

Report of
1837.Gibbon's
Charity.

By a declaration of trust from Richard Hoare Jenkins, of Llanharan House, esq., dated 9th December 1826, it is recited, that *William Gibbon*, late of Newton, esq., by Will, dated 18th September 1809, bequeathed 500*l.* to John Price, esq., and the said Richard Hoare Jenkins, their executors and administrators, upon trust, for them, or the survivor, or his executors or administrators, to invest the same in the funds in their or his names or name, and to execute a declaration of trust, stating that they or he stood possessed of the said capital stock, and would, out of the dividends of the said 500*l.*, or capital stock, pay or permit the rector for the time being of Llanbary, to receive the dividends of 200*l.*, part thereof; the rector of Llanharan to receive the dividends of 100*l.*, other part thereof; the vicar of Llantrissant the dividends of 100*l.* further part thereof, and the vicar of Llanblethian the dividends of 100*l.*, residue thereof, for the purpose of their respectively distributing the same on Christmas-day yearly, between and among such of the industrious poor residing within their said respective parishes of Llanbary, Llanharan, Llantrissant, and Llanblethian, as to the said rectors or vicars respectively should seem proper; and the said deed further recited, that with the said sum of 500*l.* the executrix purchased the capital sum of 819*l.* 13*s.* 6*d.* in the Three per Cent. Consols, in the joint names of the said John Price and R. H. Jenkins; and that the said John Price having died, the said stock was transferred into the sole name of R. H. Jenkins, who thereby declared the dividends of $\frac{2}{5}$, $\frac{1}{5}$, $\frac{1}{5}$, and $\frac{1}{5}$ of the said stock, to be to the use of the several rectors and vicars of Llanbary, Llanharan, Llantrissant, and Llanblethian respectively as aforesaid.

1828 Mr. Jenkins sold out the stock for 685*l.* 5*s.*, but still continued to pay the same rate of interest as the stock had produced. At the meeting attended by Mr. Jenkins's agent, it was agreed that it should be forthwith replaced, and be vested in the joint names of Mr. Jenkins and the Rev. Mr. Edmond, vicar of this parish.

The annual sum of 4*l.* 19*s.*, the proportion of the income applicable to this parish, has been distributed by the vicar to poor inhabitants in small sums, varying in amount, at his discretion. A regular account of the application will be entered in future in a book to be kept for that purpose.

VARIOUS DONORS (see page 153).

Various
Donors.

It appears from a parchment writing, professing to be transcribed in 1821, by Mr. Piumbre, the then vicar, from a paper dated in 1710, and stated to be the only authentic document relating to the different benefactions in the parish of Llanblethian, known to be in existence (and to which reference is frequently made in the subsequent charities), that the several gifts of G. Wrinch, H. Hubden, W. —, N. John, M. David, E. Sweeting and G. David, of 5*l.* each, of J. Llewellyn, of 4*l.*, of T. — and A. Nurrh, of 1*l.* each, and of T. Lewis, of 2*l.*, amounting in all to 43*l.*, was, by the consent of the inhabitants, at a court baron, held in the year 1703, for the manor of Llanblethian, paid for two acres of customary lands called Lanhead, being opposite and in sight of the church, and surrendered to the same use as the monies above mentioned, which was, that the interest thereof might be yearly distributed at Christmas, at the discretion of the inhabitants, to poor people not receiving alms from the parish.

The above property lies to the west of the road called Lanhead, leading to Lantwit Major, and was let by auction by the churchwardens and overseers to Edward Llewellyn, as yearly tenant, at a rent of 5*l.*, which is paid yearly at Christmas, and, after deducting 2*s.* 3*d.* for land-tax, and the amount of repairs (if any), is distributed, together with 1*l.* 5*s.* a-year arising under the two following gifts, to poor parishioners, in sums varying according to the discretion of the vestry. An account is kept of the application.

LEWIS'S AND NICHOLL'S CHARITIES (see page 154).

Lewis's and
Nicholl's
Charities.

It appears from the Parliamentary Returns of 1786, that *Howell Lewis* gave 20*l.*, and *Stephen Nicholl* 5*l.*, to the use of the poor, which sums, it is believed, were paid to the parish officers, who have (as the parish books show) annually paid, and still pay 1*l.* 5*s.* as interest upon the original sums.

SANT'S CHARITY (see page 154).

Sant's
Charity.

It is stated in the Parliamentary Returns of 1786, that *Margaret Sant* gave to the use of the poor the sum of 1*l.* 4*s.* per annum, which sum is considered to be issuing out of two meadows in Aberthin, near the Llanharan road, now the property of J. M. R. Deare, esq., who regularly pays the rent at Christmas, which is distributed to poor parishioners, at the discretion of the vestry.

