Ballard.

**20 September 1930** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held on Thursday evening last. An edifying paper was read by Sister M. Williams, Bedlinog, entitled "The Golden Silence." Sister S. J. Jones and Brother Sam Lewis commented on the paper. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the speaker.

**27 September 1930** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held on Tuesday, the chief Templar presiding. The programme was in the hands of Sister S. J. Jones and Brother David Jones, who entertained the members in a very pleasing manner.

**4 October 1930** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held on Tuesday, the chief Templar presiding. The following contributed: pianoforte solo, Brother Walters; violin solo, Sister Mary Morgan; solos, Sisters C. Ballard, Beryl Ballard, M. Barnard, Bessie Ballard, Nesta Evans, Brothers Sam Lewis, Tom Walters, Charles Payne, B. Davies; community singing, Sisters Ballard.

**11 October 1930** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Lodge was held on Tuesday. The evening was set apart for "Recitations," and the following contributed to the programme: Sisters C. Jones, M. Evans, S. Lewis, B. Barnard, Bessie Barnard, Brothers C. Payne and S. Lewis. Sister Mona Ballard thanked the brothers and sisters who had helped to make the evening such a pleasant one.

**18 October 1930** I.O.G.T. At the weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge, a Harvest Thanksgiving service was held, the following taking part: solos, Sisters C. Jones, Beryl Ballard; duet, Sisters Beryl and Ceinwen Ballard; readings from scripture, Sisters C. Jones and Bessie Ballard. All the members were pleased to see amongst them again Brother Islwyn Davies, who is at present a member of the Metropolitan Police Force. Thanks were proposed by Brother Walters and seconded by Brother Trevor Lawrence to all who contributed

**25 October 1930** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held on Tuesday, the vice-templar presiding. The programme was a miscellaneous one, the following

contributing: pianoforte solo, Brother Walters; gramophone selections, Brother Islwyn Davies; solos, Sister Ballard.

**1 November 1930** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held on Thursday, the chief Templar presiding. An interesting paper entitled, "Luther, the man who shook the world," was read by Mr. J. Bevan, Pontlottyn. The following commented on the paper: Sister S. J. Jones, Brothers Charles Payne and T. Jones. Brother Sam Lewis proposed and Sister Bessie Ballard seconded a hearty vote of thanks.

**8 November 1930** I.O.G.T. At the weekly meeting of the lodge, Mr. Sam Lewis was elected Chief Templar. The programme for the evening was organised by Sister C. Ballard, and proved a most enjoyable one. The Lodge took part in games concerning Shakespeare's plays. Brother Charles Payne, who is the veteran of the Order, and in his 80th year, and rarely misses a Lodge meeting, spoke a few encouraging words to the members.

**15 November 1930** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held on Thursday. Brother Sam Lewis was made chief Templar, after which a miscellaneous concert was held.

**22 November 1930** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held on Thursday, presided over by Brother Sam Lewis. Mr. Evan Davies, B.A., read a very edifying paper. The following commented on the paper: Sister S. J. Jones, Brothers Sam Lewis, Charles Payne and Thomas Walters.

**29 November 1930** I.O.G.T. At the weekly meeting of the lodge, the following contributed to the programme: pianoforte solos, Sisters Beryl Ballard, Nesta Evans, Ceinwen Ballard, Mona Ballard, Brothers Charles Payne and B. Rees.

**6 December 1930** I.O.G.T. Brother Sam Lewis presided over the weekly meeting of the lodge on Tuesday, and the programme for the evening was "Unpunctuated Readings." After a very interesting competition, the prize was handed by Brother Charles Payne to Sister Bessie Ballard. Sister Lewis adjudicated.

**13 December 1930** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held on Tuesday. The Juvenile Lodge entertained, and the following contributed to the programme: songs, Jenny Davies, Thelma Thomas, Olga Chapman, Howell J. Lewis, Jacky Davies, Freda Davies, Tom Smith; recitations, Betty Edwards, M. Edwards, Margaret Rowlands, Lilian Cole, Mair Evans, Gertie Adams, Megan Williams, Ewart Davies, Jessie Jones, Minnie Edwards, Willie Walters, Evan Lewis and Bertie Hiscox; song, Sailor Boys.

Lewis, Doris **20 December 1930** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held at Carmel Vestry presided over by Brother Samuel Lewis. The programme for the evening was "Thoughts on Christmas." The following took part: Sisters Bessie, Beryl and Ceinwen Ballard, Brothers Walters and T. Davies.

**3 January 1931** International Order of Grand Templars (I.O.G.T.) The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry last week, when the chief Templar presided. The programme was a social evening. The following took part: Brothers T. Walters, B. Rees, B. Davies, S. Lewis, and Sister C. Ballard. The lodge closed with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

**10 January 1931** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Lodge was held on Tuesday. The Sisters Ballard were responsible for the programme.

**24 January 1931** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Tuesday evening, presided over by Sister C. Jones. The following took part: readings and prayers, Sisters S. Lewis, C. Jones, S. J. Jones, Brother David Jones; solos, Sister S. J. Jones. Brothers S. Lewis, B. Davies and T. Walters were the speakers.

**7 February 1931** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Lodge was held on Tuesday, the chief Templar presiding. The evening was set apart for recitations. The following took part: Sisters S. J. Jones, C. Jones, Beryl Ballard, M. A. Lewis, Bros. Sam Lewis and Tom Walters.

**14 February 1931** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Tuesday, the chief Templar presiding. The following contributed to the

programme: Sisters Ceinwen Ballard, S. Lewis, B. Ballard, & Mary Morgan, Brothers Charles Payne, B. Rees, Thomas Walters, D. Jones, & Sam Lewis.

**21 February 1931** I.O.G.T. At the weekly meeting of the lodge, a rehearsal was held in preparation for St. David's Night.

**7 March 1931** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Tuesday, the chief Templar presiding. The members of the Juvenile Lodge entertained, and the following contributed to a miscellaneous programme: solos, Mimi Lewis, Jackie Davies; recitations, Willie Walters, James Lester, Ieuan and Alfred Davis, Jimmy Lewis, Jackie Davies, Monica Williams; trio, Jackie Davies, Willie Walters and Ewart Davies.

**14 March 1931** I.O.G.T. At Noddfa Vestry Hall on Tuesday, the members of the Lodge had an entirely Welsh programme to celebrate "Gwyl Dewi Sant." Mr. Sam Lewis presided. Brother Thomas Walters and Miss Bessie Ballard were in charge of the programme, and the following contributed: solos, Brothers Willie Angell Davies, Berkley Davies, Thomas Walters, Sisters Mrs. Walters and Miss Ceinwen Ballard. A country dance was given by the Misses Bessie and Beryl Ballard; recitations by Sisters Mary Morgan and Beryl Ballard. The choir then sang "Y Gelynen," "Dafydd y Garreg Wen," "Codiad yr Ehedydd," and "Hen Wlad fy Nhadau." Another striking item was a short Welsh drama played by Mrs. Sam Lewis, Mr. Sam Lewis, Miss Bessie Ballard and Mr. Tom Walters. The accompanists for the programme were Mr. Tom Walters, Mrs. Walters, and Miss Mona Ballard. Brother Charles Payne moved a vote of thanks to the officers of Noddfa Chapel for their kindness in lending the vestry, and to the artistes for their excellent programme. This was seconded by Sister Lewis. The singing of "Hen Wlad fy Nhadau," with Mrs. Walters taking the solo, brought an enjoyable evening to a close.

**28 March 1931** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held on Tuesday evening. The following contributed: pianoforte solo, Brother Walters; solos, Sisters S. J. Jones, L. Thomas, Beryl Ballard; duet, Sisters Ballard and L. Thomas; readings, Sisters Bessie Ballard and Brother David Jones.

**4 April 1931** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held at Carmel vestry on Tuesday evening, the chief Templar presiding. The programme for the evening was "Short Biographies," Sister Ceinwen Ballard and Brother David Jones being responsible. Brother David Jones took for his biography a Jewish painter named Marca Nemes, and Sister Ballard took as her subject the poet, Samuel Coleridge-Taylor. The readers were thanked on the motion of Sister C. Walters, seconded by Sister M. A. Lewis.

**18 April 1931** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held on Tuesday. A short drama, "Dau yn Gwmni," was performed by Brothers Sam Lewis, Tom Walters, Sisters S. Lewis and Bessie Ballard. The following contributed to the programme: solos, Sister Beryl Ballard, Brothers Berkley Davies, G. Morris, T. Walters; recitations, Brother D. Jones and Sister Mary Morgan. The choir sang "Y Gelynen," "Dafydd y Garreg Wen," "Codiad ye Ehedydd," and "Hen Wlad fy Nhadau."

**25 April 1931** I.O.G.T. The programme for the evening was "Ode Practice." Sister Bessie Ballard was responsible for the evening, and a most enjoyable time was spent.

**2 May 1931** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Lodge was held on Tuesday. An interesting address was given by County Councillor W. H. Hancock entitled "Temperance and its influence." The following took part in the discussion: Sisters S. Lewis, Bessie Ballard, and the chief Templar.

**9 May 1931** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held on Tuesday, the chief Templar presiding. The programme for the evening was a social evening, and the following contributed: pianoforte solos, Sister M. Ballard; solos, Sister L. Thomas, Brother W. Davies; quartet, Brothers B. Davies, B. Rees, D. James and W. Davies; recitations, Brothers T. Walters and D. James; readings, Brother S. Lewis. A presentation was then made to Sister Ceinwen Ballard, on the occasion of her marriage, by Brother Sam Lewis. Sister Ballard has been one of the most faithful members of the Order.

