

“Merthyr Express” 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."

Gellygaer Council Meeting Mr. J. Jones, the member for Fochriw, at a meeting on Tuesday, expressed the feeling of people there in regard to paying a fee for the registration of charitable events. The clerk replied that it has to be done.

Noddfa Chapel On Monday evening last at Noddfa Baptist Chapel, an excellent performance of the operetta "Flowerland" was performed to a large audience. All did their work excellently and the singing was of the high standard. Great praise is due to all.

“Merthyr Express” 13 January, 1917

On Leave Bombardier E. Williams, R.F.A., is home on leave. He has been in France for 12 months.

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.

“Merthyr Express” 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.

Entertainment An interesting entertainment took place at St. Mary Hall on Tuesday evening, the Reverend John Francis presiding. The programme was contributed to by the following: Blodwen Watkins, Glynwen Edwards, Edna Edwards, Ivor Phillips, Harold Harris, Johnny Edgar, Addie Baldwin, Hubert Wilton, Eileen Morgan, Vera Wilton, Willie Jones, Freddie Pearce David Tyler, Gwenda Thomas. A large number competed in the open singing competition, the prize being divided between Addie Baldwin, Enid Evans, Blodwen Watkins and Master Ben Davies. The adjudicators were Mr. B. Angell and the Vicar.

Wedding: Wellings-Williams A very pretty wedding was solemnised at St Mary's Church on Thursday week, the contracting parties being Bombardier Edward Wellings, R.F.A., only son of Mr. and Mrs. Wellings, Plantation-terrace, and Miss Mary H. Williams, Rhymney. The bride, who was prettily attired in a nigger brown costume with pink velour hat, was given away by her brother-in-law, Mr. John Davies. She was attended by Miss Lizzie Wellings, cousin, who wore a fawn costume with pale blue hat. Mr. Joseph Wellings, father of the bridegroom, was also present. The wedding breakfast was taken at the home of the bride's parents. The happy couple were the recipients of many presents. The Reverend John Francis officiated. The bridegroom left again for the Front on Monday, with the best wishes of his many friends.

Drama in Aid of the Fochriw Soldiers' and Sailors' Fund Another excellent performance of the Welsh drama "Ar y Groesfordd" was given at the Council School by the Carmel Dramatic Company last Saturday evening to a large audience. The members of the company gave their services free to assist in raising a fund to provide comforts and gifts for soldiers and sailors. One hundred lads have gone from the Fochriw district. About nine have made the supreme sacrifice. The committee and people of the village feel a deep sense of gratitude to the society for their charitable action. Councillor John Jones said a fund had been registered, known as the Fochriw Soldiers' and Sailors' Fund, with the Reverend D. Hughes Jones as chairman, Mr. W. J. Payne as treasurer, Miss H. Evans as secretary, and Mr. James Williams as auditor, to whom the proceeds of this performance were handed.

“Merthyr Express” 27 January 1917

Entertainment An interesting entertainment took place at St. Mary's Hall on Monday evening, presided over by the Rev. John Francis, vicar. The programme was contributed to by Irllys Jenkins, Glynwen Edwards, Edna Edwards, Enid Evans, Blodwen Watkins, Elizabeth Lawrence, Phyllis

Williams and party, Harold Harris, Johnny Edgar. There was also an amusing sketch entitled "Who Died First?" The following took part in the sketch: Messrs. W. J. Payne, William Thomas, Mrs. S. A. Payne, and Miss L. M. Evans.

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.

Presentation An interesting presentation meeting of the held at the White Horse Inn on Thursday last week, when Private William Evans, R.A.M.C., late timekeeper of their Mechanical Department, was made the recipient of a silver cigarette case and silver cigarette holder, presented by his friends of the Mechanical Department. The chairman was Mr. Edward Lewis. Mr. George Jones presented Private Evans with the cigarette case, and Mr. William Evans the silver cigarette holder. During the evening an excellent programme of music was contributed to by the following: overture, Mr. David Cole Jones; solos, Messrs. D. C. Jones, W. H. Davies, Morgan Jones, David Vines, Thomas Rees, Trevor Lewis; club swinging, Mr. W. S. Williams; solo, Mr. Philip Vines. An address was also given by Gunner Griffiths. The singing of the National Anthem brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

On Leave Private George Price, Welsh Regiment, Aelybryn, and is home on short leave after a long stay in France, looking in the pink of condition.

"Merthyr Express" 3 February 1917

Entertainment A very interesting entertainment took place at St. Mary's on Tuesday evening, presided over by the Rev. John Francis, vicar. The following contributed to the programme: Misses Nan Prosser, Blodwen Watkins, Mildred Hughes, Valentine Harris, Sarah Price, Irllys Jenkins, Ivy Curtis, Doris Davies, Olive May Payne, Marjory Lewis, Vera Wilton, William Jones, William Roberts; violin selections, Frances Wilton. The programme concluded with a laughable sketch entitled "A Stupid Servant" Messrs. W. J. Payne and William Thomas playing the parts.

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.

Wedding: Parry-Davies A very pretty wedding was solemnised at Carmel Baptist Chapel, Bargoed, on Wednesday, the contracting parties being Miss Martha Parry, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Parry, Brynchorwen, Fochriw, and Corporal-Farrier Sydney O. Davies, the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Davies, New Road, Deri, who is home on short leave from France. The bride, who looked charming in a navy blue costume with a saxe blue velour hat, was given away by her father. She was attended by Miss Edith Parry, her sister, and Miss Margaret Davies, sister of the bridegroom. The officiating minister was the Reverend Jones, Deri. The wedding breakfast was taken at the home of the bride's parents. The happy couple were the recipients of large number of

presents. The bridegroom leaves for France this Saturday.

Social A very pleasant social evening was spent at St. Mary's Hall on Thursday evening week, when the Church people of Fochriw spent a pleasant evening with the new vicar and his wife, both of whom have become very popular among the people since their advent to the parish. The hall had been tastefully decorated, the flags of the Allies being very prominent. An excellent spread had been provided by the people of the Church, all eatables having been given by friends. About 160 people sat down to tea. Among those present were the late vicar and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Gilbert Williams, Pontlottyn. After tea, an excellent programme of music etc. was gone through. The Reverend Francis occupied the chair, and thanked all for their kindness and attendance that evening. The Rev. Gilbert Williams spoke in glowing terms of Rev. Francis' good qualities, assuring the people that they had one of the best. He had known him for the last 17 years and could testify to the Reverend Francis's and Mrs. Francis's good and Christian qualities. Others who contributed to the programme were: Misses Blodwen Watkins, Nan Prosser, Lydia Evans, Judith Angell, Edith Williams, Adelaide Baldwin, Gwenny Rees, Mrs. O. Williams, Mrs. S. A. Payne, and Mr. Berkley Baldwin. Votes of thanks were accorded the tray holders and others who worked to make the social a success.

Fochriw Baker's Affairs At Merthyr Bankruptcy Court, on Tuesday, before the Registrar, the first public examination into the affairs of Mr. Thomas Llewellyn, 18, Dynevor-street, baker and provision merchant, was held. It was stated that Mr. Llewellyn had gross liabilities of £2,186-13-4, of which £1,494-1-9 was expected to rank for dividend. His net assets were £567-0-8, and there was a deficiency of £927-1-1. Mr. Llewellyn, aged 63, had commenced business in November 1884, having previously worked as a colliery winding engine man. He had kept a farm and a public house in addition to the business. The causes of failure were ill health, bad debts and a keen competition. There were 230 debtors and his assets included £275-4-5 cash in hand. His net profit for the last 12 months was £330, and during 1916 his takings amounted to £4,287-19-8. Since December 8th last, his average weekly takings were £103. The hearing was adjourned for further investigation, and will await the result of the creditors' meeting.

“Merthyr Express” 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.

Entertainment An entertainment was held at St. Mary Hall on Tuesday evening, when Mr. W. J. Payne presided over a good attendance. A feature of the entertainment was an instrumental quartet by Messrs. W. J. Powell, T. Rees, H. Thomas, and D. J. Davies. All are members of the Fochriw Brass Band, their playing being greatly appreciated. The concert concluded with a laughable sketch entitled "Cupid's Frolics." The following took part: Miss Gwenny Rees, Messrs. W. J. Payne, W. Thomas, W. Hughes, W. Curtis.

Marriage: Phillips-Jones On the 6th of February at Tabernacle Chapel, Bridgend, Ewart Haydn Phillips, Second Lieutenant, North Staffordshire Regiment, youngest son of Mrs. Phillips, Bargoed, was married to Nurse Margaret Jones, Porthcawl, eldest daughter of Councillor John Jones, Fochriw. The Reverend D. Morris, Porthcawl, officiated.

“Merthyr Express” 17 February, 1917

Success The many friends of Mrs. J. Griffiths (late Nurse Angell), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. Angell, Dynevor-street, will be glad to learn of her recent success in passing the Central Midwifery Board Examination held at Cardiff and Bristol.

Football The Juniors journeyed to Gilfach last Saturday and a fast game was witnessed by a large crowd. The home team at first gain superiority and scored from a penalty. Fochriw pressed hard, their defence being great, and as a result of a corner, E. Evans equalised. Fochriw added two more goals.