THOMAS'S CHARITY (see page 154).

Thomas's
Charity.

The sum of 12*s.* per annum is regularly paid by John Bevan, esq., of Cowbridge, out of a field containing three acres of land, and lying in or near Stallingdown, in this parish, and situate on the south side of the road leading from Cardiff to Cowbridge. For further particulars, vide the Cowbridge Report.

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WILLIAM'S CHARITY (see page 154).

Llanblethian.

It appears from the old parchment document before mentioned, that the sum of 12s. a-year was, in 1710, payable, and was, until the last 30 years, paid out of a house (long since fallen down) and garden at the East Gate, now the property of Captain Tyler. Upon application being made to that gentleman, through his agent, the following answer was returned:—"Captain Tyler is the proprietor of a garden in the East Village of Cowbridge, for which he receives 10s. a-year, and I have been receiving rents for it for 20 years, during which I never heard of any charge upon the property."

Report of
1837.William's
Charity.

DAVID'S CHARITY (see page 154).

It is stated in the charity document before quoted, that *Richard David* gave 10*l.*, for ever, the interest thereof to be applied in bread for the poor, and which sum was applied by Thomas Wilkins, one of the overseers for the time being, to the use and reparation of the church, and the interest was ordered to be paid annually by the churchwardens out of the church profits, for bread to be distributed on Sundays to such poor people as came to church, not receiving alms from the parish.

David's
Charity.

It does not appear that any interest has ever been paid in respect of the above gift, but the vicar and churchwardens have undertaken that the payment shall in future be made out of what is here termed "the Church Profits."

SIR L. JENKINS'S CHARITY (see page 154).

The sum of 20*l.* is distributed every fourth year in clothing and blankets to poor parishioners, by the master of the free grammar school in Cowbridge, under the gift of *Sir Leoline Jenkins*, for the full particulars of which, see the Report upon the Cowbridge Free Grammar-School, and the other charities of Sir Leoline Jenkins, p. 382.

Sir L.
Jenkins's
Charity.

E. JENKINS'S CHARITY (see page 155).

At a court baron, held for the manor of Talyvan, on the 21st January 1699, *Evan Jenkins* surrendered his copyhold land to Howell Eustance and John Jenkins, and their customary heirs, as feoffees, to hold the same to the use of the overseers and churchwardens of Ystrad Owen and Llanblethian, and their successors, for ever, who were to let the lands from year to year, and to apply the rents, in the first place, in keeping, and, if need required, putting in order the tenor bell in the steeple of Llanblethian church, the gift of Sir Leoline Jenkins, and in paying the customary rent and all taxes, and then to distribute the rents equally in both parishes towards the reparation of the aforesaid parish churches, as need should require; and also to bind the poorest sort of children apprentices by the consent of the parishioners; and likewise to relieve old labourers that should be unable to work. And it was further directed, that if some of the rent should happen to be in the hands of the officers some certain years, without any reparation wanting to the churches, or no children to be bound apprentices, then that they should acquaint the parish, and part the said monies where they should be who should want most in both parishes; and that each officer, on quitting office, should give an account of the application, and retain 1*s.* for his trouble.

E. Jenkins's
Charity.

The property derived under the above gift consists of a house in the parish of Ystrad Owen, occupied, rent-free, by poor persons put in by the churchwardens of Ystrad Owen; also of four enclosures adjoining the road leading from Cowbridge to Llantrissant, containing in the whole 12 acres, of which one called Cae'r Gwyr is let to Mr. John David, at a rent of 4*l.* 10*s.* per annum; another, called Cae'r Piwyf, is let to Mr. Wm. Woods, at a yearly rent of 8*l.* 8*s.*; the third, called Cae'r Pluyf, is let to Mr. David Howell, at a rent of 4*l.* 4*s.*; and the fourth, called Wain Gron, is let to Mr. Jacob Morgan, at a rent of 2*l.* 14*s.* 6*d.*; and also of a field called Erw Pen-y-lan, situate in the parish of Llanblethian, containing one acre, let to Robert Collier at a rent of 2*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.*

The rents are regularly paid at Christmas to the churchwardens and overseers of both parishes; and after paying the land-tax of 9*s.* a-year, the quit-rent of 5*s.* 6*d.*, and defraying the expenses incident to the repairs of the tenor bell and house and premises, is equally divided between the two parishes: The moiety applicable to this parish has been exclusively applied, with the two following endowments, in substitution of a church-rate, there having been only three rates within the last 40 years.