Games were then played. The accompanists were Sister M. Ballard and Brother Thomas Walters

**23 May 1931** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel vestry on Tuesday. The juveniles were entertained by the adult Lodge to a tea and entertainment. The following contributed to the programme: pianoforte selections, Brother Thomas Walters; solo, Sister Nesta Evans; recitation, Sister Lewis; solo, Bros. B. Davies, D. James; recitation, Sister Bessie Ballard; pianoforte selections, Sister Mona Ballard; recitation, Sister Walters; solos, Sisters D. Jones & Thomas; readings, Sister Mary Morgan; solos, Sister Beryl Ballard, Brother Bob Rees; story, Sister Bessie Ballard.

**30 May 1931** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held on Tuesday evening, and was presided over by Brother Samuel Lewis. Touching references were made to the death of Brother Charles Payne, who had been a faithful member of the lodge for over 28 years. The evening was set apart for "Devotion." The following took part: reading from scripture, Sister Bessie Ballard; prayer, Sister Lewis; solos, Sisters Beryl Ballard and L. Thomas; address, Bro. James (Cardiff); psalm, Sister Mary Morgan.

**6 June 1931** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Lodge was held on Tuesday, Brother Sam Lewis presiding. Brother Islwyn Davies was responsible for the programme, and gave some excellent selections.

**20 June 1931** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held on Thursday evening, the Chief Templar presiding. The evening was set apart for ode practice, Brother Thomas Walters being responsible. The hymn entitled "Soldiers of Christ, Arise," composed by Brother Walters, was dedicated to the Star of Fochriw Lodge.

**27 June 1931** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the vice-templar presiding. Bro. & Sister Lewis were responsible for a very interesting programme.

**4 July 1931** I.O.G.T. At the weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge held on Tuesday, the evening was set apart for folk songs. Bro. Walters was responsible for the programme.

**11 July 1931** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Tuesday evening, and was presided over by the vice-templar. The programme was a miscellaneous one.

**18 July 1931** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Lodge took place on Saturday, the chief Templar presiding. During the evening the Fochriw Lodge was entertained by the Pride of Penydarren Lodge.

**25 July 1931** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held on Tuesday, Sister Bessie Ballard presiding. The programme was "A Favourite Hymn or Poem," the following contributing: Sisters Walters, Mary Morgan, Beryl and Bessie Ballard, Brothers James, B. Davies, and Sam Lewis.

**1 August 1931** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Lodge was held at Carmel Chapel on Tuesday evening the vice-templar presiding. The programme was a miscellaneous one, and the following contributed: readings, Sisters M. L. Thomas, Beryl Ballard; solos, Sister Nesta Evans, Bro. W. Davies; duets, Bro. & Sis. D. Jones, Bros. B. Davies & W. Morgan.

**15 August 1931** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Lodge was held on Tuesday, the vice-templar presiding. Sister Lewis was responsible for the programme, and read an interesting paper on "Hymns."

**29 August 1931** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held at Carmel Vestry, the chief Templar presiding. The programme was a humorous one, and the following contributed: Brothers Walters, D. Jones, D. James, B. Davies, B. Rees, G. Evans, Sisters Bessie Ballard, M. M. Jones, Mary Morgan, Walters, H. Thomas, & C. Jones.

**5 September 1931** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held at Carmel vestry on Tuesday evening, the chief Templar presiding. A very inspiring paper, "St. Mark," was read by the Mr. Trevor Williams, Dowlais.

**12 September 1931** I.O.G.T. Brother Sam Lewis presided over the weekly meeting of the Lodge on Tuesday evening. Brothers Berkley Davies and Willie Morgan were responsible for the programme.

**19 September 1931** I.O.G.T. Outing On Saturday the members of the Fochriw branch of the I.O.G.T. and friends, journeyed by charabanc to Hereford, and a most enjoyable time was spent. The cathedral and other places of interest were visited, and all returned in the best of spirits.

**19 September 1931** I.O.G.T. The evening had been set apart for "Thoughts on Autumn." The following took part: Sister Beryl Ballard, Brothers Samuel Lewis, Berkley Davies, Thomas Walters and Willie Morgan

**26 September 1931** I.O.G.T. The harvest festival of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel vestry on Tuesday, presided over by the vice Templar. The following took part: readings from scripture, Sisters C. Jones and Lewis; prayers, Sister S. Lewis; readings, Brothers David Jones and Sam Lewis.

**3 October 1931** I.O.G.T. At the weekly meeting of the Lodge, the programme was a miscellaneous one. Several members contributed, including Sister Mary Morgan, Brothers Berkley Davies and D. Jones.

**10 October 1931** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held at Carmel vestry on Tuesday evening, Brother Samuel Lewis presiding. The Gwalia Lodge, Troedrhifwuch, entertained. Sister Ballard proposed and Bro. Walters seconded a hearty vote of thanks to the brothers and sisters for the excellent entertainment.

**17 October 1931** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held on Tuesday, and was presided over by the Chief Templar. During the evening, Brother B. Rees was the recipient of a gift on the occasion of his marriage. The following contributed to a musical programme: solos, Sister Beryl Ballard, Brothers W. Davies, Samuel Lewis, Thomas Walters, David Jones, Berkley Davies; recitation, Sister Lewis; duet, Bro. and Sister Walters.

**24 October 1931** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held at Carmel vestry on Tuesday, the vice-templar presiding.

**31 October 1931** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held on Tuesday, the chief Templar presiding. The following contributed to a miscellaneous programme: solos, Sister Beryl Ballard, Brother D. James; recitations, Sister Mary Morgan, Brother G. Evans; pianoforte solo, Brother Walters; instrumental quartette, Messrs. Albert Mantle, Emrys Lewis, Attwell Woods and Bob Rees.

**7 November 1931** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held on Tuesday, the vice-templar presiding. The programme for the evening was "Ode Practice."

**14 November 1931** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Lodge was held on Tuesday evening. A paper was read by Mr. Summers, Dowlais, entitled "Nehemiah," and was much appreciated. The officers were re-elected as follows: chief Templar, Brother David Jones; past chief Templar, Brother B. Rees; vice-templar, Brother D. James.

**21 November 1931** I.O.G.T. Bro. D. James presided over the weekly meeting. Sisters Mary L. Thomas and Beryl Ballard gave two interesting papers on their experiences during their holidays.

**28 November 1931** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, presided over by the chief templar. An instructive paper was read on "The influence of Man" by Mr. Jones, Dowlais.

**5 December 1931** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held on Tuesday. Brother and Sister D. Jones were responsible for the programme, which consisted of the readings and solos.

**12 December 1931** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Lodge was held on Tuesday evening, when the vice-templar presided. The programme was "Surprise Night," Sister Lewis being responsible. The first part included letters from absent members: Sister Williams, Bedlinog; Sister M. Ballard, Greenfield; Sister A. Ballard, Bolton; Sister Oliver, Caerphilly; Brother W. Morgan, Exeter; Brother Islwyn Davies, London. Enclosed in Sister Williams' letter was a prize of five shillings for competition. The first



competition was carol singing for members over 40 years of age. Sisters C. Jones was the successful competitor. The second competition was addresses on given subjects, the prize being divided between Sisters Lewis and Ballard, after which the prize was handed back to the funds of the lodge.

**26 December 1932** I.O.G.T. At the weekly meeting of the Lodge, the programme was a "Gramophone Recital." The Sisters Ballard and C. Jones were responsible, and also gave readings.

**2 January 1932** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the International Order of Grand Templars (I.O.G.T.) was held at Carmel Vestry on Tuesday evening, presided over by the Sister Bessie Ballard. The programme was entitled, "Looking Backwards and Forwards," and the following took part: Sisters Lewis, Bessie Ballard, Beryl Ballard, Walters, Morgan and Thomas.

**9 January 1932** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the chief Templar presiding. Brothers D. James and B. Davies were responsible for the programme.

**16 January 1932** I.O.G.T. At the weekly meeting of the lodge, Sister Mary Morgan gave a recital both in English and Welsh. It was much appreciated and enjoyed by all present.

**23 January 1932** I.O.G.T. The vice-templar presided at over the weekly meeting of the lodge. The programme was "The Best Item." The following contributed: Brothers Sam Lewis, D. James, Sisters D. Jones, Thomas, Beryl Ballard, Bessie Ballard. Brother W. Davies acted as the adjudicator, and the prize won by Sister Bessie Ballard.

**30 January 1932** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held on Tuesday evening. The programme for the evening was "Welsh Night." Readings were given by Sister Walters, Brothers D. Jones and S. Lewis. Folk songs were rendered by the Sisters Ballard, and recitations by Sister S. Lewis and B. Ballard.

**13 February 1932** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held on Tuesday, Brother W. A. Davies presiding. The election of officers took place. Brother David Jones was elected Chief Templar. The programme for the evening was "A Night with Robert Burns." Burns' biography was read by Mrs. Sam Lewis and Misses Bessie and Beryl Ballard sang and recited a number of his compositions. Brother W. A. Davies gave a short address, and thanked the Sisters for the programme.

**20 February 1932** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Lodge was presided over by Brother Berkley Davies. Sisters Beryl Ballard, Mary Thomas and Mary Morgan were responsible for the programme, giving interesting readings and solos.