Entertainment An interesting entertainment was held at St. Mary's Hall presided over by the Reverend Francis. The following contributed to the programme: Blodwen Watkins, Myra Evans,

Edna Edwards, Glynwen Edwards, Maggie Davis, William T. Williams, Raymond Hemmings, Dan Davies, Ben Davies, Sarah Williams, Doris Davies, Willie Jones, Ed. Davies, Harold Harris, Lena Rees, Sylvia Adams, Olive May Payne; scripture competition, divided between Frances Wilton and Blodwen Watkins. The proceedings terminated with a laughable sketch entitled "Midnight Train." Characters: Messrs. W. J. Payne, William Thomas, William Hughes, William Curtis and R. White.

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.

Summons Emily Rees of Fochriw was fined 20 shillings for stealing coal, value 6 pence, the property of Messrs. G.K.H & Co. She was seen with 50lbs. of coal in her apron, which she said she picked from the tip. Mr. D. W. Jones, who appeared for the prosecution, said that the defendant had been cautioned repeatedly.

Summons Annie Evans was summoned by Annie Mary Griffiths for assault at Fochriw. Complainant said she was on her way from Church on Sunday night, when the defendant came to her and said, "You young bitch, I will finish you before I leave you tonight, you ----- ." Defendant: "She threw stones at my door and she struck me on her own doorstep." The defendant was bound over and ordered to pay five shillings costs.

"Merthyr Express" 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.

Presentation An interesting presentation took place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Bevan, manager of the collieries, when they were handed a beautiful piano, on the occasion of their marriage, by representatives of the colliery officials, workmen and friends. Mr. Bevan's connections with Fochriw are of long standing, he being son of the late Mr. Thomas Bevan, who was manager of the collieries for 25 years, and previously under manager. Many old friends were present. Expressions of goodwill and future happiness were expressed all round, to which Mr. and Mrs. Bevan responded with feeling.

Entertainment An interesting entertainment was held at St. Mary Hall on Tuesday evening, presided over by the Reverend Francis. The following contributed to the programme: solos - Blodwen Watkins, Sylvia Adams, Lydia Evans, Lena Rees, Rowena Harris, Myrtle Harris, Ivy Tyler, Mary Tyler, Adelaide Baldwin, Edith Williams, Messrs. Howell Thomas, William John Payne, Gilbert Harris, Clifford Davies, Gwennie Reece, Messrs. B. Angell, W. J. Angel, H. Thomas, Mrs. L. A. Shankland and Miss J. A. Angell; recitations Glynwen Edwards, Eirwen Edwards, Ivor Phillips, Edna Edwards, Edmund Davies, Willie Jones; instrumental quartet, Messrs. W. J. Powell, H. Thomas, T. Rees and A. Mantle. The programme concluded with a laughable sketch entitled "Wireless Telegraphy," the characters being, Messrs. W. J. Payne, William Thomas, William Curtis, Bob White, and Miss G. Rees. The accompanist was Mr. John Evans.

"Merthyr Express" 3 March 1917

Welsh Flag-Day A flag day was held at Fochriw on Saturday, in aid of the National Fund For

Welsh Troops. A large number of ladies were busily engaged throughout today disposing of flags with much success.

Soiree A very successful soiree was held at Carmel Chapel on Thursday evening week, on the occasion of the departure of the Reverend D. Hughes Jones from Carmel to Siloah, Llanelly. After the tea, there was an entertainment, in which many of the local junior artistes participated. There were also, prize competitions. Awards: unpunctuated reading, Misses Evelyn Davies and May Rowlands; impromptu speech, Mr. Brinley Sibley; spelling championship, Miss Mary H. Cook and Master Aneurin Thomas. Mr. Moses Williams occupied the chair.

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.

"Too Much Credit" The adjourned public examination was held at Merthyr Bankruptcy Court of Thomas Llewellyn, grocer etc, Fochriw, who was questioned at considerable lengths by the Official Receiver, upon the details of his amended deficiency account, which he now presented. He was examined in detail upon his estimate of household expenses, and as to the ownership of furniture, some of which was claimed by his wife, and some, including the piano, by Mrs. Watts, her sister-in-law, who lived with the family. He was also questioned as to borrowing and lending flour. It was the practice of the tradesmen at Fochriw to give each other accommodation in such respects, and Mr. Llewellyn said that all the flour he had borrowed from, or lent to, other tradesmen, had been duly returned in each case. He attributed his failure to ill-health and other causes, including keen competition and book debts (which he had continued to regard as good). He did not think it was necessary for him to have given so much credit, and he was afraid his wife was too lenient. Upon the application of Mr. W. W. Meredith, the examination was closed.

"Merthyr Express" 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.

Summons Raymond Hemmings, a youth of Fochriw, was summoned for stealing coal, the value 6 pence. He said his aunt told him to fetch some coal as there was none in the house. The boy was bound over and made to promise not to repeat the offence.

"Merthyr Express" 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.

Travelling Medical Board The Travelling Medical Board visited Fochriw on Friday last, and examined a number of men employed at the colliery. Colliery recruitment was also held.

Lantern Lecture An interesting lantern lecture was given at St. Mary's Hall on Tuesday evening by the Reverend John Francis, who gave a very edifying account of the work done by the Church of England Waifs and Strays Society.

"Merthyr Express" 24 March, 1917

National Service A National Service meeting was held on Monday evening at the Old School, and was well attended. The chairman was Mr. E. M. Davies, who addressed the meeting. Speeches were also made by Councillor John Jones, Messrs. James Williams, and Daniel Rowlands.

Lantern Lecture A lantern lecture was given at St. Mary's Hall on Tuesday evening by the Reverend John Francis, the subject being "Jessica's First Prayer." It proved most interesting and was thoroughly enjoyed by the large number present. The proceeds were devoted to the Waifs And Strays

Society.

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.

Interment The funeral of the late Mr. Rees Jones, Aelybryn, took place last Monday, amidst manifestations of deep sorrow, the place of interment being Pentwyn Churchyard. The funeral was well attended, with the Reverend Rhys Jenkins officiating, assisted by the Revs. John Francis and Isaac Roderick. The chief mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. Tom Powell, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Thomas, daughters and sons-in-law; Mr. Rees Jones, Mr. and Mrs. David Jones, sons and daughter-in-law.

Welcome Home An enthusiastic welcome home was accorded Private J. Sullivan, South Wales Borderers, Penybank, on Friday evening last at St. Mary Hall, under the auspices of the Fochriw Soldiers and Sailors Fund. Private Sullivan, who is an old soldier, having served fifteen and a half years in the army, saw service in the Boer War, and for the last 16 months has been in France, from where he is home on leave. Councillor John Jones presided and gave Pte. Sullivan a hearty welcome. The Reverend John Francis gave a fine address, after which Mrs. Roderick presented Private Sullivan with a cheque on behalf the Fund. Private Sullivan heartily thanked all for their kindness, not only on his behalf, but for all those in the trenches. Others who also spoke were Rev. Isaac Roderick, Mrs. E. Cole Jones, Mrs. Charles Payne, W. J. Payne, D. M. Davis, D. Thomas and H. Edgar. Solos were sung by Messrs. Charles Payne and W. J. Payne. The evening closed with singing of the National Anthem.

"Merthyr Express" 31 May, 1917

Lent Reverend Gilbert Williams, vicar of Pontlottyn, was the special preacher at the Lent Service at St. Mary's Church on Wednesday evening last.

Home From France Private Kinsey Llewellyn, R. W. F., son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Llewellyn, grocer, is home on sick leave from France, suffering from trench fever. His many friends wish him a speedy recovery. Private William Roberts, R.W.F., Brynteg, is home on short leave after being confined to hospital for some time, suffering from wounds received in action in France.

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.

Fochriw School Sold to C.W.S. At the Royal Hotel, Bargoed, on Thursday of last week, Messrs. Selwyn Davies, Coggins and Company, offered for sale Fochriw Old Council School and the master's house. The property, which is freehold, is situated on a commanding site opposite the railway station, having a frontage of 240 ft, and containing in the whole, 1760 square yards. It was sold to the Dowlais Co-operative Society for £910. The solicitor for the vendors, the Glamorgan Education Committee, was Mr. T. Mansell Franklen.

"Merthyr Express" 7 April 1917

Obituary We have to record the death of an old and respected inhabitant, in the person of Mr. David Griffiths, Dynevor-street, after a painful illness.

Lent The special Lent preacher at St. Mary's Church last Wednesday was the Rev. W. Brazell, Pontlottyn, who preached an appropriate sermon.

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.