As it did not appear to be the intention of the donor to give an undue preference to either of the charity, and as the wants of each were more than sufficient to consume a third, it was arranged that the surplus rent for the future should be divided into three equal parts, of which one should be applied to the repairs of the church, another to the purpose of apprenticeship, and the third to the relief of the poor.

DONOR UNKNOWN (see page 156).

The document before referred to states that a house and two acres and three-quarters of customary land within this lordship was, time out of mind, given by some person (whose name is forgotten) towards the service and reparation of this church, which premises were, at the proper costs and care of Samuel Sweeting, of Aberthyn, deceased, after a long and expensive lawsuit reserved to the uses above mentioned.

Donor
Unknown.

The house, with rather more than one rood of garden ground, is situate near the Dissenting Chapel at Aberthyn (a hamlet of this parish), and is occupied, rent-free, by poor persons put in by

the parish. The house is kept in good repair out of the poor's-rates. The two acres and three-quarters, divided into two inclosures, adjoin the Aberthin and Cowbridge road; the larger field, containing two acres, is let to Mr. Morris Griffith at a rent of 5*l.* 14*s.*, and the smaller, containing three-quarters of an acre, is let to Mr. David Davies, at a rent of 2*l.*

DONOR UNKNOWN (see page 156).

Donor
Unknown.

The same documentary parchment makes mention of a house and croft containing three-quarters of an acre, by Llanblethian Bridge, of customary lands, given also by some person unknown, to the use of the church as aforesaid. The cottage is kept in repair out of the poor-rates, and is occupied, rent-free, by poor persons therein placed by the officers. On a stone tablet in front of this building are the words, "Remember the poor."

The land, containing half an acre by survey, lies immediately under Llanblethian Castle, and forms part of the garden attached to Captain Royd's cottage, to whom it is let at the full rent of 2*l.* 6*s.* 6*d.*

Upon this case an aged female was examined, who, upwards of 60 years ago, was in the service of relatives of the donor, and she states that she has repeatedly heard them say, and always understood the fact to be, that the house was left for the use of the poor, and the land to keep it in repair.

There is no evidence, other than the parchment writing before mentioned, to show that these two gifts were made for the use of the church; and as Jenkins's Gift is there stated to be exclusively, in the first instance, applicable to the repairs of the church, which, on procuring a copy of the Will, turned out not to be the fact, there seems every reason to believe that the application of the other charities which it names to the repairs of the church, was not in the direction of the original donors.

III.
Digest,
1862-5.

III. The following is the description of the Charities of this Parish contained in the General Digest, 1862-5:—

Locality and Designation of Charity.	Endowments.						Total Gross Income.	Total Former Income.	Objects of Foundation or Purposes to which the Income is applicable.				Observations.
	Real Estate.			Personalty.					Apprenticing and Advancement.	Church Purposes.	Distribution of Articles in Kind.	Distribu- tion of Money.	
	Houses and Lands. — Acreage of Lands.	Rent of Real Estate.	Rents-charge and Fixed Annual Payments.	Stock.	Divi- dends. and Interest.								
Llanblethian.	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		
Gibbon	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4 19 0	See Llantrisant for endowment.
Wrinch and Others.	2 3 21	8 1 6	—	—	—	8 1 6	5 0 0	—	—	—	—	8 1 6	
Lewis and Nicholl.	Cottage	1 5 0	—	—	—	1 5 0	1 5 0	—	—	—	—	1 5 9	Cottage given in lieu of debt of 25 <i>l.</i> due from parish.
<i>sent</i> Same	—	—	1 4 0	—	—	1 4 0	1 4 0	—	—	Br.	1 4 0	—	
Thomas	—	—	0 12 0	—	—	0 12 0	—	—	—	Br.	0 12 0	—	See Cow-bridge.
David	—	—	—	—	—	—	0 10 0	—	—	—	—	—	10 <i>l.</i> lent to parish; pay- ment of interest dis-continued.
Sir L. Jen-kins.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Cl.	5 0 0	—	See Cow-bridge for endowment.
E. Jenkins	13 0 0	42 6 10	—	—	—	42 6 10	22 4 0	Ap.	7 1 2	7 1 2	—	7 1 1	21 <i>l.</i> 3 <i>s.</i> 5 <i>d.</i> applied in Ystrad Owen.
Unknown	2 3 19	11 0 0	—	—	—	11 0 0	7 14 0	—	—	11 0 0	—	—	
Do.	0 2 0	3 10 6	—	—	—	3 10 6	2 6 6	—	—	3 10 6	—	—	
Gwyn	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	See Cow-bridge.
Savour	—	—	—	C.	90 14 6	2 19 10	2 19 10	—	—	—	—	2 19 10	Founded by will 1800. Stock held by official trustees.
						70 19 8	40 3 6	—	7 1 2	21 11 8	—	6 16 0	24 6 5