**27 February 1932** I.O.G.T. Brother David Jones, chief Templar, presided over the weekly meeting of the lodge at Carmel Vestry on Tuesday evening. The programme was an instrumental evening, the following taking part: violin, Sister Morgan; cello, Bro. Thomas Walters; cornet, Bro. B. Rees. Bro. W. A. Davis was at the piano.

**5 March 1932** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the chief Templar presiding. The evening was set apart for "Questions and Games." Sister Ballard was responsible for the games.

**12 March 1932** I.O.G.T. The chief Templar presided over the weekly meeting of the lodge. The following contributed to the Welsh programme: Sisters Bessie Ballard, Beryl Ballard, Mona Ballard, Mary Morgan, Brothers David Jones, Thomas Walters, and Sam Lewis.

**19 March 1932** I.O.G.T. The programme for the evening was "Topical Talks." Sister Thomas was responsible.

**26 March 1932** Concert At Noddfa Vestry (kindly lent) on Tuesday and Wednesday, a miscellaneous concert was given by the juveniles and adult lodges of the I.O.G.T. The children gave Japanese songs and dances all of which were well done. Miss Bessie Ballard was responsible, and deserves praise for such a splendid performance. Solos were rendered by Messrs. W. A. Davies, Dan James, and Mrs. C. Walters; violin solo, Miss Mary Morgan. A sketch, entitled "Uncle John from Yorkshire," was performed, the characters being Miss Mary Morgan, Miss Beryl Ballard, Mr. B. Rees, Mr. B. Davies,

and Mr. W. A. Davies. The accompanists were Miss Mona Ballard and Mr. Thomas Walters. The presidents were Mr. Sam Lewis and Mr. D. Jones.

**2 April 1932** I.O.G.T. At the weekly meeting of the Lodge, Sister S. J. Jones delivered a sermon, taking for her text the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter of St. John.

**16 April 1932** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held on Tuesday evening, and was presided over by Brother James. The following contributed to a miscellaneous programme: solos, Sisters Beryl Ballard and C. Jones; recitations, Sisters M. A. Lewis and M. Morgan; pianoforte solo, Brother Walters; readings, Sisters Bessie Ballard, Mary Thomas and Beryl Ballard.

**30 April 1932** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel vestry, presided over by Brother David Jones, chief Templar. Hymns written by the following were sung: Ann Griffiths, Dr.. George Matheson, Elfed, Francis Havergal.

**7 May 1932** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Lodge was presided over by Brother David Jones, chief Templar. Sister Williams, Bedlinog was responsible for the programme. She gave edifying papers entitled "Temperance," "The Privilege of Living," and "The Welsh poet, Islwyn."

**14 May 1932** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held at Carmel vestry on Tuesday evening. Bro. Thomas Walters presided. Brother David Jones was elected Chief Templar, Sister M. Morgan vice-templar, Sister M. L. Thomas secretary, and Sister M. James deputy marshal. The programme for the evening was "Speeches on Given Subjects." Sister M. L. Thomas was responsible.

**21 May 1932** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Lodge was held on Tuesday evening. The juveniles had their annual tea. An entertainment followed, when members of the adult lodge entertained the children with folk tales, instrumental solos and recitations. A particular item which pleased the children was the dancing doll of Brother B. Rees. The members are now looking forward to their annual outing. This takes place in July, when Brecon and Craiginos will be visited.

**28 May 1932** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Lodge and was held on Tuesday, the chief Templar presiding. Mr. Thomas, Deri, addressed the lodge on Leviticus, chap. 10, v. 9-11.

**4 June 1932** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Lodge was held on Thursday. The programme was "Your Whitsun Holidays." All members responded.

**11 June 1932** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Lodge was held on Tuesday. Brother T. Jones, Dowlais, conducted a religious service.

**18 June 1932** I.O.G.T. Brother Thomas Walters presided over the Lodge meeting on Tuesday. The following contributed items: Brother Sam Lewis, Sisters Walters, Lewis and Ballard. Brother Walters also spoke in Welsh.

**25 June 1932** I.O.G.T. At the weekly meeting, Sister Williams was responsible for a competitive programme. The following were the winners: Sisters C. Jones, B. Ballard, Brothers G. Evans, Sam Lewis and Tom Walters.

**9 July 1932** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held on Tuesday evening, Brother D. James, Chief Templar, presiding. A hearty welcome was given to Sister Beryl Ballard who has returned from a short stay at Sully. The programme was impromptu speeches, all sisters and brothers competing. The adjudicator was Brother G. Thomas. The prize, which was given by Sister Williams, Bedlinog, was divided between Mrs. Sam Lewis and Brother B. Davies.

**16 July 1932** I.O.G.T. At the weekly meeting of the Lodge, the topic for the evening was "Fashions."

**30 July 1932** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Lodge was held on Tuesday. A very instructive and inspiring address was given by Mr. Hyams, Newport, whose subject was "Jewish Customs." He dealt chiefly with the Feast of the Passover. A vote of condolence was passed with Sister Mary Morgan in the loss of her mother.

**23 July 1932** Outing On Saturday last, the members of the Star of Fochriw Lodge journeyed to Swansea for their annual outing. Excellent arrangements had been made, and all enjoyed a perfect day.

**6 August 1932** I.O.G.T. Brother D. James presided over the weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge on Tuesday.

**20 August 1932** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Lodge was held on Tuesday, the Chief Templar presiding. The topic for the evening was "My Chief Interest in the Lodge." The following contributed: Brothers D. Jones, T. Walters, W. Davies, and S. Lewis.

**27 August 1932** I.O.G.T. Brother Dan James presided over the weekly meeting of the Lodge on Tuesday evening. The programme was a devotional one. Brother D. Jones opened the service with a prayer and a Bible Reading was given by Sister Lewis.

**10 September 1932** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Lodge was held on Tuesday, the chief Templar presiding. Two interesting papers were read by Brother D. James: "Biographies of Sir Christopher Wren and John Wesley." The following commented on the papers: Brothers Sam Lewis, D. Jones, W. A. Davies, Griff Thomas, Sisters M. A. Lewis, E. and B. Ballard, C. Jones.

**17 September 1932** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting was held on Tuesday evening, Bro. D. James, chief Templar, presiding.

**24 September 1932** I.O.G.T. An interesting debate took place on "Single and Married Life." Sister Ballard opened the debate by taking the negative side, and Brother Thomas opposed. The voting favoured married life.

**1 October 1932** I.O.G.T. At the weekly meeting of the Lodge, a paper entitled "The grain of mustard seed," was read by Mr. E. R. Thomas, Dowlais. Brothers Sam Lewis, D. Jones, and Bob Rees commented on the paper. Sister Ballard proposed, and Brother Walters seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Thomas.

**8 October 1932** I.O.G.T. Brother Dan James, Chief Templar, presided over the weekly meeting of the Lodge at Carmel vestry on Tuesday evening. A competition had been arranged entitled "An Ode to Summer." Twelve compositions were submitted and the adjudication was given by Mr. Sam Lewis. He complimented the members on their efforts, and the successful competitor was Miss Bessie Ballard, who was awarded the chair prize. The chairing ceremony was conducted by Brothers Sam Lewis, Bob Rees, and Dan James. Thanks were accorded to Brothers Dan James and Willie Angell Davies for arranging the programme, and also for the valuable prize given.

**22 October 1932** I.O.G.T. On Tuesday, the members had a competitive programme. The prize bag winners were: 1. Miss Margaret Ballard; 2. Miss Bessie Ballard; 3. Mrs. Elsie Rees. Singing, Miss Beryl Ballard; reciting, Mr. Sam Lewis. The adjudicators were: bags - Mrs. Nellie Evans; singing - Mr. J. Morgan; elocution - Mr. T. J. Jones. Miss B. Ballard, Mr. D. James and Mr. W. A. Davies gave the prizes.

**29 October 1932** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Lodge was held on Tuesday, the chief Templar presiding. Solos were given by Sisters B. Beryl and M. Ballard, Brothers Willie Angell Davies, D. James, L. Ballard and S. Lewis; pianoforte solos, Brother Tom Walters, Sister M. Morgan; recitations, Sisters S. Lewis, M. Morgan, M. L. Thomas, Brother Bob Rees; readings, Sisters Walters and Thomas.

**5 November 1932** I.O.G.T. At the weekly meeting of the Lodge, the juveniles entertained the adult Lodge. Superintendent Brother Samuel Lewis was in charge of the programme. The following contributed: solos - Maudie Jones, Jennie Davies, Rhoda Price, Jimmy Lester, Freddie Williams, Jackie Davies, Douglas Clark, Ernest Lester, Evan Davies, Ewart Davies, Alun Davies; recitations - Betty Simpson, Ernest, Jimmy and Graham Lester.

**12 November 1932** I.O.G.T. The following were elected officers at the weekly meeting of the lodge: chief Templar, Sister Mary Morgan; secretary, Sister Bessie Ballard; vice-templar, Brother Thomas Walters. The installation of officers was carried out by Brother Sam Lewis, lodge deputy. Brother Dan James, on vacating the chair, thanked all for the help given during his term of office.

**26 November 1932** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Lodge was presided over by Sister Mary Morgan, chief Templar. During the evening, a sermon was delivered by Brother David Jones, and afterwards, a very interesting paper entitled "Music and

Nature" was read by Sister Bessie Barnard. Splendid drawings were shown by Sister Ballard explaining facts as she proceeded. It was very instructive. Sister C. Jones and Mrs. Sam Lewis thanked Sister Ballard, and Brother Sam Lewis also commented.