Competitive Concert A successful competitive concert in aid over the Fochriw Soldiers' And Sailors' Fund was held at Carmel Chapel last Saturday evening. The president was the Rev. J. Francis, vicar; conductor, Mr. David Thomas; adjudicator, Mr. John Price; accompanist, Mr. Thomas Walters. The President explained the object of the meeting. Awards: female novice solo, Miss Hilda Davies; male novice solo, Mr. Evans, Penywern; female champion solo, Mrs. Tom Davies, Fochriw; male champion solo, Mr. T. R. Jones, Dowlais. Votes of thanks for the use of the chapel etc were made by the President and Mr. Charles Payne. The secretarial duties were carried out by Miss Hannah Evans, Aelybryn. The evening closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

Reception Meeting Under the auspices of the Fochriw Soldiers' And Sailors' Fund, a pleasant evening was spent at Noddfa vestry on Thursday evening week, to welcome Private Kinsey Llewellyn, R.W.F., who is home on short leave suffering from trench fever. Also present was Private Willie Roberts, R.W. F., who has arrived home for a few days after being in hospital for some months suffering from wounds received in action. The chair was occupied by Councillor John Jones, who gave a fine opening address. The following contributed to the programme: solos, Miss Hilda Davies, Miss Doris Davies, Mr. James Williams, Pontlottyn, Mr. James J. Lewis, Dowlais, Mr. Howell Thomas; recitation, Mr. James Williams, Pentwyn; addresses, Messrs. G. Sibley and J. M. Jones; duet, Messrs. J. J. Lewis and J. Williams. Mr. Charles Payne presented Private Llewellyn with a cheque on behalf of the Fund, as per rule. The chairman thanked the artistes, and the singing of the National Anthem brought the evening to a close. Messrs. H. Hughes and J. Evans were the accompanists.

Gellygaer Council Meeting: Water and Light at Fochriw A letter was read from the Fochriw Lodge of the Miners' Federation complaining of the scarcity of water and insufficient lighting at Fochriw, and stating that the miners had unanimously decided to ask the Council to take the matter up. Mr. Tom Jones, Fochriw, said he had written two or three times upon the subject. Water had to be carried from the pits, and people had to wait by the hour for water. If a fire occurred at Fochriw, he did not know what their plight would be, and there were valuable houses - even in Fochriw. Chairman: The Clerk has been instructed to reply to the letter and to write to the company, and for the miners' letter to be referred to the Parliamentary Committee. Mr Jones said that Fochriw had less light in proportion to any other place in the district. He did not think their light needed to be subdued as it was a single paraffin burner. (Laughter). The Council decided to approach the Police Superintendent on the subject.

“Merthyr Express” 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.

Funeral The funeral of the late Mrs. Griffiths, wife of Mr. David Griffiths, Dynevor-street, took place on Thursday week, and was very well attended. The place of interment was Pentwyn Churchyard. The Rev. Rhys D. Jenkins officiated. The chief mourners were: Mr. David Griffiths, husband; Mr. and Mrs. David Griffiths, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Griffiths, sons and daughters in law; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Williams, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Davies, daughters and sons in-law; Mr. Tim Lewis, brother; Master Gwynfor Davies, Doreen Griffiths, grandchildren; Mr. and Mrs. James Griffiths, brother-in-law and sister-in-law; Mr. John Griffiths, brother-in-law; Mrs. Jones, Mrs. C. A. Griffiths, R. Griffiths, A. Lewis, nieces.

Easter Services Good Friday was observed at St. Mary's Church by a service at 10:30a.m., and an illustrated lantern addressed on "Our Lord's Passion" in the evening, when the Rev. John Francis gave an excellent address, which was well received by the large congregation. Services were held at the Church on Easter Sunday - Holy Communion at 7a.m. and 11a.m., children's service at 3p.m.,

and evensong and sermon at 6p.m. The newly-formed surpliced choir made its initial appearance. Reverend J. Francis officiated throughout day, with Mr Octavius Richards at the organ. The Church was prettily decorated with flowers by the Reverend and Mrs. Francis. There were large attendances for throughout the day.

From South Africa We were all pleased to see Private William Lewis, South African Infantry, back in the old homestead for a few days. Private Lewis, who is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lewis, Martin-street, left for South Africa 9 years ago, and worked in the gold mines. On the outbreak of hostilities, he enlisted with General Smuts' Army in German East Africa. He fought for 12 months, during which time he suffered from a severe attack of malaria, and lay unconscious on the battlefield for two days. He was picked up and taken back to the base, where he remained unconscious for a week afterwards. He was removed to several hospitals, finally having his discharge. Later on he enlisted for service in France. His wife and three children are also in this country.

“Merthyr Express” 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.

Annual Easter Vestry Meeting The Annual Easter Vestry Meeting in connection with St. Mary's Church was held on Friday week. The statements of accounts proved very satisfactory. Mr. W. J. Payne was elected churchwarden.

“Merthyr Express” 28 April, 1917

Presentation to Fochriw Curate On Thursday evening week at St. Mark's Church Schoolroom, Gelli, Rhondda, the Reverend and Mrs. J. C. Payne were presented with a valuable canteen of cutlery, a silver flowers stand, and a oak palm stand and tub, subscribed for by the members of St. Mark's Church and friends, to a mark the occasion of their marriage, which took place on December 6th, 1916. The chair was taken by the Reverend Canon Lewis, vicar, who spoke in glowing terms of Mr. Payne's work and his good qualities. He wished the couple every happiness.

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.

“Merthyr Express” 5 May 1917

Smoking Concert A smoking concert in connection with the "Cwlwm y Brodoriaeth" Lodge of the R.A.O.B. was held at the Mount Pleasant Inn on Wednesday evening, Mr. S. E. Phillips presiding. A very able address on Buffaloism was given by Mr. Zetterstrom, which was well received. The following contributed to the programme: Messrs. Morgan Jones, Phillip Vines, T. Rees J. N. Zetterstrom, W. Evans, T. Jones. Mr. D. C. Jones presided at the piano. An exhibition of club swinging was given by Mr. W. S. Williams.

Presentation Meeting A very pleasant evening was spent at the Rising Sun Inn on Friday week, when the members of the Fochriw Hotspurs A.F.C., were presented with the medals won by them at the Rhymney Tournament. The chairman was Mr. H. C. Seaborne. The following contributed to a fine programme: Messrs. H. Thomas, W. H. Davies, Trevor Lewis, S. Lewis, D. Thomas, W. Powell, A. Mantle, Miss M. Kendrick. Mr. D. C. Jones presided at the piano.

Soldiers' and Sailors' Fund A meeting was held at Nazareth Chapel, kindly lent, on Tuesday evening, under the auspices of the above Fund, when the usual cheques, in connection with the Fund, were presented on behalf of twelve of our gallant boys, five of whom were present - Lieutenant Howell Jones, and Privates Fred Williams, Ernest Chaffey, John Price, Francis Lloyd Jones, all of whom have been on active service. The other seven have made the supreme sacrifice, all having fallen at the post of duty on foreign soil, they being represented by their widows or mothers. The names of the fallen are: Privates John Williams, Joseph Henry Evans, Evan Evans, Wyndham Rees

Edwards, Richard Jones, David Jones, and Charlie Greenman. We offer our heartfelt sympathy to each of these families. An earnest appeal is made to all the inhabitants of the place to contribute to this noble cause to enable the Committee to carry on the good work. The chairman was the Rev. John Francis, vicar. The following contributed to an excellent programme: solos, Mrs. H. C. Davies, Miss Hilda Davies, Messrs. W. Edgar, James Williams, Pontlottyn, and James John Lewis, Dowlais. Mr. Charles Payne presented the cheques as a small token of appreciation for their gallant services and noble sacrifices, to which the recipients very freely responded, thanking them for the kindness shown by the good people of Fochriw and district. Private Willie Roberts, Welsh Regiment, has also received his cheque from the fund. The following gave the second part of the programme: solos, Miss Doris Davies; recitation, Miss Jenkins, Pontlottyn; duet, Messrs. Williams and Lewis; song, Mr. Lewis. Councillor John Jones then addressed the meeting, appealing for support to carry on the good work.

Obituary Mrs. Mary Edwards, wife of Mr. J. Edwards, Brook-row, has passed away, after a long and painful illness.

Performances Two excellent performances of the musical war masque "The Empire's Honour," were given at the Church Hall on Thursday and Saturday last by members of St. Mary's Church, under the conductorship of Mr. Berkley Angell. Rev. John Francis, vicar, presided. The principal characters were sustained by Mrs. W.J. Payne, Mrs. Perrot, Mrs. W. Hughes, Mrs. G. Mantle, Misses Gwenny Rees, M. Gough, M. Watkins, B. Harris, B. Watkins, M. Baldwin, M. Hughes, Ivy Curtis, Addie Baldwin, M.F. Morgan, E. Way, Mary Morgan, R. Davies, Claudia Davies, Mrs. E. Price, Mrs. Lydia Evans, Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Archer, Mr. W.J. Payne, Messrs. W.J. Curtis, Ed. Dummett, Masters Willie Morgan, ... Hughes, Messrs. Bob White, A. Coggan, H. Archer, Rev. J. Francis, Misses M. Dummett, H.E. Wood, Master Sydney Way, Mr. Albert Lewis, Mr. W. Morris, Master E. White, Master Francis Williams, Mrs. F. Williams and Mrs. P. Edwards, M... J.A. Angell (The Empire's Honour), Miss Winnie Evans, Miss May Davies. Accompanists: Mrs. Morgan and Mr. W. Hughes; stage manager: Mr. Charles Payne.

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On Leave We are pleased to see Stoker David J. Shankland the home on short leave. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Shankland, Aelybryn, and looks in the best of health.

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.