C. = Consols; Ap. = Apprenticing; Br. = Bread; Cl. = Clothing.

IV. The references to this Parish in the Charity Commissioners' Register of reported Charities are embodied in this Report under the Charities of Eleanor your, M. A. Entwisle, and Eliza Williams (see pages 157-8).

Llanblethian.
IV.
Register of
Unreported
Charities.
V.
Census of
1891.
VI.
Report of
Assistant
Commissioner.

V. The population of this Parish, according to the Census returns of 1891, is 768.

VI. The Inquiry was held at the Board School, Cowbridge. There were present Mr. D. Bowen, vicar; Messrs. J. Blandy Jenkins, chairman of Glamorgan County Council; F. W. Dunn, churchwarden; W. Rees, J. Hopkin, W. Yorwerth, Daniel Evans, chairman of parish council; E. T. Hopkin, W. John, W. Richards, W. Roberts, J. D. Alexander, E. Davies, R. T. Bassett, E. John, W. T. Gwyn, town clerk; J. Yorwerth, and S. D. Evans.

William Gibbon's Charity (see page 150).

For full particulars of this Charity, see the report on the parish of Llanharan (page 192).

William
Gibbon's
Charity.

By an Order of the Board of Charity Commissioners, dated 26th July 1872, John Samuel Gibbon, Esq., of Newton House, Cowbridge (now deceased); John Blandy Jenkins, Esq., of Llanharan House; and the rector of the parish, were appointed trustees of the Charity. The application of the income is described in connection with the Charity next following.

Anne Gibbon's Charity.

For full particulars, see the report on the parish of Llanharan (page 193).

Anne
Gibbon's
Charity.

The above-named trustees of William Gibbon's Charity are the trustees of this Charity also.

The distribution of the income of these two Charities takes place at Christmas time, when 80 poor persons of the parish receive money doles varying in amount from 2s. 6d. to 5s. 6d. The recipients are chosen by the vicar. Some of those who receive benefit from these Charities are well-to-do tradesmen and mechanics, many of them being in receipt of 30s. a week in wages. Some of the recipients are in receipt of parish relief, distinction being made between those relieved by the parish and those who by their own efforts support themselves.

The accounts have been regularly kept from the year 1837.

Various Donors (see page 150).

The old parchment mentioned in the Report of 1837 was produced at the Inquiry. The land described in that Report is now held by Thomas Williams of Lanhead, at a yearly rent of 13l. 10s., on an agreement for three years from Easter 1895. The property is still known as Lanhead, and is No. 249 on the tithe map, and 771 on the Ordnance Survey. The measurement contained in the Digest of 1862-5 is practically correct. It is all pasture land, and there are no buildings on it. The rent is considered a good one.

Various
Donors.

The distribution takes place in January in each year. The same persons are allowed benefit who receive assistance from Gibbon's Charity, with the exception of persons in receipt of parish relief, who are excluded from sharing in the benefits of this Charity. In 1895, 78 persons received money doles of 2s. 6d. to 10s., according to their necessities. The list of recipients was made out by the charities committee of the parish council. The total amount distributed in 1895 was 20l. 18s. 3d., consisting of

	£	s.	d.
Rent of Lanhead	-	13	10 0
One-third of rent of Talyvan	-	5	2 4
„ dividends of Talyvan	-	0	15 11
Rent of Thomas George's house	-	1	10 0
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		£20	18 3

Llanblethian. The Talyvan rent and dividends belong to Evan Jenkins's Charity, which is dealt with on page 156.

Various
Donors--
continued.

Thomas George's cottage is believed to have been taken at the death of one Thomas Jones, in repayment of parish relief given to him in his lifetime (see the following Charity). The repairs are paid for by the church funds.

Lewis's and Nicholl's Charities (see page 150).

Lewis's and
Nicholl's
Charities.

The last payment shown in the existing parish books was made in 1809, "25s. out of poor rate to vestry." It would appear from the parish and vestry books that the house (Thomas George's) mentioned in the report of the preceding Charity was handed over by the parish officers to the vestry in lieu of their debt of 25*l.* mentioned in the Report of 1837.

Most careful investigations have been made by the chairman of the parish council, and all the evidence he could collect goes to support this view.