**10 December 1932** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Lodge was held on Tuesday, Sister Mary Morgan, chief Templar, presiding. A paper entitled "Friends" was read by Mr. W. A. Davies.

**17 December 1932** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Lodge was held on Tuesday, the Chief Templar presiding. The programme consisted of a series of competitions for the juveniles. There were many competitors and considerable talent was shown. The winners were: Masters Ewart Davies and Willie Walters, Miss Jennie Davies, Miss Eliza Evans and Miss Betty Simpson. The prizes were given by Miss Williams, headmistress, Graig School, Bedlinog, who takes a keen interest in the Lodge,.

**31 December 1932** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Tuesday evening, the chief Templar presiding. Brother and Sister Lewis were responsible for the programme.

**7 January 1933** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the International Order of Grand Templars was presided over by the chief Templar. The sisters provided the refreshments, and the brothers were responsible for the fruit. Sister Lewis gave the adjudication on "An Ode to Christmas." Sister Ballard was the successful competitor.

**21 January 1933** I.O.G.T. The chief Templar presided over the weekly meeting of the lodge. Mr. Ivor Jones, Deri, gave an excellent paper.

**4 February 1933** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Lodge was held on Tuesday, Sister Mary Morgan, chief Templar, presiding. The programme was "Instrumental Music." Brother B. Rees and friends were responsible. Brother David Jones read a paragraph, and Sister Mary Morgan recited.

**11 February 1933** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Lodge was held at Carmel vestry on Tuesday. The programme for the evening was "Question Night," and a most interesting time was spent. A vote of sympathy was passed with Sister Thomas in her recent sad bereavement.

**18 February 1933** I.O.G.T. Bro. Dan James was responsible for the programme at the weekly meeting of the Lodge. He was assisted by Sisters S. Lewis, Beryl Ballard, Mary Morgan, and Bros. S. Lewis and Griff Thomas.

**25 February 1933** I.O.G.T. At a weekly meeting of the Lodge, the adult Lodge were entertained by the Juvenile Lodge. Brother Sam Lewis was in charge of the programme, the following contributing: solos - Howel Lewis, Douglas Clarke, Ewart Davies, Jennie Davies, Millie Chapman, Rene Angell, Marion Gregory; duets, Rene Angell and Millie Chapman, Douglas Clark and Ernest Lester, Jennie Davies and Betty Edwards, Doris Briffett and Marion Gregory, Millie Chapman and Ewart Davies; recitations - Tegwen Jones, Betty Edwards, Ewart Davies, Muriel Davies, Edna Jones; pianoforte solo - Alun Davies. Sister Morgan and Brother David Jones thanked the juveniles for their entertainment. An interesting letter was read from Sister Margaret Ballard who is a nurse at Manchester.

**4 March 1933** I.O.G.T. The Chief Templar presided over the weekly meeting of the Lodge on Tuesday. Short biographies were given by Sister Mary Morgan and Bro. James. Bro. Lewis also spoke on "The Lives of Great Men."

**11 March 1933** I.O.G.T. At the weekly meeting of the Lodge, the programme was a Welsh one, to celebrate Gwyl Dewi. Appropriate readings were given by Sisters Bessie Ballard, Mary Morgan, and Lewis, and Brothers David Jones, Berkley Davies and Sam Lewis; penillion singing by Sister Beryl Ballard.

**18 March 1933** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Tuesday evening, and presided over by Sister Mary Morgan, Chief Templar. Brother David Jones organised the devotional programme. After reading a portion of Scripture and offering prayer, Bro. Jones gave a short address on "One thing have I desired of the

Lord." Sister S. J. Jones rendered a solo, and Brothers Sam Lewis, Dan James and Berkley Davies commented on the address.

**1 April 1933** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held at Carmel vestry on Thursday evening, Sister Mary Morgan, chief Templar, presiding. There was a miscellaneous programme, the Sisters Ballard being responsible.

**8 April 1933** I.O.G.T. Sister Mary Morgan presided over the weekly meeting of the Lodge. Sister S. Lewis was responsible for the programme, consisting of unpunctuated reading and a spelling test. Sister S. J. Jones was the successful competitor in the former, and Sister B. Ballard in the latter. Bro. D. James proposed and Sis. C. Jones seconded a vote of thanks to Sister Lewis for a most enjoyable programme.

**15 April 1933** I.O.G.T. At the weekly meeting of the Lodge, the programme comprised competitive items by the juveniles. The solo, under 10 years, was won by Betty Edwards; solo over 10 years, Ewart Davies; recitation, under 10 years, Eliza Evans; recitation over 10 years, divided between Betty Simpson and Edna Jones. The adjudicators were Sister S. Jones, Bros. B. Davies and Bob Rees. The prizes were given by Miss M. J. Williams, Bedlinog.

**22 April 1933** I.O.G.T. At the weekly meeting of the Lodge, a paper was read by County Councillor W. Hancock entitled "Modern Discipleship in the Life of Service." Brothers Sam Lewis and David Jones commented on the paper. Sister Ballard and Brother B. Davies proposed and seconded a vote of thanks to Councillor Hancock.

**29 April 1933** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Lodge was held on Thursday evening. Sister Mary Morgan, Chief Templar, presided. Members sat down and partook of a fine tea, which had been specially prepared by the members, after which games, etc. were played.

**6 May 1933** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel vestry on Tuesday, presided over by Sister Mary Morgan, chief Templar. The programme for the evening consisted of a "Mock Trial," Bro. Lewis being responsible. Sister B. Ballard proposed, and Brother B. Rees seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to Brother Lewis. The officers for the coming quarter are: Chief Templar - Bro. Thomas Walters; Vice-Templar - Bro. Griffith Thomas; guard - Bro. D. Jones; Past Chief Templar - Sis. Mary Morgan; secretary - Sis. Bessie Ballard; treasurer - Bro. Sam Lewis; marshal - Bro. Burkley Davies; deputy marshal - Bro. Tom Davies; chaplain - Sis. Catherine Jones.

**13 May 1933** I.O.G.T. At the weekly meeting of the Lodge, the new officers were installed. The programme was one of "Questions and Answers," and proved very interesting and educative. Brother Davies and Sister Jones were responsible for the programme.

**20 May 1933** I.O.G.T. At the weekly meeting of the Lodge, the programme was "Humorous Evening," all brothers and sisters contributing.

**20 May 1933** I.O.G.T. During the evening, the Rev. J. C. Evans, Pontlottyn, delivered an address on "What is Man?" Brother Sam Lewis, Sister Jones, and Mr. Jenkin Pugh commented on the paper. Sister Lewis and Brother D. Jones proposed and seconded a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. Evans.

**24 June 1933** I.O.G.T. Brother James presided over the weekly meeting of the Lodge. An address was given by Mr. Emllyn Evans on "Various Conceptions of the Other World." Mrs. Farley of Bargoed, Sister B. Ballard and Brother Sam Lewis commented on the very fine address.

**1 July 1933** I.O.G.T. Sister Mary Morgan presided over the weekly meeting of the Lodge. After the business was dealt with, Sister Beryl Ballard took charge of the programme - translations from Welsh to English and vice-versa. The programme was very interesting and educational. Sister Ballard was thanked for the able manner in which the proceedings were carried out. The members passed a vote of condolence which Mr. G. Evans in the loss of his father. Hopes of a speedy recovery were extended to Brothers T. Walters and G. Thomas, who were reported ill, trusting they would soon recover.

**8 July 1933** I.O.G.T. The chief Templar presided over the weekly meeting of the Lodge. The programme for the evening was a devotional one and consisted of hymn-singing by the members. Bro. Berkeley Davies read a portion of the Scriptures; Bro. David Jones offered a prayer; Sisters Ballard and Jones gave a sacred solo each; Sister Lewis gave a paper entitled "The Importance of the Insignificant." Bro. James and Sister Jones, proposed and seconded a vote of thanks to Sister Lewis who was responsible for the programme.

**15 July 1933** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Tuesday evening and was presided over by the Chief Templar. The brothers were responsible for the programme, and the following took part: Brother David Jones gave a splendid reading, which was followed by an account of the foundation of the Order of St. John by Brother D. James; humorous readings and poem - Brother Sam Lewis; Brother Tom Walters gave readings from Carlisle's works. The brothers were thanked by Sisters Ballard and C. Walters.

**22 July 1933** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Lodge was held on Tuesday evening. Sister Jones was responsible for the programme, and was assisted by friends. The programme consisted of mouth organ solos by Mr. Hopkins, solos by Sister Jones, recitations by Master Hopkins, and a short biography of Sarah Martin, the prison reformer, by Sister Jones. Brother Lewis, Sister Lewis and Sister Beryl Ballard commented on the programme. Brother B. Rees proposed, and Brother D. James seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to all who contributed. On Saturday last, the adult and juvenile lodges held their annual outing to Porthcawl, and a very enjoyable day was spent, the weather being ideal.

**29 July 1933** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the International Order of Grand Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Tuesday evening, and was presided over by the Chief Templar. The programme for the evening was a spelling competition, Sister Beryl Ballard being responsible. Sister Lewis was the successful competitor.

**5 August 1933** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the chief Templar presiding. The programme for the evening was a miscellaneous one, and was contributed to by Sisters Beryl Ballard, M. Morgan, C. Jones, and Brothers Berkley Davies and David Jones. A Short history of Fochriw about 60 years ago was read by Sister Lewis; "Advice on Gossip" by Brother S. Lewis; and "A short biography of Wilberforce" was given by Brother D. Jones. An interesting and edifying evening was spent.