Obituary The funeral of the late Mrs. Mary Edwards, Brook-row, wife of Mr. John Edwards, took place on Saturday amidst manifestations of deep sorrow. There was a large attendance. Deceased was 58 years of age, and was born at Pentwyn, and spent the whole of her life in the district. The interment was at Pentwyn Churchyard. The officiating ministers at the house and graveside were the Rev. Esaiiah Williams, Rev. Rhys Jenkins, and Rev. John Francis. The chief mourners were: Mr. John Edwards, husband; Messrs. Wyndham and Percy Edwards, sons; Masters Elwyn & Bedford Edwards, and Archie Williams, grandchildren; Messrs. Thomas Thomas, Rees Davies, Tom Davies, Willie Davies, brothers-in-law; Messrs. John Phillips, Thomas Rowlands, Tom Davies, Evan Jones, John Baldwin and Charlie White, cousins.

SPECIAL DISPLAYS of fashions for Whitsuntide in all departments. Good style and taste and keen values at R. T. Jones and Co, Merthyr.

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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.

Obituary We have to record the death of Mrs. Esther Pugh, wife of Mr. G. Pugh, Guest-street, who

died on Sunday last after a long and painful illness.

Pulpit The pulpit at Carmel Congregational Chapel was occupied on Sunday by the Rev. W. Bowen, Penygroes, who preached to large congregations.

Welcome Home An enthusiastic welcome was accorded Gunner. D J. Shankland, of the Navy, at St. Mary's Hall on Friday evening week, under the auspices of the Fochriw Soldiers' and Sailors' Committee. The chairman was Councillor John Jones who gave an able address. The following contributed to the programme: solos, Miss Doris Davies, Miss Enid Evans, Messrs. Hywel Thomas, James Jones; addresses, Rev. Esaiiah Williams, Rev. Rhys Jenkins, Messrs. J. M. Jones and E. M. Davies. The presentation was made by Mr. Charles Payne on behalf of the Fund. Gunner Shankland feelingly responded, thanking the people of Fochriw for their great kindness to him. The accompanists were Messrs. H. Hughes and W. Davies.

Cantata Three performances of the cantata, "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," were given at the Old Council Schools on Thursday, Friday and Saturday last. Mrs. Hannah Davies, Brynteg, enacted the role of Snow White, and charmed the large audience, while Miss Hilda Davies, Aelybryn, was a huge success as the wicked Queen. Mr. Hywel Thomas and Mr. James Jones proved equally successful in their respective roles. All the other characters were ably sustained. Great praise is due to the conductor, Mr. Thomas Walters, A.L.C.M. The accompanist was Miss H. Evans.

Nazareth Chapel The half yearly meetings were held on Sunday and Monday at Nazareth, when the Rev. William Lewis, Cwmparc, preached powerful sermons to large congregations. Miss Katie Jones Davies presided at the organ and Mr. John Davies was the conductor.

Welsh Drama An excellent performance of the Welsh drama, "Serch Hudol," was given a last Saturday at their Council Schools by the Bedlinog Dramatics Society.

Wedding: Morgans-Jones A pretty wedding was solemnised at Zion, Merthyr, last Tuesday between Miss Margaret Morgans, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Morgans, Rising Sun Inn., and Mr. W. H. Jones, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. H. Jones, Martin-street. The bride, who looked charming, was given away by her father, and was attended by Miss Maud Morgan, niece of the bridegroom, and also by Mrs. S. T. Morgan, Mrs. T. Morgan, and Mrs. Tully. Mr T. J. Jenkins was best man. The Reverend Esaiiah Williams and the Reverend Hughes, Port Talbot, officiated. The breakfast was taken at the Bentley's Hotel, Merthyr, after which the happy couple left for Barry Island. They were the recipients of many presents.

"Merthyr Express" 2 June 1917

Funeral: Mrs. Esther Pugh, Guest-street The funeral of the late Mrs. Esther Pugh, wife of Mr. Griffith Pugh, Guest-street, took place on Thursday week. Deceased, who was 76 years of age, had resided in the village for 55 years. There was a large attendance, the place of interment being Pentwyn Churchyard. The officiating ministers were the Revs. Isaac Roderick, Esaiiah Williams, Rhys Jenkins, R. Jones, Deri, and Rev. Beynon, Pontlottyn. The mourners were: Mr. G. Pugh, husband; Mrs. J. O. Evans, daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Evan Jones, Mr. and Mrs. H. Edgar, Mr. and Mrs. George Watkins, Mr. and Mrs. David Davies, Mrs. Cassie Davis, daughters and sons in-law; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Pugh, Mr. and Mrs. R. Pugh, sons and daughters.

Obituary: Miss Rachel Mary Walters, Moore's-row The funeral of the late Miss Rachel Mary Walters, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Walters, Moore's-row, took place last Monday at Pentwyn Churchyard. The funeral was one of the largest that has left the village. The Rev Esaiiah Williams and the Reverend John Francis officiated at the house and graveside. The chief mourners were: Mr. Walter Walters, father; Messrs. Tom, John, and George Walters, brothers, besides numerous other paternal and maternal relatives.

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Carmel Chapel The annual meetings in connection with the above Chapel were held on Sunday and Monday last, the Rev. E. J. Rosser Evans, Dowlais, and the Rev Edwin Jones, Pontypridd, preaching very edifying and appropriate sermons to large congregations. Mr. T. Walters presided at the organ, and Mr. David Davies conducted the singing.

R.A.O.B. A very interesting "raising" ceremony took place at their Royal and Ancient Order of

Buffaloes Lodge at the Mount Pleasant Inn, Pentwyn, on Thursday last, when Brothers H. C. Seaborne and Edward Morgan had the honour of being raised to the third degree. Brother W. Price installed the two brothers to the degree of knighthood. Brothers S. E. Philips and W. S. Williams were the sponsors. There were a good number of visitors present from other lodges.

Soldiers and Sailors Fund An enthusiastic welcome home meeting was held at Noddfa vestry on Thursday last, when Private Tom Jones, R.N.D., Private Willie White, R.N.D., and Sapper Fred Wright, Royal Engineers, were accorded a hearty welcome home on a few days leave after being on active service in France and the Dardanelles for over two years. The chair was occupied by Councillor John Jones, who gave a capital address. Songs were rendered by Miss K. Morgan, Rhymney, Mr. J. James, Pontlottyn, and Mr. J. Jones, Pontlottyn, delighted the audience with a recitation. Mr. W. J. Payne, the treasurer of the fund, presented the gallant boys with a cheque each on behalf of the fund, and made an earnest appeal for all present to contribute to this excellent fund, so that all the brave boys were given a hearty welcome home. The recipients suitably acknowledged the kindness shown them. Master Francis Wilton gave a selection on the violin, accompanied by Master Aneurin Thomas. The accompanist for the evening was Miss Hilda Phillips.

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“Merthyr Express” 16 June 1917

St. John Ambulance Brigade The members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade held their annual Church parade on Sunday evening. It started from headquarters, headed by the Fochriw Brass Band, under Mr. W. J. Powell, and marched to St. Mary's Church under the command of Superintendent W. J. Ballard. The Vicar, Rev. John Francis, preached a powerful sermon from Job 28, 28. The singing was conducted by Mr. B. Angell, and Mr. O. Richards presided at the organ.

“Merthyr Express” 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.

Ambulance On Thursday evening last week, a concert was held under the auspices of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, at the Ambulance Drill Hall, in connection with the presentation of certificates to the successful students for the class session of 1916-1917. The meeting was presided over by Mr. J. Bevan, Mining Engineer, manager of the Fochriw collieries. Mr. Tudor Davies, M.E., the agent for Messrs. Guest, Keen and Nettlefolds Collieries, was present, and made an impressive address, in which he appealed to the young people of Fochriw to build up ambulance work in their spare time. It was a pleasure for him to see nine certificates presented, but he hoped that next year the number would be much larger. The Reverend John Francis, vicar, also spoke with fervour of the work done by members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, and of the mission of that great Order. He appealed to people of the place, and said they could not use their abilities to a better purpose. Mr. Edward Lewis, an old member of the Brigade, who has taken an active part for years in ambulance work, spoke well of the work carried out in the place under the regime of the late Dr. Eleazer Davies. Mrs. Bevan then presented certificates. The following artistes took part: Mrs. H. Davies Fochriw; Mr. J. J. Lewis, Dowlais; Miss H. Davies; Miss Doris Davies; and Mr. D. Cole Jones. Messrs. D. C. Jones and H. Hughes were the accompanists.

“Merthyr Express” 30 June 1917

St Mary's The pulpit of St Mary's Church was occupied on Sunday, by the Reverend Luther Evans, vicar of Blackwood, who preached to large congregations.

Success The numerous friends of Mr. Thomas H. Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Jones, Brynteg-terrace, will be pleased to hear that he has been successful in passing the King's Scholarship

certificate examination.

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 9th. One new member was initiated during the evening.

Concert An open air concert was given by the Fochriw Brass Band under their conductor Mr. W. J. Powell, when an excellent programme of music was greatly appreciated by the large number present. During the evening, a collection was made on behalf of the Fochriw Soldiers' and Sailors' Fund, and a goodly sum was realised.