Sant's Charity (see page 150).

Sant's
Charity.

This land is now in the possession of the Rev. J. M. Lister, vicar of St. Mark's, Newport.

18*s. 5d.* yearly is regularly paid by him to the churchwardens, and is considered to be the amount of the rentcharge due on one portion.

7*s. 7d.* yearly is paid by the tenant of the remainder. The meadows are numbered in the tithe map 528 and 512, and the last-named field is divided by the Cowbridge railway into two portions. In the Ordnance Survey they are treated as three fields, and numbered 445, 449, and 476. They contain 8*a. 1r. 14p.* The income is added to that of Thomas's Charity, amounting in all to 2*l. 8s.* This is expended in the purchase of ninepenny or sixpenny loaves, and distributed to the poor of the parish without distinction as to religious denomination.

William Thomas's Charity (see page 150).

William
Thomas's
Charity.

The rentcharge of 12*s.* is regularly paid by Mr. John Bevan, and is distributed as described above.

This field is numbered 636 on the tithe map, and on the Ordnance Survey 532. It contains 3*a. 1r. 16p.*

For further particulars, see the reports on the parishes of Cowbridge and St. Hilary (pages 82 and 314).

Williams's Charity (see page 151).

Williams's
Charity.

Of this Charity no information could be obtained.

David's Charity (see page 151).

David's
Charity.

The sum of 10*s.* is still paid out of the church fund arising from Evan Jenkins's bequest. It is added to the general fund, and distributed among the poor of the parish without distinction as to denomination. On February 20th, 1875, 3*l.*, being six years' arrears of interest, were paid to the Charities account and distributed in bread. Since that time the 10*s.* a year has been regularly paid.

Sir Leoline Jenkins's Charity (see page 151).

Sir Leoline
Jenkins's
Charity.

The annual sum of 20*l.* left for binding apprentices or for clothing poor people of the parishes of Llanblethian, Llantrisant, and Ystrad Owen, and the town of Cowbridge, is now devoted exclusively to the purchase of blankets, which are distributed in each parish in rotation by the head master of Cowbridge School in accordance with lists made out by the ministers in each parish.

For further particulars, see the report on the Charities of Cowbridge (pages 75 and 80).

The fields described in the Report of 1837 are still held by the overseers and churchwardens of Ystrad Owen and Llanblethian in trust for this Charity, as well as a small field known as Y Garddau, which has for the last 50 years been considered as a portion of the property surrendered by Evan Jenkins. Particulars of the property are given in the following table:—

Evan
Jenkins's
Charity.

No. on Tithe Map.	Name of Field.	Acreage.
<i>In Ystradowen Parish.</i>		
167	Erw'r Plwyf - - - - -	A. R. P. 2 0 36
246	Cae'r Plwyf - - - - -	4 2 14
251	Cae'r Gwyr - - - - -	3 3 10
334	Wain Gron - - - - -	3 0 17
<i>In Llanblethian Parish.</i>		
912	Erw Penylan - - - - -	1 2 26
913	Y Garddau - - - - -	2 1 32
		17 3 15
Less purchased by Railway Company -		0 3 23
		16 3 32

In 1863 a portion of the land originally granted by Evan Jenkins was taken by the Cowbridge Railway Company when constructing their line, and the purchase price fixed at 110*l.* This money, however, was not paid to the trustees until 1874, when 74*l.* 16*s.* 7*d.*, being the original purchase price with accumulated interest, was divided between the two parishes.

In 1864, owing to the dilapidated condition of Ystrad Owen church, an application was made by the trustees to the Charity Commissioners, to allow them to apply the balance at that time in the hands of the trustees, amounting to 80*l.*, to the fund for the restoration of the church, and to raise a further sum of 200*l.* by giving a charge on the moiety of the Charity applicable to this parish. The Charity Commissioners raised no objection to the first request, but it was not until August 4th, 1874, that a scheme was established, empowering the rector and churchwardens to raise the sum of 100*l.* in the manner described, and this sum was ordered to be repaid by annual instalments of not less than 10*l.* out of the income of the Ystrad Owen branch of the Charity.

It appears from the parish book that this sum had already been borrowed, and that 100*l.* had been repaid in 1872.

The balance was paid back by instalments; in 1876, 20*l.*; in 1877, 100*l.*, which included the sum of 87*l.* 8*s.* 4*d.*, the moiety of the price paid by the Cowbridge Railway Company; in 1879, 30*l.*; in 1881, 20*l.*; and in 1882, 10*l.* Since that time the whole of the income has been available for distribution between the two parishes, and nothing has been appropriated towards the payment of the repairs of Llanblethian church.