**12 August 1933** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge and was held at Carmel vestry. Sister C. Jones was responsible for the programme, which was as follows: folk songs - Sisters Beryl and Bessie Ballard; solo - Brother D. Jones; readings - Sister Jones; recitations - Sister Mary Morgan and Brother Sam Lewis; short biography of Ella Wheeler Wilcox and a few of her poems - Sister S. Lewis; ode by members of the lodge.

**19 August 1933** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held on Thursday, the chief Templar presiding. Brothers Berkley Davies and G. Thomas were responsible for the programme, which was a gramophone recital.

**26 August 1933** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Tuesday. The members welcomed one of their old members in the person of Mrs. Nesta Slimmons, London, who is on holiday.

**2 September 1933** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Tuesday, when Brother Thomas Walters presided. The programme was ode practice, Brother Walters conducting. Solos were given by Sister C. Jones and Master Hugh Ballard Thomas.

**16 September 1933** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel vestry on Tuesday, the Chief Templar presiding. The members were very pleased to see Sisters Annie and Margaret Ballard present with them once again. Sister Beryl Ballard was responsible for the programme, which centred on the harvest, and consisted of the following items: harvest odes sung by members of the lodge; reading,

"The story of a loaf of bread," given by Sister Ballard; songs and recitations by Huw B. Thomas. Brothers David Jones and Bob Rees also spoke. Sister Jones proposed, and Bro. Gomer Evans seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to Sister Ballard for an excellent programme. The lodge was brought to a close in the usual manner.

**23 September 1933** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the chief Templar presiding. The programme for the evening was a miscellaneous one: readings - Brothers David Jones and D. James, Sisters Jones and Ballard; solo, Sister Beryl Ballard; odes sung a by members of the lodge. Bro. Berkley Davies proposed and Bro. Gomer Evans seconded a vote of thanks to all who contributed.

**30 September 1933** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Lodge was held on Tuesday evening, Bro. T. Walters, Chief Templar, presiding. Bro. D. James was responsible for the evening's programme, which commenced with members singing an ode. This was followed by readings by Bro. James entitled to "Man's Great Debt to the Wheel" and "The Robin." Sister Ballard proposed and Bro. Lewis seconded a hearty vote of thanks to Bro. James.

**7 October 1933** I.O.G.T. Brother Thomas Walters presided over the weekly meeting of the lodge on Tuesday. Sister Lewis was responsible for the programme

**14 October 1933** I.O.G.T. Brother Walters presided over the weekly meeting of the lodge at Carmel vestry on Tuesday evening. The programme consisted of songs, recitations and readings, and all the members contributed. Sister Annie Ballard thanked all for the splendid entertainment, and said how pleased she was to be present after a long stay at Manchester. A most enjoyable evening closed in the usual manner.

**21 October 1933** I.O.G.T. The chief Templar presided over the weekly meeting of the lodge on Tuesday evening. The programme for the evening was "A Night with Nature Poems."

**28 October 1933** I.O.G.T. Brother Thomas Walters presided over the weekly meeting of the lodge at Carmel vestry on Tuesday evening. Chief Templar, Brother Sam Lewis was responsible for the evening's programme, which consisted of a topical talk entitled "The Art of Noble Living." This was followed by a spelling contest.

**4 November 1933** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the International Order of Grand Templars was held at Carmel vestry on Tuesday evening, Brother Thomas Walters presiding. A former member of the lodge, Mr. T. Lawrence, gave an address. Brother Sam Lewis and Sister Beryl Ballard proposed and seconded a vote of thanks.

**11 November 1933** I.O.G.T. Brother Thomas Walters presided over the weekly meeting of the lodge on Tuesday evening. The programme consisted of short biographies - that of the novelist Florence Barclay by Sister Lewis; of the poetess Elizabeth Barrett Browning by Sister Beryl Ballard; and those of three living musicians - Dr. Sidney Northcote, Sir Walford Davies, and Sir Thomas Beecham - by Brother Walters. Brother James and Sister Morgan proposed and seconded a hearty vote of thanks to the speakers.

**18 November 1933** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held on Tuesday evening, presided over by Chief Templar.

**25 November 1933** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel vestry on Tuesday evening, the chief Templar, Brother Griff Thomas, presiding. The programme for the evening consisted of a paper in Welsh "Tom Ellis," given by Mr. T. James, Rhymney. Several members spoke in appreciation of the address, and all were pleased to have a few words from an old Good Templar in the person of Mr. John Morgan.

**2 December 1933** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the chief Templar presiding. Competitions were held, and the winners were Brother Berkley Davies and Sister Mary Morgan. The adjudicators were Mr. J. Morgan and Sisters C. Oliver, who were thanked by Brother Sam Lewis and Sisters C. Walters for their services.

**9 December 1933** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held on Tuesday evening. The vice-templar, Brother D. Jones presided. Sister Mary Morgan and Brother Evans were responsible for the programme, and were heartily thanked by Brother James and Sister Jones.

**16 December 1933** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held on Tuesday presided over by Brother Griff Thomas. Brother Berkley Davies gave a paper on "Peter, the Apostle." Sister Lewis and Brother James proposed and seconded a vote of thanks to Brother Davies.

**23 December 1933** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held on Tuesday evening, Brother Griff Thomas, chief Templar, presiding. The programme for the evening was "Thoughts for Christmas and the New Year." The members contributed readings and solos, an interesting item being the singing of the "Three Ships" by Master Hugh B. Thomas. Brothers David Jones, Berkley Davies and Griff Thomas gave short addresses.

**30 December 1933** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held at Carmel vestry on Tuesday. The chief Templar presided. Brother Thomas Walters was responsible for the programme - a spelling test of musical terms and names. The winner was Sister Beryl Ballard. Brother B. Rees and Sister M. Morgan thanked Brother Walters for the excellent programme.

**6 January 1934** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry and was presided over by the chief Templar. The programme consisted of solos, readings and recitations.

**13 January 1934** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held on Tuesday. A social evening was held, when Sisters S. J. Jones and Bessie Ballard acted as M.C.s. Sisters Oliver (Caerphilly) and Margaret Barnard (Frome) and Brother T. Pope (Dowlais) were welcomed. After partaking of refreshments and fruit, games and music were indulged in. Choruses were sang conducted by Brother Walters. The singing of the "Auld Lang Syne" brought an enjoyable evening to a close.

**20 January 1934** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held on Tuesday. Brother D. Jones presided. In the absence of Mr. T. H. Jones, Bro. D. Jones provided a programme. Solos and short readings were given by Sister Jones, and a biography of Abraham Lincoln was read by Brother D. Jones. Sisters Beryl Ballard and Sister C. Jones proposed and seconded a vote of thanks.

**27 January 1934** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held at Carmel vestry on Tuesday. Brother Bob Rees gave an account of his trip to Australia in 1914.

**3 February 1934** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held at Carmel vestry on Tuesday, the chief Templar presiding. The evening's programme consisted of impromptu speeches. Sister Bessie Ballard was awarded the prize. Brothers Walters and D. Jones thanked Brother Sam Lewis for organising the evening.

**10 February 1934** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel vestry on Tuesday. Bro. G. Thomas presided. Bro. Sam Lewis was responsible for the programme, reading a very interesting paper.

**17 February 1934** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held at Carmel on Tuesday. The chief Templar presided. The programme consisted of solos and readings.

**24 February 1934** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held at Carmel vestry on Tuesday, the chief Templar presiding. The programme was a devotional one, arranged by Brother Thomas Walters. Prayer was offered by Brother D. James and Brother Walters gave readings. Brother Sam Lewis and Sister Rees proposed and seconded a hearty vote of thanks to Brothers James and Walters.

**3 March 1934** I.O.G.T. The Star of Fochriw lodge met at Carmel vestry on Tuesday, when the juveniles gave a musical programme. A duet was given by Rene Angell and Winnie Evans, and a reading entitled "The Grace Darling of Australia," was given by Willie Walters. Solos were given by Gwyn Davies, Betty Edwards, Jenny Davies, Hywel Lewis, Gladys Harris, Muriel and Ewart Davies, and Betty Simpson. Recitations were



given by Maude Jones, Betty Simpson, Liza Evans, and Mair Cumpstone. Sister Lewis proposed and Brother Davies seconded a vote of thanks to the juveniles.

**10 March 1934** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held at Carmel vestry on Tuesday. A vote of condolence was passed with Bro. Berkley Davies in his recent bereavement. The programme was a Welsh one in celebration of St. David's Day, and consisted of short histories of Welsh interest, readings, songs, and canu penillion.

**17 March 1934** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held on Tuesday. Bro. Gomer Evans was responsible for the programme - a spelling test. Sisters Lewis and Ballard were the winners.

**24 March 1934** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held at Carmel vestry on Tuesday, the chief Templar presiding. The programme for the evening was "Easter Thoughts." Sister Beryl Ballard was the soloist. "Easter Thoughts and Legends" were read by Sisters Lewis, Jones, Ballard and Sam Lewis.

**31 March 1934** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held on Tuesday. The programme for the evening was a discussion entitled "Which is the more essential, salt or sugar?" The leaders in the discussion were Sister S. Lewis and Sister Ballard.

**7 April 1934** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Tuesday evening. The programme took the form of a competition for the juveniles. The prize-winners were Eliza Evans and Ewart Davies.

**21 April 1934** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge held at Carmel Vestry on Tuesday. The chief Templar presided. Solos and readings were given by Sister Beryl Ballard, Brother D. James and Sister M. A. Lewis.