"The Empire's Honour" A grand performance of the musical war masque, "The Empire's Honour," was given at the Church Hall, Deri, on Thursday week, by the St. Mary's Church choir, Fochriw, under the conductorship of Mr. Berkley Angell. The chairman was the Reverend John Francis. The characters were ably sustained by the following: Mrs. W. J. Payne, Mrs. S. Perrott, Mrs. G. Mantle, Mrs. W. Hughes, Miss G. Rees, Mrs. Sam Way, Miss M. Gough, Miss M. Watkins, D. Harris, B. Watkins, M. Baldwin, M. Hughes, J. E. Curtis, D. Baldwin, M. F. Morgan, E. Way, M. Morgan, R. Davis, C. Davies, Mrs. G. Price, L. M. Evans, Mrs. J. Morgan, Mrs. H. Archer, Mr. W. J. Payne, W. Curtis, E. Dummett, W. Morgan, C. Hughes, W. Thomas, G. Hughes, B. White, H. Archer, Rev. J. Francis, Miss M. A. Dummett, E. Woods, Tom Angell, Sydney Way, A. Lewis, W. Morris, E. White, F. Wilton, Mrs. Williams, P. Edwards, Miss J. A. Angell, Mrs. O. Williams, Miss May Davies. The accompanists were Mrs. Morgan and Mr. W. Hughes. A vote of thanks was accorded the company by Councillor D. J. Edwards, seconded by the Reverend D. Jones.

Sale of Leasehold and Freehold Properties The sale of Leasehold and freehold properties, and Building Club shares, by public auction, at the Royal Exchange hotel, Dowlais, will take place on Tuesday, July 10th, 1917 at 7:30pm.

Lot 5: One share in the Fochriw Building Club, representing house No. 8, Plantation-street, Fochriw, possessing a paid up value amounting to £50 or thereabouts. Further particulars from G. C. James, Charles and Davies, solicitors, Merthyr.

"Merthyr Express" 7 July 1917

Annual Treats The annual tea parties in connection with Carmel Chapel, and Nazareth, and Noddfa were held on Monday in beautiful weather. The children attended in large numbers and were well cared for by the older members of the congregations.

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.

Royal and Ancient Order of Buffaloes The members of the Cwlwm y Brodoriaeth Lodge held their annual Church parade on Sunday. They met at their headquarters, the Mount Pleasant Inn, Pentwyn, where large number assembled, including many members from surrounding Lodges. They were headed by the brass band under their conductor Mr. W. J. Powell. They paraded the principal streets, and then proceeded to St. Mary's Church, where the service was conducted the Rev. John Francis who preached a powerful sermon on the motto of the order, "Justice, Truth, and Philanthropy." He pointed out that the greatest of all philanthropists was Jesus Christ, and exhorted all to follow His example, whose life was one of good works.

Obituary: Mrs. Mabel Coggan, Plantation-street We have to record the sad death of Mrs. Mabel Coggan, wife of Mr. Arthur Coggan, Plantation-street, who passed away on Wednesday night after a painful illness, at the early age of 26 years. The funeral, which took place on Monday, was a large one. A short service was held at the house prior to the removal of the body, which was then taken to St. Mary's Church, of which deceased was a member. After a short service, the solemn cortege

moved to Pentwyn Churchyard for burial. The Reverend John Francis officiated throughout. The chief mourners: Mr. Coggan, husband; Johnny and Vernon, children; Mr. Wellings, father; Mr. Bertie Wellings, brother; Levi Pritchard, Frank Attwell, Richard Attwell, Mr. Wellings, Mr. Higgins, Mr. G. Regalds, Mr. Davies, Mr. Sellwood. Among the floral tributes was one from the Cwlm y Brodoriaeth Lodge.

“Merthyr Express” 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.

Wedding: Staddon-Way A very pretty in military wedding was solemnised at St. Mary's Church, Fochriw, on Wednesday, July 11th, 1917. The contracting parties were Bombardier Albert John Staddon, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Staddon, Exeter, and Miss Ada Way, London, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Way, Pentwyn, Fochriw. The bride, who looked charming, wore a white embroidered voile dress, with white hat, and carried a bouquet of lillies. She was given away by her father. She was attended by Miss Phylis Staddon and Miss Eliza Way, as bridesmaids. There were also two flower girls, Lena Way and Edna Yeo, cousins. Rev. John Francis officiated. Mr. Octavius Richards presided at the organ, and played the "Wedding March" as the happy couple left the church. The wedding party returned to the home of the bride's parents, where numerous friends sat down to tea.

“Merthyr Express” 21 July 1917

Flag Day A flag day in connection with the Caerphilly Red Cross Hospital was held on Saturday, when a large number of ladies were busy throughout the day selling flags.

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.

Tea Party The annual tea party in connection with St. Mary's Church took place on Thursday. The Sunday school scholars and others met at the Church, and headed by the Fochriw Brass Band, under their conductor Mr. W. J. Powell, they paraded the streets of the village. The procession was a large one and the children looked a pleasing spectacle in their various holiday attire. On returning to the Church Hall, an excellent tea was provided, to which all did justice. After tea, sports and games were indulged in on the mountain. The vicar and others had arranged a fine programme. The band played appropriate music throughout the evening.

Eisteddfod A well attended eisteddfod was held at Noddfa Chapel on Saturday. The conductor was the Rev. Esaiiah Williams; adjudicators - music, Mr. John Thomas and Mr. D. J. Thomas; literary, Rev. D. L. Morris (Llew Ogwy); accompanists, Miss Hilda Phillips and Mr. Tom Walters; secretary, Mr. Thomas Evans; treasurer, Mr. Albert Walters. Awards: solo, girls under 10, Miss Price, Dowlais; solo, boys under 16, Master Lewis, Dowlais; solo and under 16, Enid Evans; soprano solo, divided between Mrs. Hannah Davies and another; contralto solo, Mrs. H Davies, Fochriw; tenor solo, Mr. Richard Lewis, Dowlais; bass solo Mr. Tom Jones, Dowlais; mixed choir, Dowlais; Juvenile choir, Fochriw, conductress Miss Marsie Davies.

“Merthyr Express” 28 July 1917

Musical Success Mr. D. Thomas, Martin-street, has been successful in passing the advanced intermediate grade; also Mr. T. J. James, Dynevor-street, has passed in first class elementary.

Scholastic Success Miss Sarah Jones, Brynteg-terrace, has been successful in passing the College of Preceptor's examination. The following have been successful in gaining an entrance scholarship into the Pengam and Hengoed County Schools: Horace Evans, A. Thomas, Florrie Cole and Maggie Thomas.

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.

Wedding: Lewis-Walters A pretty wedding was solemnised at Merthyr on Tuesday, the contracting parties being Miss Catherine Lewis, Fochriw, and Mr. Llewelyn Walters, Penywern. The bride, who looked charming in a navy blue costume with pale pink hat, was given away by her brother-in-law, Mr. A. Jones. She was attended by her sister, Mrs. Abraham Jones, who wore a blue dress with a rose colour hat. The best man was Mr. Connolly, brother-in-law of the bridegroom. Mrs. Connolly and Miss Walters were also present. The breakfast was taken at the bride's mother's house. The happy couple were recipients of numerous presents.

Presentation Meeting A very pleasant meeting was held at St. Mary's Hall on Monday to present Sapper William Thomas, Royal Engineers, with a beautiful set of military brushes in a case, and a pocket wallet, subscribed for by his friends of the "Empire's Honour Co," of which he had been an active member. The Reverend John Francis presided, and spoke very highly of Mr. Thomas's good qualities. Speeches were also made by Mr. W. J. Payne, Mrs. Morgan and others. Mrs. Francis, in a neat speech, presented Mr. Thomas with the presents. Sapper Thomas feelingly responded. The musical part of the programme was contributed to by the following: Mrs. Morgan, Miss Nan Prosser, Misses Blodwen Watkins and Mildred Hughes.

Welcome Home Meeting A very enthusiastic welcome home meeting, under the auspices of the Fochriw Soldiers' and Sailors' Fund, was held at Carmel Chapel on Tuesday to welcome home four brave Fochriw boys, in the persons of Lance-Corporal Benjamin Shankland, Cardiff City Welsh Regiment; Lance-Corporal Rees Jenkins, Cardiff City Welsh Regiment, (both of whom are home on short leave after doing about 20 months in France); Sergeant John Francis, Royal Fusiliers, and Private John Stedman, Royal Engineers, who have also done service in France. Councillor John Jones, who presided, gave a hearty welcome home to the gallant boys. Speeches were given by Messrs. James Williams, Moses Williams, P. S. Williams, and Rev. Rhys Jenkins. Mr. W. J. Payne presented each of the men with the cheque on behalf of the Fund. The following contributed to the programme: pianoforte solos, Master A. Thomas; solos, Mrs. H. Davies, Miss Doris Davies, Messrs. James J. Lewis and S. Davies; piano and violin selection, Masters A. Thomas and F. Wilton. The Rev. John Francis proposed a vote of thanks to all who had taken part.

“Merthyr Express” 4 August 1917

Consecration of Extension to Pentwyn Churchyard The Bishop of Llandaff visited Fochriw on Saturday last and consecrated the extended portion of Pentwyn Churchyard.

Home from the Front We were pleased to see Private Anthony Davies, Welsh Regiment, Pentwyn, and Corporal David Cheeke, D.C.L.L., Plantation-terrace, home on short leave from France, where they have been for nearly two years.

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.

“Merthyr Express” 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.

Welcome Home A very interesting welcome home concert was held at the White Horse Inn, Pentwyn, last Friday, when Corporal David Cheeke and Private Anthony Davies were invited. The concert was presided over by a Mr. S. E. Phillips.

“Merthyr Express” 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."