It is evident that although the moiety of accumulated interest on the purchase money paid by the railway company might properly be applied in repayment of the loan of 200*l.*, the moiety of the capital sum of 110*l.* was not so applicable. The sum of 55*l.* therefore is still repayable by the Charity out of its income to capital account.

In June 1891 the churchwarden and overseer of Ystrad Owen applied to the Charity Commissioners for directions for administering the Charity, and on June 15th the following directions were given:—

“Under the terms of the foundation of the above mentioned Charity, the whole of the income is applicable primarily in keeping the tenor bell in Llanblethian tower in repair, and subject thereto is directed to be applicable in equal moieties between the parishes of Llanblethian and Ystrad Owen. Each of such moieties is applicable in equal third parts to the repairs of the church, to apprenticing, and to the relief of old labourers. If in any year the whole of the money applicable to any of these objects is not required for such object, the unapplied balance should be accumulated in trust for that object.”

In 1895 the rents amounted to 30*l.* 14*s.*, and of the moiety applicable to Ystrad Owen, one-third, viz., 5*l.* 2*s.* 4*d.*, was paid to the church account for the payment of

Llanblethian. repairs; one-third was expended in apprenticing the daughter of Thomas John, game-keeper, to a dressmaker; and one-third distributed in money doles to the poor people. The highest dole was 1*l.* 2*s.* 4½*d.*, and the lowest 7*s.*

Evan
Jenkins's
Charity—
continued.

Y Garddau.

Y Garddau.—The rent of this field is divided between the two parishes in the same way as the rents derived from the land above-mentioned. It is situated in the parish of Llanblethian, and in the tithe map it is described as being in the possession of the parish officers. Mr. Evans, the chairman of the Llanblethian Parish Council, attended the Inquiry, with the object of recovering this piece of land, in its entirety, to the parish of Llanblethian. This met with some opposition on the part of the inhabitants of Ystrad Owen. It was pointed out to Mr. Evans that according to the churchwarden's books the parish of Ystrad Owen had for 50 years received a moiety of the rents, and that an action at law would entail considerable cost, while the absence of any documents to prove the ownership of the land prior to its appropriation by the overseers and churchwardens of the two parishes would render it difficult, if not impossible, to sustain his claim. Thereupon Mr. Evans agreed to withdraw his claim, but expressed his opinion that it would not be obligatory on the parish council, in the future, to divide the rent of this field into the three shares ordered by the Charity Commissioners in the case of the rents arising from Evan Jenkins's Charity.

The share of the purchase money, paid by the Cowbridge Railway and applicable to Llanblethian parish, amounting to 87*l.* 8*s.* 3*d.*, is now on deposit account at the National Provincial Bank at Cowbridge, in the name of Frederick W. Dunn, Esq., of The Cross, Llanblethian. A deposit note for this amount was produced by Mr. Dunn at the Inquiry. This is called the Tal-y-van Charity in this parish. The total rents amounted in 1895 to 15*l.* 7*s.*, and the interest on the deposit note was 2*l.* 3*s.* 11*d.*, making a total of 17*l.* 10*s.* 11*d.*

One boy a year usually receives benefit from the apprenticeship fund. It is the general opinion that this apprenticeship fund is of great advantage to the parish. Parents seek after the apprenticeships very keenly. The vicar of Llanblethian stated that the tower of Llanblethian church much needed restoration, and that no part of this endowment had for years been expended in keeping it in repair.

Donor Unknown (see page 151).

Donor
unknown.

The house at Aberthin is let by the churchwardens for 3*l.* a year, from which has to be taken the cost of repairs.

The tenants complain of the state of the house, but it is considered that 3*l.* is so low a rent for the house and garden that the tenants should contribute to the repairs. Considerable repairs will have to be done shortly.

The house is thatched, and is therefore expensive to keep in order. The fields, which are known as the Aberthin field and the Road field, contain 2a. 2r. 7p., and 1a. respectively, and are numbered 282 and 564 on the tithe map, and 513 and 480 on the Ordnance Survey. The Aberthin field is let for 10*l.* a year as accommodation pasture land. The Road field, which is also pasture, is let at 7*l.* a year. The rents are collected by the churchwardens, and applied to the church fund after payment of 4*s.* 7½*d.* land tax, and a chief rent of 1*s.* 10*d.* Mr. Daniel Evans, chairman of the Llanblethian Parish Council, objected to this mode of the application of the income, on the ground that there is not sufficient evidence to show that the Charity was originally intended for church purposes. He relied upon the Report of 1837 in support of his contention. His objection applies equally to the following Charity.