**28 April 1934** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the International Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel vestry Tuesday. The chief Templar presided. The following took part: Brothers James and Walters; Sister Beryl Ballard; Sisters Bessie Barnard and Lewis. Sister Ballard's song "Bouquet of Spring Flowers," won the prize. Brother B. Davies and Sister Jones proposed and seconded thanks to all who took part.

**5 May 1934** I.O.G.T. At the weekly meeting of the Lodge, the programme for the evening was so "A Mock Trial." Brother G. Thomas was responsible.

**12 May 1934** I.O.G.T. A meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Tuesday. The programme was a Welsh spelling test, Brother Berkley Davies being responsible. Sisters Jones and Ballard thanked Bro. Davies.

**19 May 1934** I.O.G.T. Brother D. James presided at the weekly meeting of the lodge on Tuesday. The programme was ode practice conducted by Brother Thomas Walters.

**26 May 1934** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel vestry on Tuesday evening, and was presided over by the chief Templar. The programme was a paper entitled "Music," given by Mr. David Jones, Bargoed. Sisters Lewis and Ballard thanked Mr. Jones for such an edifying paper.

**16 June 1934** I.O.G.T. On Tuesday, the juveniles have their annual tea, when about 50 were present. The Sisters of the adult Lodge saw to all the wants of the juveniles. A miscellaneous concert was much enjoyed. Brother Thomas Walters was responsible for the programme, and Brother Sam Lewis presided.

**23 June 1934** Star of of Fochriw Lodge Brother Bob Rees, Chief Templar, presided at the weekly meeting of the lodge on Tuesday. Bro. Rees and Sister Mary Morgan were responsible for the entertainment, consisted of duets and solos on the violin and cornet. They were thanked by Bro. Sam Lewis and Sister M. Ballard.

**30 June 1934** Good Templars The lodge met at Carmel vestry on Tuesday. Sister C. Jones arranged the programme. Sister Lewis, Brother Davies took part and Sister Jones read a paper on "Naaman's Captive Maid."

**7 July 1934** Good Templars The weekly meeting was held at Carmel vestry on Tuesday, Brother Griff Thomas presiding. The following contributed to the programme: Sisters Bessie Ballard, Mary Morgan, Beryl Ballard and Catherine Jones, and Brother Gomer Evans. The Chief Templar thanked all who contributed.

**21 July 1934** Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel vestry on Tuesday. Brother G. Thomas presided. The programme was "A

Night of Song," to which the following contributed: Brothers Thomas Walters, Dan James, Sam Lewis, Sisters E. Ballard, A. Ballard, M. Morgan and Beryl Ballard. Brother Carpenter, Bargoed, gave a humorous recitation. Brothers D. James and G. Thomas were chosen to represent the lodge at Brithdir.

**28 July 1934** Good Templars The chief Templar presided at the weekly meeting of the lodge on Tuesday. The programme was a competitive one, and five members competed. Brother Thomas was the winner.

**4 August 1934** I.O.G.T. Brother Berkley Davies was elected Chief Templar. The programme for the evening was arranged by Brother Thomas Walters.

**11 August 1934** Good Templars The meeting of the lodge was held at Carmel on Tuesday. A paper was read by Mr. J. J. Evans, Rhymney, entitled "Henry Richard, the Welsh Apostle of Peace." Brothers Sam Lewis and Thomas Walters proposed and seconded a vote of thanks to Mr. Evans.

**18 August 1934** Good Templars The weekly meeting was held at Carmel vestry on Thursday evening. Brother Berkley Davies was installed as chief Templar. The programme was "A Night with Tennyson," for which Brother Walters was responsible. He read a biography of Tennyson, and also commented on his chief poems. Sisters Ballard and Jones thanked Bro. Walters for the interesting paper.

**25 August 1934** Good Templars At the weekly meeting, Brother James was responsible for the programme.

**1 September 1934** I.O.G.T. The lodge of the Good Templars met on Tuesday evening, Brother G. Thomas presiding. Brother D. James gave a reading, and the brothers and sisters joined in the singing of favourite odes, Brother Thomas Walters conducting.

**8 September 1934** Good Templars The weekly meeting was held on Tuesday evening. The programme for the evening was based on "Holiday Experiences," and was arranged by Sister Beryl Ballard.

**15 September 1934** Templars The weekly meeting was held at Carmel on Tuesday. An address was given by Mr. Hill, Abertillery. Sister Ballard proposed and Sister Morgan seconded a vote of thanks.

**22 September 1934** Good Templars The weekly meeting was held on Tuesday. An account of the "Mabolgampau" was given by Brother Lewis, with songs and recitations from other members.

**29 September 1934** Good Templars At the Star of Fochriw Lodge at Carmel vestry on Tuesday, Brother G. Thomas presided. The programme was entitled "Autumn Thoughts." The Sisters were responsible for readings and poems, and autumn odes were sung. The Sisters were thanked by Brothers Walters and James.

**6 October 1934** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held on Tuesday. Sister Morgan was responsible for the programme, which consisted of a history of Cardiff, and some recitations. She was thanked by Brother Lewis and Sister Jones.

**13 October 1934** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Tuesday. A paper on "St. Francis of Assisi" was given by Sister Ballard. She was thanked by Brother James and Sister C. Jones.

**27 October 1934** Good Templars The meeting was held at Carmel vestry on Tuesday. Sister Lewis arranged the programme, which consisted of biographies of two Fochriw notables, Dr. Eleazer Davies, and the Rev. James Jones.

**3 November 1934** Good Templars The weekly meeting of the lodge was held at Carmel vestry on Tuesday evening. Brother D. James presided. Sister D. Jones was responsible for the entertainment, and she was thanked by Brothers Evans and Lewis.

**10 November 1934** Good Templars At the lodge meeting on Tuesday, Brother James read a paper entitled "Some Reflections on the Event of a Silver Wedding."

**17 November 1934** Good Templars At the meeting on Tuesday, a scene from "Macbeth" was played. Brother Lewis and Sister Jones proposed and seconded a vote of thanks to all taking part.

**1 December 1934** I.O.G.T. A vote of condolence was passed with Brother and Sister Walters in their recent bereavement. Sister Ballard was responsible for the programme, and an enjoyable evening was spent.

**8 December 1934** Good Templars The weekly meeting of the lodge was held on Tuesday evening, Brother Gomer Evans being responsible for the programme.

**15 December 1934** I.O.G.T. Sister C Jones was responsible for the programme.

**22 December 1934** I.O.G.T. Brother Thomas Walters was responsible for the programme.

**12 January 1935** Good Templars At the weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge at Carmel Vestry, the chief Templar presided. The programme was carol singing conducted by Mr. Thomas Walters, Miss B. Ballard and Master Huw B. Thomas, who also gave a recitation.

**19 January 1935** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the International Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel vestry on Wednesday. The programme was "Thoughts and Resolutions for the New Year." All members responded. A recitation was given by Sister Mary Morgan.

**2 February 1935** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held at Carmel vestry on Tuesday. Sister E. Ballard was responsible for the programme. Readings were given by Sister Ballard and Brother Gomer Evans. A solo was given by Sister B. Ballard.

**9 February 1935** Good Templars A meeting of the lodge was held on Tuesday evening. The programme was a Welsh one. Readings were given by Brothers Lewis and Evans, Sisters Jones and Ballard; recitations - Sister Lewis and Brother H. Thomas; solos - Brothers Walters and Huw B. Thomas. Brother James also spoke.

**16 February 1935** Good Templars The Star of Fochriw lodge met at Carmel vestry on Tuesday. The programme was arranged by Master Willie Walters. He was thanked by Brother James and Sister Jones.

**23 February 1935** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held on Tuesday. The programme was a topical talk on "Wine." Brother Evans being responsible. He was thanked by Brothers Lewis and Walters.

**2 March 1935** I.O.G.T. Meeting The weekly meeting of the lodge was held at Carmel vestry on Tuesday, when a programme of humorous items was much enjoyed. All members contributed.

**9 March 1935** Good Templars The weekly meeting was held on Tuesday. The programme for the evening was 'Ode Practice,' Brother Walters being responsible.

**16 March 1935** Welsh Night The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel vestry on Tuesday. The programme was a Welsh night, and consisted of folk songs, penillion singing, recitations and readings from Welsh authors.

**30 March 1935** Good Templars The weekly meeting was held on Tuesday with a programme of poem reading and reciting.

**6 April 1935** I.O.G.T. At Carmel Vestry on Tuesday, the following performed the drama "Dal y Lleidr:" W. Walters, E. Lewis, D. Cole, S. Davies, G. Harris, M. Rowlands.

**27 April 1935** Good Templars The weekly meeting was held at Carmel vestry on Tuesday evening. Brother James was responsible for the programme which took the form of an ambulance display by a few members of the St. John Ambulance Cadets. The Cadets and Bro. James were thanked by Bros. Walters and Lewis.

**4 May 1935** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held on Wednesday. The programme was a devotional one and Bro. Gomer Evans was responsible. After a portion of Scripture and prayer, a reading entitled "Character, Life and Conduct" was given by Bro. Evans. The singing was conducted by Bro. Walters

**11 May 1935** Good Templars The weekly meeting was held on Tuesday evening, when short addresses were given.

**18 May 1935** I.O.G.T. At the weekly meeting of the Lodge, the programme consisted of solos, recitations and readings. Brother Lewis thanked all who took part.