Home on Leave Trumpeter Gilbert Harris, A.S.C., is home on short leave from France. His father, Sergeant Tom Harris, Rifle Brigade, is also with the forces in Salonika, but has been confined to hospital for some time due to sickness.

“Merthyr Express” 25 August 1917

Obituary: Mrs. Margaret Taswell We have to record the death of Mrs. Margaret Taswell, wife of Mr. Walter Taswell, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Jones, Brook-row, after a long and painful illness.

Home on Leave Private Llewellyn Small, 1st Monmouthshire Regiment, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Small, Penybank, is home on short leave from France.

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.

“Merthyr Express” 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.

Funeral The funeral of the late Mrs Margaret Taswell took place on Wednesday last week at Pentwyn Churchyard. The Rev. Rhys Jenkins officiated. Chief mourners: Walte Taswell, husband; Evan Taswell, son, as well as many family friends.

Gellygaer Coal Return for year ending 30 June last Fochriw: 203,240 tons (large); 40,529 tons (small)

“Merthyr Express” 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.

On Leave Private W. D. Jones, R.F.A., and Private Wm. Griffiths, R.F.A., and now home after a long absence in France. The Welcome Home Fund will present a pound note to each of them before they return to their regiments.

Soldiers 'and Sailors' Welcome Home Fund A public meeting under the auspices of the Welcome Home Fund was held on Friday evening at Nazareth Chapel, to present Private Gordon Way with a small donation upon his return home from the trenches. A hearty welcome was given to the young hero, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. Mr. E. M Davies presided, and the following friends took part: soloists, Miss Doris Davies, Mr. Willie Edgar, Mrs. H. C. Davies, Miss Enid Evans; recitation, Mr. James Williams. Mr. Charles Payne presented Private Way with a £1 note. Afterwards, Dr. Phillips addressed the meeting. This was Dr. Phillips' first public address at Fochriw, but it is hoped that it will not be his last. The Misses Phillips, H. Evans, and Mr. John Evans did their

parts well as accompanists. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to all who took part on the motion of Mr. George Thomas, seconded by Mr. William Ballard.

“Merthyr Express” 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.

Smoker An interesting smoker was held at the Mount Pleasant Inn, Pentwyn, on Friday evening, at which Gunner W. D. Jones, R.F.A., and Gunner William Griffiths, R.F.A., were present.

“Merthyr Express” 22 September 1917

Annual Meeting The annual meetings in connection with Noddfa Baptist Chapel were held on Sunday and Monday last. The meetings were very well attended, the Rev. Rees, Tredegar, preaching most edifying sermons. The singing was conducted by Mr. Thomas Evans, with Miss Hilda Phillips presiding at the organ.

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.

Wedding: Smith-Williams On Monday, at Mount Zion P. M. Church, Pontlottyn, a pretty wedding was solemnised, the contracting parties being Miss Selina May Smith, Brewer-street, and Mr. D. J. Williams, Aelybryn, Fochriw, draughtsman under Messrs. Guest, Keen and Nettlefolds, Dowlais. As both parties are well known locally, the event created much interest, and at the chapel, which was decorated, there was a large gathering of friends. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. D. R. Byron, cousin of the bridegroom, and the Rev. C. Roberts, New Tredegar. The bride, who was given away by her brother, was charmingly attired in a dress of crepe-de-chene, and was attended by Miss Edith Williams, the bridegroom's sister, and Miss Phyllis Jenkins, cousin of the bride, each of whom were dresses in saxe silk. Mr. Fred Williams, Wolverhampton, brother, was best man, and the party included Mr. and Mrs. Williams, the bridegroom's parents, Mr. Bates, Wolverhampton, brother-in-law; Mr. Walter Smith, brother of the bride; and a large number of relations. The reception was subsequently held at the bride's home, a large number attending. The happy couple left later for Aberystwyth for their honeymoon. The presents were numerous.

“Merthyr Express” 29 September 1917

Flag Day Flag Day was observed on Saturday last, when in number of ladies were busily engaged in disposing of flags in aid of our noble ally, Romania.

Pulpit The pulpit of St. Mary's was occupied by the Rev. J. C. Payne on Sunday last, who preached powerful sermons throughout the day to large congregations. Mr. O. Richards presided at the organ and the singing was conducted by Mr. Berkley Angell.

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. Esaiah Williams read a most interesting paper on "Tomos Bartley," one of the characters of Daniel Owen in "Rhys Lewis." Brother Thomas Lewis presided.

Smoker A smoker in honour of Private W. Rees was held at the Workmen's Club on Thursday evening, and was presided over by Mr. W. Evans. The following contributed to the programme: songs, Messrs. H. Wilcox, Tom Jones, T. Rees, P. Edwards, B. Cheggwidden. There was club swinging by Mr. W. S. Williams. The accompanists work Mr. D. C. Jones.

Obituary: Mrs. Edward Davies, Aelybryn We have to record the death of Mrs. Edward Davies, Aelybryn, wife of Mr. Edward Davies, after a short illness.

Welcome Home A welcome home concert under the auspices of the the Fochriw Soldiers' and Sailors' Fund was held at Noddfa Vestry on Thursday last, in honour of Private William Rees, Welsh Regiment, son of Mr' and Mrs' Rees, Guest-street, who is home on short leave from France, after about two years absence. The concert was presided over by Councillor John Jones, who gave an encouraging address. Interesting speeches were also given by Messrs' E. M. Davis, James Williams, George Sibley, and Charles Payne, who presented a cheque on behalf of the Fund. The musical part of the programme was contributed to by Mrs' H. Davies, Miss Mattie Jones, Mr' James Jones; recitation, Mr' James Williams; pianoforte selection, Master A. Thomas; violin selections, Master Francis Wilton. The accompanists were Miss Hannah Evans and Mr' Willie Davies. The Rev. John Francis proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the artistes for their kindness. This was seconded by Mr. George Thomas.

Special Exhibit Of New Autumn Fashions Commencing Friday Next, October 5th. Please see large advertisement on last page. R. T. Jones and Co, Merthyr.

“Merthyr Express” 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.

Funeral The funeral of the late Mrs. Ann Davies, Aelybryn, wife of Mr. Edward Davies, took place on Saturday at Pant Cemetery amidst manifestations of deep sorrow. There was a large attendance. The Reverend Esaiah Williams officiated at the house and at the graveside.

Private A. Jones, D.C.L.I. Private Albion Jones, who is serving with the Salonika forces, has been recently mentioned in a dispatch from Lieutenant-General G. F. Milne C.B., D.S.O., containing a list of names of officers, N.C.O.'s and men whose services he wishes to notice for distinguished service during the past six months. Private Jones worked as a miner at the Fochriw Colliery before enlisting.

Concert A concert was given at Noddfa Chapel on Wednesday last week by the Penywern and Dowlais Male Voice Party. The artistes were: soprano, Madame Nana Lewis Thomas, Clydach Vale; bass, Mr. Lewis Evans, Cardiff; solo violin, Mr. W J Berry, Dowlais; accompanist, Mr. Arthur Hughes. The audience, which was a large one, was delighted with the excellent renderings of the Choir and artistes, encores being the order of the evening.

“Merthyr Express” 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.

St. Mary's Church Harvest Festival Services were held at St. Mary's Church on Wednesday, Thursday, and Sunday, and were very largely attended. The Church was beautifully decorated. The special preachers were the Rev. Gilbert Williams, vicar of Pontlottyn, the Rev. David Davies, Bedlinog, the Reverend John Francis, vicar. At the close of the festival, four hundredweights of fruit and vegetables were sent to Caerphilly Military Hospital.

Welcome Home A welcome home meeting under the auspices of the Fochriw Soldiers' and Sailors' Fund was held at Carmel Vestry on Friday evening last to welcome home Private Arthur Adams, A.S.C. Remounts, and Lance-Corporal Lewis Richards, Welsh Regiment, both of whom are home on leave after a long absence in France. The meeting was presided over by the Rev. John Francis.

Organ Recital An organ recital was given at St. Mary's Church on Monday by Mr. W. J. Watkins, A.R.C.O., assisted by Mr. James John Lewis, Dowlais.

“Merthyr Express” 20 October 1917

Obituary: Mrs. S. A. Watts We have to record the death of Mrs. S. A. Watts after a very painful illness. The deceased passed away at her sister's house (Mr. and Mrs. T. Llewellyn, grocer), Dynevor-street, on Monday morning.

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. Chegwidden, 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.

Smoker A pleasant evening was spent at the Mount Pleasant Inn on Friday in honour of Gunner Llewellyn Jones, G. A., and Private Thomas Jones, A. S. C. The place was well filled. The chairman was Mr. W. Price with Mr. S. E. Phillips vice-chairman. The following contributed to the programme: solos, Messrs. W. H. Davies, Howell Thomas, T. Rees, P. Vines, Tom Jones, H. Wilcox, W. Davies, W. S. Williams; recitations, Messrs. James Williams and M. Thomas; quartette, Messrs. A. Mantle, H. Thomas, J. Walters, T. Rees. Votes of thanks were proposed by Mr. H. C. Seaborne, seconded by Mr. W. Evans. The singing of the National Anthem brought an enjoyable evening to a close. The accompanist was Mr. D. C. Jones.