Donor Unknown (see page 152).

Donor
unknown.

The building here mentioned is now divided into two cottages, which are let for 17*s.* 4*d.* a year each. The land is let to the present owner of St. Quintin's Cottage for 4*l.* a year, and forms a part of the garden to that house. There appears to be no map or tracing showing the limits of this plot, nor are there any boundary stones in the garden to mark out the area. The rents are received by the churchwardens, and added to the general fund of the church after payment of repairs, which amount usually to more than the rents of the houses. The vestry select aged poor people of the parish, and allow them to occupy these cottages at a very low rent.

Mr. Daniel Evans was of opinion that the Report of 1837 was incorrect in stating that these cottages, inscribed with "Remember the Poor," are identical with the house mentioned in the documentary parchment. He was unable to explain what

For full particulars, see the report on the parish of Cowbridge (page 83).

John
Fraunceis
Gwyn's
Charity.

Eleanor Savour's Charity.

Eleanor Savour, of Cowbridge, spinster, by will dated 8th August 1860, and proved the Principal Registry of the Court of Probate 2nd June 1864, directed her executor and executrix to invest at interest in their names the sum of 100*l.* for the benefit of the poor of the parish of Llanblethian, and that such interest should annually at Christmas be divided by the minister and churchwardens between such of the poor of the said parish as they in their discretion should think fit.

Eleanor
Savour's
Charity.

Under the authority of the Board of Charity Commissioners the sum of 90*l.*, being the balance of the legacy after payment of legacy duty, was paid by the surviving executrix to the banking account of the Official Trustees of Charitable Funds, and in pursuance of the Order of the Board dated 4th July 1865, the sum of 99*l.* 14*s.* 6*d.* Three per cent. Consols, purchased therewith, was transferred to the Official Trustees on the following day.

The yearly dividend amounts to 2*l.* 14*s.* 8*d.*, and is distributed every January in money doles to 18 poor and aged persons, each of whom receives about 3*s.*

Mrs. Entwisle's Coal Charity.

By a declaration of trust (dated 20th March 1871, and enrolled in the books of the Charity Commissioners), under the hand of Mary Ann Entwisle, of Marlborough range, in the parish of Llanblethian, widow, after reciting that she was desirous of transferring, with the authority of the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales, to the name of the Official Trustees of Charitable Funds the sum of 100*l.* Consolidated 3*l.* per cent. Annuities, in order that the dividends might be applied to the charitable purposes, and through the agency of the local trustees therein-after appointed, it was declared (upon the requisition of the said Commissioners) that the sum of 100*l.* Three per cent. Consols was proposed to be transferred as aforesaid, upon trust that the dividends to arise therefrom might for ever thereafter be paid or committed by the said Official Trustees unto the said Mary Ann Entwisle during her life, and after her death unto the vicar of the said parish of Llanblethian for the time being, and his successors, as the local trustees of the Charity intended to be thereby created, and her receipt alone during her life, and after her death the receipt of the vicar of the said parish of Llanblethian for the time being, should be a sufficient discharge for the same, upon trust to be applied by her during her life and after her death by the vicar for the time being to the following purposes, that is to say, for the supply of coals free of any charge about Christmas time in every year to and amongst the poor residing in the village of Llanblethian (but not to the poor of any other part of the said parish), to be distributed amongst them, as regards the recipients and quantities, at the discretion of her, the said Mary Ann Entwisle, during her life, and after her death at the discretion of the vicar of the said parish of Llanblethian for the time being, except that it was her wish that preference should be given to poor widows of good character residing in the said village, the Charity to be called "Mrs. Mary Ann Entwisle's Coal Charity."

Mrs.
Entwisle's
Coal
Charity.

In pursuance of an Order of the Board dated 21st March 1871, the sum of 100*l.* Three per cent. Consols was accordingly transferred to the Official Trustees on the 4th of the same month.

The dividends arising from this investment now amount to 2*l.* 15*s.* per annum, and are expended in the purchase of coal, which is distributed to 10 poor widows and one old man living in the parish of Llanblethian. Each of them receives 5 cwt. of coal per year. If the price of coal admits it, more persons are allowed to benefit. The recipients remain on the list as long as they live and no alteration occurs in their circumstances.

Morgan Thomas's Charity.