**18 May 1935** I.O.G.T. Concert The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel vestry on Tuesday evening. Brother Thomas Walters and family were responsible for the programme, which was chiefly musical, and was as follows: pianoforte solo, Brother Walters; trio (cello, violin and piano) W. Walters and friends; solos, Sisters M. Thomas and C. Walters and Brother Emrys Thomas; recitation, W. Walters. Brother Davies and Sister Ballard thanked all who took part.

**1 June 1935** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting was held at Carmel vestry on Tuesday evening. The programme was an impromptu speech competition. The subjects given were "The Telephone" and "Stars." Sister Lewis adjudicated, and awarded prizes to Master W. Walters and Sister Ballard. Sisters C. Oliver and C. Jones were thanked for the prizes.

**8 June 1935** I.O.G.T. Concert The weekly meeting of the lodge was held on Tuesday. Brothers Davies and Evans were responsible for the programme. Two competitions took place, the first being a Biblical question competition, with Sister E. Ballard as the winner, and the other a sol-fa test, with Sister Lydia Thomas the winner. Brother and Sister Walters proposed and seconded a vote of thanks.

**15 June 1935** I.O.G.T. The lodge meeting was held on Tuesday. Brother Islwyn Davies was responsible for the programme. Congratulations were extended to Brother Sam Lewis on being elected a district councillor.

**29 June 1935** Good Templars The weekly meeting of the lodge was held at Carmel vestry on Tuesday. The programme was arranged by Sister B. Ballard. Sisters C. and B. Ballard and Sister Oliver took part. An interesting item was a folk dance by Huw B. Thomas.

**27 July 1935** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel vestry on Wednesday when the programme was "Charades." Sister E. Ballard was responsible. Sisters B. Ballard, G. Oliver and Nurse Mona Ballard took part.

**3 August 1935** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting was held on Wednesday. Bro. W. Davies and Sister M. Ballard, old lodge members, attended. Bro. Lewis gave a solo and Sister Lewis a paper entitled "The Weather in Life."

**10 August 1935** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held at Carmel vestry on Wednesday evening last. Brothers Thomas and Oliver were responsible for the programme. Those who took part were Brother W. A. Davies and Brother D. James. Drawing and sentence competitions created much amusement, Sister Mona Ballard and Brother Davies being the winners. Mrs. S. Lewis, who has been Chief Templar for the last six months, vacated the chair, and Sister Oliver was elected Chief Templar.

**24 August 1935** I.O.G.T. The following contributed to the programme: Miss M. Llewellyn, Bristol; Brother W. Angell Davies, Reading; Brother Thomas Walters and Mr. W. Morgan.

**31 August 1935** I.O.G.T. The Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel vestry on Wednesday, when the programme was a short industrial history of Merthyr Tydfil read by Brother James. He was thanked by Sister Lewis and Brother W. Davies.

**7 September 1935** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held on Wednesday evening, the programme being an impromptu speech competition. The winners were Brother Sam Lewis and Sister E. Ballard. Sister Oliver and Sisters C. Jones organised the programme, and were thanked by Bro. Thomas and Bro. B. Davies

**14 September 1935** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting was held at Carmel vestry on Wednesday, when the programme was "Ode Practice," with Brother Thomas Walters responsible.

**21 September 1935** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the International Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel vestry on Wednesday. The following contributed to the programme: Sisters Thomas, Jones, Ballard, Oliver, and Lewis. They were thanked by Brothers Lewis and Walters.

**12 October 1935** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting was held on Wednesday, when Sister Ballard was responsible for the programme. The theme of the programme was as "Bread-readings." She was thanked by Brothers W. Davies and Lewis.

**19 October 1935** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting was held on Wednesday, Bro. Thomas presiding. Readings were given by Bro. Thomas, recitations by Master Huw Thomas, and solos by Sis. Beryl Ballard and Master Huw Thomas.

**26 October 1935** I.O.G.T. The Lodge met at Carmel vestry on Wednesday. A vote of condolence was passed with Sister Jones in her bereavement. Brother Walters was responsible for the programme, which consisted of solos by Bro. W. A. Davies; pianoforte solo, Brother Walters; address, Brother Willie Walters. Brother James and Sister Lewis thanked Brother Walters.

**9 November 1935** I.O.G.T. At a weekly meeting of the lodge on Wednesday, Mr. Arthur Ballard read a paper on "Sir Wilfred Grenfell of Labrador." He was thanked by a Sister Lewis and Brother Walters.

**23 November 1935** I.O.G.T. The programme for the evening was topical talks entitled "The Art of Noble Living."

**30 November 1935** I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held at Carmel vestry on Wednesday. Mr. Harding, Merthyr, gave an address on "My visit to Canada."

**7 December 1935** I.O.G.T. Sister B. Ballard was responsible for a devotional programme.

**4 January 1936** I.O.G.T. Sister C. Oliver presided. A vote of condolence was passed with Bro. G. Evans in the loss of his mother.

**25 January 1936** I.O.G.T. Meeting The Star of Fochriw Lodge of the International Order of Good Templars met on Wednesday and was presided over by Sister Oliver. Brother Lewis gave the results of the biblical competition, and Sister E. Ballard was declared the winner. Papers were read by Bro. Walters, and Sisters Lewis and Ballard.

**8 February 1936** I.O.G.T. Sister Oliver presided over the weekly meeting of the lodge. Sister C. Jones was elected Chief Templar, and Brother D. Jones vice-templar. Sister Oliver and Brother Thomas Walters gave readings that were much enjoyed.

**28 March 1936** I.O.G.T. A meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel vestry on Wednesday. Sister C. Jones presided. After the business had been transacted, a programme was contributed to by Sisters Ballard, Oliver, Jones and Lewis, and Brother Sam Lewis. This was greatly enjoyed.

**18 April 1936** Good Templars At the Lodge meeting on Wednesday, held at Carmel Vestry, Sister C. Jones presided. A vote of condolence was passed with Sister S. J. Jones and family in their bereavement. The lodge has sustained a loss in the passing of a faithful and active member. A reading was given by Bro. Sam Lewis. Sisters Oliver & B. Ballard thanked Bro. Lewis.

**9 May 1936** I.O.G.T. A meeting of the Lodge was held on Wednesday at Carmel Vestry. Bro. D. James gave readings.

**16 May 1936** I.O.G.T. A meeting under the auspices of the Star of Fochriw Lodge took place at Carmel Vestry on Wednesday evening. Mrs. C. Jones, chief Templar, presided, and Brother Oliver was responsible for the evening's programme - a "Spelling B." He was thanked by Brothers Lewis and James.

**30 May 1936** I.O.G.T. A meeting was held on Wednesday, Sister C. Jones presiding. The programme for the evening consisted of Bible Stories, Sisters Jones and Oliver contributing. Bros. Walters and Oliver were chosen as auditors.

**20 June 1936** I.O.G.T. Sister C. Jones presided over the weekly meeting. The evening was set aside for competitive translation of hymns from Welsh to English and vice versa. Sister E. Ballard was the winner.

**11 July 1936** Star of Fochriw Lodge On Wednesday, the Lodge debated on the question, "Is following the fashion a weakness?" The leaders were Bros. James and Lewis, and against were Bro. Oliver and Sister C. Ballard. Sister C. Jones presided.

**18 July 1936** I.O.G.T. The meeting of the lodge was held on Wednesday at Carmel Vestry, when Sisters C. Jones presided. Sister Oliver gave the "History of a Pot of Raspberry Jam," and Sister Ballard gave a humorous reading. Brothers B. Thomas and T. Walters and Sister Lewis also took part.

**25 July 1936** I.O.G.T. A meeting this held at Carmel vestry on Wednesday. The programme for the evening was "A Night of Recitation," and all present took part.

**1 August 1936** Good Templars The Lodge met on Wednesday at Carmel vestry, when Sister C. Jones was re-elected chief Templar for the coming quarter, and Brother D. James, vice-templar. The programme for the evening was a singing competition. Brother James made the arrangements and the competition proved very interesting. Sister Beryl Ballard was awarded the prize.

**22 August 1936** Good Templars A meeting was held at Carmel vestry on Wednesday. Sister C. Jones presided. A cordial welcome was extended to Sister A. Ballard and Mrs. Sharples of Bolton. The programme was "Question Night," and questions of an educational character was asked and answered. All members took part.

**5 September 1936** I.O.G.T. The chief templar presided. All present took part.

**12 September 1936** I.O.G.T. At the weekly meeting on Wednesday, Sister Oliver gave a reading, and Mr. Huw B. Thomas gave an account of his holiday experiences at Aberystwyth. They were thanked by Sister Lewis and Bro. James.

**19 September 1936** I.O.G.T. Sister Jones presided at the Lodge meeting on Wednesday. Bro. D. James gave an outline of his visit to Manchester, where he visited the various factories of the C.W.S.

**26 September 1936** I.O.G.T. At the weekly meeting Bro. Walters organised a programme of hymn singing.

**10 October 1936** I.O.G.T. Sister C. Jones presided over the meeting of the lodge on Wednesday. Sisters E. Ballard was in charge of the programme. She gave an outline of her visit to Oxford.

**17 October 1936** I.O.G.T. The Star of Fochriw Lodge met on Wednesday at Carmel vestry. The programme was "A Scripture Test," prepared by Sister Lewis.

**24 October 1936** I.O.G.T. At the weekly meeting of the lodge, Sister S. J. Jones conducted the programme. She gave a solo and an address. Sister Lewis adjudicated on the scripture test and Sister E. Ballard was awarded the prize.

**21 November 1936** I.O.G.T. Sister E Ballard read poems and all other members read extracts from Welsh prose and poetry.