Welcome Home A welcome home meeting was held at St. Mary Hall on Monday evening under the auspices of the Fochriw Soldiers' and Sailors' Fund to welcome home on short leave from France Gunner Llewellyn Jones, Private Thomas Jones, and Sapper John Williams, Royal Engineers, and to present them with the usual cheques from the fund. There was a large attendance. The Rev. John Francis presided and gave an able address. The following contributed to the programme: solos, Mr. W. Jenkins, Dowlais, Mr. John Williams, Miss Enid Evans; duet, Messrs. W. Jenkins and John Williams; recitation, Mr. M. Thomas; addresses, Messrs. J. M. Jones and William Ballard. The presentation was made by Mr. David Thomas on behalf of the Fund. The accompanist was Mr. Harry Hughes.

"Merthyr Express" 27 October 1917

Flag Day Flag Day one has observed at the Fochriw on Saturday in aid of the St. John Ambulance and Red Cross. And number of ladies were busy throughout the day the village disposing of flags.

The Late Mr. Lewis Jones, Brook-row The funeral of the late Mr. Lewis Jones took place at Pant Cemetery on Saturday. The funeral was well attended. Deceased was 82 years of age, and had lived in the village for over 50 years. Fochriw has lost a familiar and well-known figure. He leaves an aged widow and several sons and daughters. The chief mourners were: Councillor Jones, Messrs. David L. Jones, Walter Jones, sons; Messrs John M. Evans, Thomas Evans, Willie J. Angell, sons-in-law. The Rev. Esaiiah Williams officiated throughout.

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.

Obituary: Mrs. S. A. Watts, Dynevor-street The funeral of the late Mrs. S. A. Watts took place at Gellygaer Churchyard on Wednesday last week. Deceased was aged 44, and was well known and respected in the village, being the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Evan Kinsey, formerly of the Fochriw Farm. The Rev. John Francis officiated at the house and graveside. The chief mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. T. Llewellyn, sister and brother-in-law; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kinsey, Tir-y-Colly Farm, Bedlinog, brother and sister-in-law.

Military Jottings Both the sons of Mr. and Mrs. George Jones, Station-terrace, are in hospital. Lieutenant Howell Jones, Yorks. and Lancs. Regiment, was wounded in the last big push, and is now in hospital in Winchester. The other son, Private Dan B. Jones, the Devons, is in hospital with malaria at Secunderabad, India, where he has been for over three years. Another son, Thomas John

Jones, is in training at Aberystwyth College with the O.T.C. Before the war, Lieutenant Jones was a student at Aberystwyth College, and Private Dan Jones a student at Exeter College. Fred Wright, Royal Engineers, has also been wounded and is now in hospital at Sheffield. Sapper John Williams, Royal Engineers, returned to France for the third time this week after a short leave. Sapper Williams has seen much fighting, and took part in the Battle of Hill 60, Ypres, the Somme, and Vimy Ridge. Mr. David Jones, Mount Pleasant Inn, Pentwyn, has three sons with the Colours. Two are in hospital suffering from wounds in action. Private Lewis Jones, Private Tom Jones and Gunner L. D. Jones returned to duty recently.

“Merthyr Express” 3 November 1917

Annual Meetings Annual meetings in connection with Nazareth chapel where held on Sunday and Monday, when the Rev. Evan Price (Ieuan Gorwydd), preached edifying sermons. Miss Katie Jones Davies and Mr. Willie Davies presided at the organ, Mr. John Davis conducting the singing.

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.

Football The final in connection with the Junior Tournament was played at the Primrose Field on Monday, the teams being the Fochriw Juniors and Pontlottyn Juniors. The score was one goal each.

Concert A concert was held at Carmel Chapel (kindly lent for the occasion) on Thursday, in the aid of the Fochriw Sailors' and Soldiers' Fund. The chair was occupied by Councillor John Jones, who gave an able speech. The following took part: soprano, Madam Sarah Thomas Johns, Merthyr; contralto, Madame H. C. Davies, Fochriw; tenor, Mr. James John Lewis, Dowlais; bass, Mr. James Williams, Pontlottyn; accompanist, Mr. Thomas Walters, A.L.C.M., Fochriw. During the evening, Lance-Corporal Lewis Evans, R.F.A., was presented with the cheque from the fund. The treasurer, Mr. W. J. Payne, remarked in his speech, that this was the 41st cheque presented by the fund. The Rev. John Francis gave a fine address, in which he urged the necessity of prayer as a mighty weapon in the winning of this war. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the deacons by Mr. Charles Payne for the loan of the chapel; also to the artistes and all who helped to make the concert such a success. This was seconded by Mr. James Williams.

“Merthyr Express” 10 November 1917

Home from Hospital Lieut. Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Jones, Station-terrace, is making satisfactory progress, and was home on short leave from hospital this week.

Football The final in connection with the senior tournament was played at the Primrose Field on Monday, the opposing teams being Pontlottyn and Fochriw Bluebirds. As darkness set in, Pontlottyn netted a few goals very smartly, the referee bringing the game to a close about 20 minutes before time. Final score: Pontlottyn 4, Fochriw 1. Mr. Harry Williams, Brithdir, was the referee.

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.

War Aims A public meeting in connection with the National War Aims Campaign was held at the Church Hall on Friday evening, when able addresses were delivered by Mr. J. White, Kingston on Thames; Mr. S. Hague, Manchester; and Mr. John Littlejohns, Pontypridd. The chair was occupied by Dr. J. W. D. Phillips. The speakers had a good hearing, and their able addresses were well received.

Funeral: Mr. Richard Davies, Martin-street The funeral of the late Mr. Richard Davis, Martin-street, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday, with a large attendance. The deceased had been a cripple for 14 years after an accident at the colliery. He bore his sufferings patiently, and his

genial countenance will be much missed in this village. He was 44 years of age, and leaves several brothers and sisters. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Daniel, Edward, Evan, and David Davies, brothers; Mr. Sam Price, brother-in-law. The officiating ministers were Revs. R. D. Jenkins, John Francis and Esaiah Williams.

Welcome Home A welcome home concert was held at Nazareth chapel on Friday evening, under the auspices of the Fochriw Sailors' And Soldiers' Fund, in honour of Private Lewis Jones, Welsh Regiment, son of Mr. David Jones, Mount Pleasant Inn, Pentwyn, who is home on short leave from hospital after being wounded in France. He is one of three brothers now serving with the Colours. The following assisted in the vocal programme: Miss Mattie Jones, Mrs. Ruth Griffiths, Mr. James Williams, Miss Edna Burrows, Miss Elvis Phillips, Miss Enid Evans, Ben Davies, Thomas Lewis, Edmund Davies, Ivor Phillips and Aneurin Thomas. The accompanists were: Miss Hilda Phillips and Mr. Willie Davies. The Reverend John Francis presided. Private Jones was presented with a cheque from the fund.

Russians All the parties of Russians who left this country between 23rd September and 15th October are reported to have arrived safely.

“Merthyr Express” 17 November 1917

Obituary: Mr. W. R. Gwynne, Pentwyn We have to record the death of Mr. W. R. Gwynne, Pentwyn, who passed away after a painful illness, at the age of 38 years.

Home from Hospital The numerous friends of Private Stephen Barnard, R.A.M.C., were glad to see him home for a few days from hospital, where he has been for a long time since suffering from trench fever.

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.

Smoker A pleasant evening was spent at the Mount Pleasant Inn on Friday, in honour of Private Lewis Jones, who is home on short leave from hospital. The chair was occupied Mr. S. E. Phillips. The following contributed to the musical programme: Messrs. J. Martin, H. Thomas, W. S. Williams, Gomer Rees, Owen Morris, William Evans, J. Donovan, Mr. Francis, Mr. Archer, Private Davies. There was also a band quartette of Messrs. W. H. Davies, John Walters, Howell Thomas, and Emrys Lewis. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. H. C. Seaborne, seconded by Mr. W Price.

“Merthyr Express” 24 November 1917

Military The friends of Gunner Ted Wellings, and Private A. Gwynne, R.A.M.C., were pleased to see them home on short leave from France.

Football The replay in connection with the final of the Junior Tournament, between Fochriw and Pontlottyn, took place on Thursday, before large crowd at their Primrose Field. Again the game ended in a draw, two goals each. The referee was Mr. J. Reed, New Tredegar.

Accident Mr. Samuel Way, 21, Aelybryn, met with a serious accident at No. 2 Colliery, Fochriw, on Friday morning, from which he died on Saturday morning. Deceased was 57 years of age.

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.

Funeral The funeral of the late Mr. W R. Gwynne, Hill-row, Pentwyn, took place on Thursday, amidst manifestations of deep sympathy, at Pentwyn Churchyard. The Rev. T. Jones, Deri, officiated. The deceased was well known in the district. The chief mourners were: Masters Alfred and Percy Gwynne, sons; Mr. Richard Gwynne, father; Messrs. Alfred, Thomas, John, and Roger Gwynne, brothers.

“Merthyr Express” 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.

Obituary We have to record the death of Mr. John Edwards, Brock-row, who died on Monday morning after a short illness.