Morgan Thomas, of Wilton, in the parish of Llanmaes, by his will, proved in the Principal Registry on July 21st, 1894, bequeathed to John Thomas the sum of 300*l.*, free of legacy duty, upon trust to invest the same in Government Funds or Government Securities, and to apply the dividends arising therefrom in keeping and repairing the tomb of the testator's father and mother in the burial ground attached to Maindy Chapel in this parish, and to pay the balance of the income to the trustees for the time being of this chapel in aid of the minister's salary.

Morgan
Thomas's
Charity.

Llanblethian. The sum of 300*l.* was deposited on July 1st, 1895, in the London and Provincial Bank at Cowbridge, in the names of the trustees of the late Morgan Thomas's will, to await investment.

Morgan Thomas's Charity—*continued.*

Nothing has yet been paid to the trustees.

Mrs. Eliza Williams's Charity for the Poor.

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Mrs. Eliza Williams, of Llanblethian, by her will dated August 1st, 1891, proved at Llandaff, September 7th, 1893, bequeathed a sum of 100*l.* to the churchwardens of Llanblethian Church, directing that the income should be applied for the benefit of the poor of Llanblethian parish.

After the deduction of 9*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.* for legacy duty, and of a further sum of 6*l.* owing to the insufficiency of the estate to meet the legacies, the balance of 84*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.* was on July 23rd, 1894, paid to the churchwardens and invested in the purchase of 82*l.* 14*s.* 5*d.* 2½ per cent. Consols. This Stock was transferred by them to the Officers of the Trustees of Charitable Funds on August 3rd, 1894, in pursuance of an Order of the Board of Charity Commissioners dated July 31st, 1894.

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(1.) Mrs. Eliza Williams, of Llanblethian, by her will dated August 1st, 1891, proved at Llandaff, September 7th, 1893, bequeathed to the deacons of the Methodist Chapel at Aberthyn, for the use of the church worshipping therein, the sum of 100*l.* and a further sum of 100*l.* to the deacons for the time being of the said Aberthyn Chapel, to apply the income thereof for the repair of the same or for the benefit of the poor belonging to the said chapel.

These two gifts were reduced to 33*l.* 15*s.* and 84*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.* respectively, by payment of duty and by a deduction of 6½ per cent. made in consequence of the assets of the testatrix being insufficient to meet all the bequests. 23*l.* 15*s.* was expended in repairing the chapel.

The balance of 94*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.* is at present on deposit in the Metropolitan Bank, Cowbridge, in the names of Messrs. D. Williams and R. Aubrey, awaiting investment.

(2.) Thomas Parker, by will dated 12th January 1877, proved at Llandaff 22nd November 1877, bequeathed "to the trustees of the Calvinistic Methodist Chapel at Aberthyn aforesaid, the sum of fifty pounds, free of legacy duty."

This sum is deposited, awaiting a better investment, at the London and Provincial Bank, Cowbridge, in the joint names of the Rev. W. Lewis, Messrs. Richard Aubrey, William John, and David Williams. The annual interest is 25*s.*, which is paid into the general fund of the church.

(3.) Miss Morgan, of Aberthyn, by her will dated 10th October 1834, and proved at Llandaff 17th August 1838, made the following bequest:—

"I give and bequeath the sum of 200*l.* unto my friend Elias Bassett of Llantwit Major, in the county of Glamorgan, gentleman, his executors and administrators, the sum to be invested by him or them in and upon such personal securities as he or they shall think fit, and on further trust to apply the interest and proceeds thereof as the same shall arise, to and for the support of religion amongst a congregation of Calvinistic Methodists assembling at the village of Aberthyn and the town of Cowbridge in the said county of Glamorgan, as my said trustee, his executors and administrators, shall in his or their discretion think fit."

The principal sum of this bequest, less legacy duty, is 180*l.*

At the time the bequest was paid, there was but one congregation of Calvinistic Methodists, the members of which met at Aberthyn and Cowbridge in alternate weeks. When the congregation, some years afterwards, was formed into two distinct churches, the one at Cowbridge being the larger, 90*l.* of the legacy was apportioned to each church.

The sum belonging to this church is invested, together with money belonging to the Cowbridge church, on mortgage of freehold property in Llantwit Major, at 5 per cent. interest. The trustees receive the interest through the trustees of Cowbridge church.

Allotment.*

Note.—By an inclosure award, dated 26th March 1863, a piece of land, containing 2 acres, was allotted as a recreation ground for the benefit of the inhabitants of this parish, jointly with those of Ystrad Owen, Llaansannor and Llanharry.

For further particulars, see the report on the parish of Ystrad Owen (page 357).

* Reference to this Charity does not appear in the separate issue of the report of Llanblethian.