**28 November 1936** I.O.G.T. Brother James was installed as chief Templar. The programme included "Humorous Tales and Incidents," all members taking part.

**5 December 1936** I.O.G.T. Sisters Oliver and C. Jones read biographies of Samuel Taylor Coleridge and Billy Sunday, the evangelist.

**12 December 1936** I.O.G.T. Bro. Dan James presided at the meeting on Wednesday. Paine musical programme was a range replied Brother and Sisters Oliver. Brother Tom Walters conducted the singing

**9 January 1937** Good Templars Bro. D. Jones presided at the lodge meeting on Wednesday. The programme was "Thoughts for the New Year." Sis. B. Ballard rendered solos and Huw B. Thomas read an appropriate story.

**16 January 1937** I.O.G.T. A meeting of the lodge was held at Carmel vestry on Wednesday. The programme was a surprise entertainment for which Brother D. Jones, Chief Templar, was responsible. At the close, each member received a novelty gift.

**30 January 1937** I.O.G.T. Brother D. James presided over the lodge meeting on Wednesday. Sister E. Ballard was responsible for the programme which consisted of a number of questions in general knowledge. Sister Oliver received the prize.

**20 February 1937** I.O.G.T. Brother Oliver presided at the meeting of the lodge on Wednesday. The programme consisted of humorous readings, all present taking part.

**27 February 1937** I.O.G.T. At the meeting of the lodge held at Carmel vestry on Wednesday, all members took part in the programme. A vote of condolence was passed with Sister G. Jones in her recent bereavement, and also with Brother D. James, Chief Templar, who is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital.

**27 March 1937** I.O.G.T. Brother Dan James presided at the meeting of the lodge on Wednesday. He was welcomed back after his illness. The programme took the form of

favourite hymns. Each member read out a favourite hymn, which was subsequently sung. Sister E. Ballard took charge of the programme.

**8 May 1937** I.O.G.T. A meeting of the Lodge was held on Wednesday, Sister C. Jones presiding. Brother Oliver was elected Chief Templar for the coming quarter. Bros. G. Evans and S. Lewis gave the results of the previous week's scripture test. Sisters C. Jones was awarded the prize. Sister E. Ballard gave some readings.

**5 June 1937** I.O.G.T. Brother Gomer Evans presided over the meeting. The programme was "Spelling Test." Sister Oliver was awarded the prize.

**26 June 1937** I.O.G.T. Brother W. Oliver presided over the meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge at Carmel vestry on Wednesday. P.C. I. Davies (London) read a paper and was thanked by Bros. Lewis and Walters.

**3 July 1937** I.O.G.T. Bro. G. Evans presided over the meeting of the Lodge. Bro. Thomas Walters was in charge of the programme, all members taking part.

**10 July 1937** I.O.G.T. Brother Oliver, Chief Templar, presided at the meeting at Carmel vestry on Wednesday. He read a humorous paper on "Superstitions," and was thanked by Brothers Jones and Walters.

**17 July 1937** I.O.G.T. Brother Gomer Evans presided at a meeting of the Lodge. During the evening, music composed by Bro. Walters was sung.

**31 July 1937** I.O.G.T. Bro. Gomer Evans presided over the lodge meeting on Wednesday. The devotional part was taken by Sister M. A. Lewis.

**21 August 1937** I.O.G.T. Bro. W. Oliver presided at a meeting of the lodge on Wednesday evening. The programme, "Topical Talks," was arranged by Brothers G. Evans. Nurses A. Ballard and Hulme of Manchester were given a welcome as visitors to the lodge.

**28 August 1937** I.O.G.T. Sisters C. Jones was responsible for the programme. She gave a reading and was thanked by Brothers James and Walters.

**4 September 1937** I.O.G.T. Brother W. Oliver presided at the lodge meeting on Wednesday. The programme for the evening was "Ode singing and Chants," Brother Walters being the organiser.

**18 September 1937** I.O.G.T. Bro. Oliver presided over the meeting at Carmel Vestry on Wednesday. The programme for the evening was a spelling test, Sister Jones being responsible. All members took part.

**25 September 1937** I.O.G.T. A meeting was held on Wednesday. Brother G. Evans was in charge of the programme that was of a devotional nature. Sister Lewis and Brother Evans took part.

**9 October 1937** I.O.G.T. A Thanksgiving service was held at Carmel vestry on Wednesday by the Star of Fochriw Lodge and was presided over by Brother Oliver. Sisters Oliver and E. Ballard introduced the service with a reading from scripture and prayers. Duets were rendered by Sisters B. Ballard and Oliver.

**16 October 1937** I.O.G.T. A meeting was held on Wednesday, Bro. Gomer Evans presiding. Bro. D. James gave an address on "First Aid."

**23 October 1937** I.O.G.T. Bro. Oliver presided over the lodge meeting. Sister Beryl Ballard gave a short biography of Wagner and afterwards the "origin," and a description of his opera, "Tannhauser." She was thanked by Brothers Walters and Davies.

**20 November 1937** I.O.G.T. A meeting was held on Wednesday, Bro. Walters was in charge of the programme.

**4 December 1937** I.O.G.T. The programme for the evening was "General Knowledge Questions." Also, Sisters Lewis and Ballard gave readings.

**22 January 1938** I.O.G.T. Sister Jones was responsible for the programme, which took the form of translations of biblical passages from Welsh to English. She was thanked by Sisters Ballard and Lewis.

**29 January 1938** I.O.G.T. Brother Sam Lewis presided over the meeting of the lodge at Carmel vestry on Thursday last. Sister Beryl Barnard was appointed chief Templar for the coming quarter, and Brother Dan James vice-templar. Brother James and Sister Lewis contributed to the programme, and were thanked by Sisters Oliver and C. Jones.

**5 February 1938** I.O.G.T. A meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. Brother W. Oliver presided. All members contributed to the programme. A reading by Sister E. Ballard concluded the meeting.

**12 February 1938** I.O.G.T. Sister Beryl Ballard presided over the meeting of the lodge on Thursday. Sisters B. & M. Ballard and C. Oliver contributed to the programme.

**2 April 1938** I.O.G.T. Sister Beryl Ballard presided over a meeting of the lodge at Carmel vestry. The members gave short addresses, Brothers T. Walters, S. Lewis and Sister E. Ballard contributing.

**4 June 1938** I.O.G.T. A meeting of the lodge was held on Wednesday, Sister Beryl Ballard presiding. Solos and duets were rendered by Bro. Thomas Walters, Sisters Oliver and B. Ballard, and readings were given by Brother Sam Lewis, Sisters Jones and E. Ballard.

**11 June 1938** I.O.G.T. Sister Ballard presided at a meeting of the lodge at Carmel vestry on Wednesday. The programme for the evening was "Unpunctuated Reading," Sister C. Jones being responsible. P.C. Islwyn Davies, who is home from London on holiday, was given a hearty welcome to the meeting. He spoke some very encouraging words, and an enjoyable evening was spent.

**25 June 1938** I.O.G.T. Sister Beryl Ballard presided over a meeting of the lodge on Wednesday. The programme was entitled "Sewing Competition and Scripture Test." Sister Lewis and Brother Lewis were responsible.

**9 July 1938** I.O.G.T. Sister B. Ballard, Chief Templar, presided at the meeting on Wednesday. Games were indulged in.

**16 July 1938** I.O.G.T. Sister Beryl Ballard presided at the meeting of the lodge on Wednesday. Sisters Oliver and B. Ballard were responsible for the programme, which has a musical one. During the evening, Mr. W. Jones, Deri, an old member of the lodge, visited the lodge and congratulated the members on their perseverance.

**30 July 1938** I.O.G.T. Sister Beryl Ballard, Chief Templar, presided over the lodge meeting on Wednesday. Sister C. Jones was responsible for the programme. A duet was sung by Sisters Oliver and Ballard and Bro. T. Walters accompanied.

**24 September 1938** I.O.G.T. At the lodge meeting, the programme took the form of "Holiday Reminiscences." Sister C. Jones thanked all who took part.

**1 October 1938** I.O.G.T. Sister Beryl Ballard, Chief Templar, presided over the meeting of the lodge at Carmel vestry. The programme was arranged by Sister C. James and consisted of a scripture test.

**8 October 1938** I.O.G.T. Sister Beryl Ballard presided over a meeting of the Lodge at Carmel Vestry on Wednesday. A hymn singing competition was held, Sister E. Ballard and Sister T. Walters adjudicating. Sisters C. Jones, B. Ballard and C. Walters were declared the winners.

**15 October 1938** I.O.G.T. Sister B. Ballard presided at a meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge on Wednesday. The programme was "Harvest Gleanings." The following took part: Sisters E. Ballard, S. Jones, Oliver, Ballard, and Brother Thomas Walters.

**29 October 1938** I.O.G.T. A meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Wednesday, Sister Beryl Ballard presiding. The programme was a miscellaneous one, all members contributing.

**4 November 1939** Presentation On Tuesday, the Star of Fochriw Lodge presented Mrs. I. Davies, formerly Miss Beryl Ballard, with a cut glass biscuit barrel and eggs spoons on her marriage. The presentation was made by Mrs. Sam Lewis who paid high tribute to Mrs. Davies. Messrs. Walters, Lewis, James, and Mrs. T. Walters and Mrs. S. Phillips also spoke. At the time of her marriage, Mrs. Davies was chief Templar. She suitably responded. P.C. Islwyn Davies also spoke and thanked the members for their kindness and good wishes.