Funeral: Mr. Samuel Way, 21, Aelybryn The funeral of the late Mr. Samuel Way, Aelybryn, who died from the effects of an accident at the colliery, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Thursday amidst manifestations of sympathy. The funeral was one of the largest seen in the district for a long time. Deceased was 57 years of age, and was a well-known figure in the village. A short service was held at the house, before the removal of the body to St. Mary's Church, of which the deceased was a faithful member. The service was conducted by the Rev. John Francis and the Rev. Gilbert Williams, Pontlottyn, who also officiated at the graveside. Among the mourners were: Messrs. James Way, W. J. Way, Frank Way, Freddie Way, sons; George, Frank, William, Walter and Fred, brothers; Thomas Everett, father-in-law.

Concert A welcome home concert was held at Noddfa Vestry on Friday evening, under the auspices of the Fochriw Soldiers' And Sailors' Fund, to welcome home Corporal George Everett, Welsh Guards, Private Archie Gwynne, R.A.M.C., and Gunner Wellings, R.F.A., all of whom have been on active service in France. The building was packed. The programme for the evening was supported by the highly successful Fochriw Children's Choir, under their conductor Miss M. Davies. The singing of the different choruses won rounds of applause. The chairman was the Rev. John Francis, who gave a hearty welcome home to the gallant boys and complimented them on their fine appearance. Programme: chorus by choir, "The Flag of Britain"; solo, Miss Elvis Phillips; recitation, Master Edmund Davies; chorus of by the choir; duet, the Misses Ballard. Mr. W. J. Payne then presented the soldiers with the usual cheque. Corporal Everett thanked the Committee on behalf of all the men. The choir then sang "I Sing Because I Love To Sing" which was encored; solo, Miss Enid Evans; chorus by the choir; duett, Miss Elvis Phillips and Miss Enid Evans; solo, Miss Ruth Griffiths, "When You Come Home"; chorus by the choir. Mr. George Thomas proposed a vote of thanks to all helpers, seconded by Mr. Moses Williams. The accompanists were Miss Maggie Davies and Miss Hilda Phillips.

"Merthyr Express" 8 December 1917

Welcome Home A welcome home concert was held at Carmel Vestry on Tuesday evening, under the auspices of the Fochriw Soldiers' and Sailors' Fund, to welcome home A.B. Cornelius Edwards, R.N.D., and Private David J. Thomas, Welsh Regiment, both of whom have been on active service. The building was packed. The chairman was Mr. Charles Payne who gave a hearty welcome to the boys. The programme was as follows: solos, Mrs. H. C. Davies, Mr. T. Jenkins, Miss Phyllis Williams; recitation, Master Lewis Angell; chorus by school children. Mr. W. J. Payne presented each of the boys with the usual cheque from the fund, and remarked that this was the 50th cheque presented since the raising of the fund. Mr. George Sibley proposed a vote of thanks to all. The accompanist was Miss Hannah Evans.

Funeral: Mr. John Edwards, Brook-row The funeral of the late Mr. John Edwards, Brook-row, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Thursday, amidst manifestations of deep sorrow. There was a large attendance. The Revs. Esaiiah Williams, Rhys Jenkins and John Francis officiated at the house and graveside. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Wyndham and Percy Edwards, sons; Masters Elwyn Edwards, Bedford Edwards, Harry Williams, Archie Williams, Thomas Davies, John Baldwin, Thomas Rowlands.

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.

“Merthyr Express” 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.

Half-Yearly Meetings The half-yearly meetings in connection with Carmel Chapel, where held on Sunday and Monday, when the Reverend D. Hughes Jones, former pastor of the chapel, preached. Mr. David Davies conducted the singing, and Mr. Thomas Walters presided at the organ.

Fell at Bourlon Wood News has been received that Private George W. Thomas, of the Hamshires, has fallen in the fight around Bourlon Wood. Private Thomas was well known in Fochriw as a fine footballer, having played for the Old Alex's Rugby team. His brother also fell at Loos. Private Thomas leaves a widow with two children. They live at Tylorstown. His sister, Mrs. Jane Morgan, resides at Stoney Houses, Penybank.

St. Mary's Church The pulpit at St. Mary's Church was occupied on Sunday morning and afternoon by Rev. Stanton, Argoed, a nephew of Mr. C. B. Stanton, M.P., and in the evening by the Reverend Dewi Williams, vicar of the Rhymney, who preached powerful sermons to large congregation. The offertories were given to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel. The singing was conducted by Mr. Berkley Angell, and Mr. Octavius Richards presided at the organ.

“Merthyr Express” 22 December 1917

Stop Wagons Both pits were idle on Tuesday owing to a shortage of wagons.

Military Jottings The numerous friends Private James Heeney, Royal Munster Fusiliers, were pleased to see him home on short leave from hospital after being wounded at Ypres. He also served throughout the Dardanelles campaign, in which he was also wounded. Private Heeney received the usual cheque from the Soldiers' and Sailors' Fund.

Entertainment An entertainment was held at St. Mary's on Tuesday evening, presided over by the Reverend John Francis. The following contributed: recitations, Harold Harris, Mervyn Francis, Latimer Evans, Ivor Phillips, Edmund Davies, Willie Jones, Eirlys Jenkins, Glynwen Edwards, Edna Edwards, Lena Way, Nancy Davis, Olive May Payne, Clarise Pritchard, Ivy Curtis, Myrtle Harris, Phoebe Cole, Ursula Harris; violin selections, Francis Wilton; solos, Lizzie M. Davis, Rowena Harris, Carada Adams; quartette, A. Davies and party, Lizzie M. Davies and party. The accompanist was Mr W. Hughes.

Drama Two excellent performances of the Welsh drama "Machan Mawr I!" were given at St. Mary's Hall by the Ambulance Dramatic Society to large audiences on Thursday and Saturday last week. Great praise is due to the performers for the able way each of them sustained their respective parts. The following took part: Mr. James Jones, Mr. Trevor Lewis, Mr. John Morgan, Mr. Harry Hughes, Mr. E. Morris, Mr. Tom Jenkins, Mr. D. James, Mr. D. I. Evans, Mr. Tom Evans, Miss M. A. Walters, Miss Gwen Rees, Mrs. T. Evans, Miss M. Cole.

“Merthyr Express” 29 December 1917

Band The Fochriw Prize Brass Band played appropriate Christmas music throughout the village on Christmas Day, the playing being greatly admired. The sum of £2-8-0 was handed to the treasurer of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Welcome Home Fund.

Military The numerous friends of Private Caradoc Ballard, R.A.M.C., are pleased to see him home on short leave from France, looking well. He has been on active service for the last few years. Private Ballard is one of three brothers serving with the Colours. One has now been discharged.

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.

Church Services Church services were held at St. Mary's Church on Christmas Day, and were well attended. There were celebrations of Holy Communion at 7, 8, and 11 o'clock, the celebrant being the Rev. John Francis. In the evening, a carol service was held, when a number of the children took the solos, the congregation joining in the choruses. The Vicar gave an instructive address on "The Birth of Christ." Mr. Berkeley Angell, choirmaster, trained the singers, and Mr. Octavius Richards presided at the organ.

Carmel Chapel The annual Gymanfa Ganu was held at Carmel Chapel on Christmas Day, with a large attendance. The conductor for the day was Mr. Abel E. Jones, Rhymney. A pleasing feature was the assistance of the newly formed string band, which gave a very creditable performance. The presidents were: morning, Mr. Howell Thomas; afternoon, Mr. Evan M. Davies; evening, Mr. William Ballard; accompanists, Messrs. Thomas Walters, David Thomas, Willie Angell, Aneurin Thomas and Miss Hannah Evans. The conductors of the rehearsals were Messrs. David Davies and Daniel Jenkins; chairman, Mr. Daniel Jenkins; treasurer, Mr. David J. Thomas; secretary Mr. Evan D. Jones.

Noddfa Chapel An eisteddfod was held at Noddfa Baptist Chapel on Christmas night. Awards: solo for girls under 8, Elsa Mathews, Dilys Evans, Hettie Williams; recitation and under 10, 1. Gwenda Thomas, 2. Maggie H. Williams; recitation girls under 16, Enid Evans; contralto solo, divided between Misses E. A. Evans and Enid Evans; bass solo, 1. Mr. Albert Walters, 2. Mr. Aneurin Evans; recitation under 16, 1. Edith Walters, 2. divided between S. L. Evans and Phyllis Williams; solo over 50, Mr. John Evans. The adjudicators were: music, Mr. T. Evans senior; literature Mr. D. Thomas; secretary, Mr. T. Walters; accompanist, Miss H. Phillips. The eisteddfod was followed by a very amusing comedy sketch, characters being represented by Mrs. T. Evans, Misses M. Rees, H. Phillips, I. Phillips, H. Evans, M. Rees, E. A. Evans, E. Phillips.

Entertainment An entertainment was held at St. Mary's on Christmas Eve, presided over by the Rev. John Francis. An excellent programme was contributed to by: Glynwen Edwards, Phoebe Cole, Edna Edwards, Adelaide Baldwin, M. A. Griffiths, W. Roberts, L. Evans, T. Harris, Ivy Curtis; violin selections, Francis Wilton; duet, Trevor Lawrence and Robert Wilton, Addie Lawrence and Edmund Davies; choruses, Jack Lawrence and friends, W. Lawrence, L. Angell, and B. Davies. There were also open recitation and impromptu reading competitions, the evening concluding with a laughable sketch entitled "Absent-minded Characters." The following took part: Messrs. W. J. Payne, W. Hughes, Harold Harris, W. Wilton. The accompanists were Messrs. O. Richards and L. Angell.

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