

“Merthyr Express” 3 January 1914

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Band of Hope The members of the St. Andrew’s Church (Pentwyn) Band of Hope held their weekly meeting at the schoolroom on Wednesday week, Mr. C. Ballard presiding. The meeting opened with prayer led by Mr. Ballard and the singing of a hymn. The following contributed to the programme: solo - Miss Ceridwen Jones; recitation - Master T. E. Davies; duet - Misses Morfydd and Lizzie A. Williams; recitation - Miss Sarah Williams; solo - Miss Blodwen Williams; duet - Miss Ceridwen Jones and Miss B. Williams; recitation - Miss Mary Morgan.

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

Smoker A ‘smoker’ in connection with the Hotspurs A.F.C. was held in the Station Restaurant, the team’s headquarters, on Christmas Eve. Mr. W. J. Payne, president, presided. During the evening, the Chairman presented Mr. Richard Jones, a committee-man, with a beautiful case of cutlery, subscribed by members of the team, to mark his recent marriage. This was followed by speeches from Messrs. Percy Mantle, W. H. Davies, H. Jones, G. Sibley, E. M. Roberts, W. A. Jones and P. Davies, and a reply from Mr. Richard Jones. Songs were rendered by the following: W. H. Davies, Phil Davies, P. Mantle, M. Thomas, H. Jones, J. Davies, G. Sibley, W. Davies. There was an impromptu speech competition, the prize being secured by Mr. A. Jones. The winner of the reading competition was Mr. W. A. Jones. During the evening, a male voice competition took place, two parties putting in an appearance - the Philharmonic Music Lovers, conducted by Mr. Albion Jones, and the Touring Club Minstrels, conductor Mr. Phil Davies. The latter were adjudicated winners.

St. Mary’s Hall On Christmas Eve, the scholars of the Sunday School were given a tea in the Hall by the Superintendent, Mr. Josiah Richards, and the teachers, Mrs. Price Jones, Mrs. Davies (Bargoed), Miss Nan Prosser, Miss Watkins, Mr. Octavius Richards and Mr. J. Davies. The tables were attended by the following: Mesdames G. Way, E. Shiffy, J. Richards, Misses Nan Prosser, Violet Curtis. L. M. Evans and Mrs. Price Jones. One of the chief events of the evening was Father Christmas appearing in the person of Mr. Wm. Curtis. Each child was given an orange and sweets. A short entertainment was also given, the contributors being Mr. O. Richards, Miss N. Prosser, Miss Price Jones, Miss Gwladys Watkins, Master Edwin Dummett, Miss M. Tyler, Miss Frances Wilton, Miss V. Curtis, Miss E. Way, Miss G. Williams. Master Edwin Jones gave a performance of the jolly wag. The singing of the National Anthem brought the evening to a close.

Wedding: Llewellyn-Davies A wedding was solemnised at Merthyr on Saturday, the contracting parties being Mr. William Samuel Llewellyn, son of Mr. & Mrs. John Llewellyn Pentwyn, and Miss Eleanor Ann Davies, Fochriw. The bride who was charmingly attired was given away by her grandfather, Mr. John Davies. The happy couple, who are highly respected, were the recipients of many useful presents.

Presentation On Christmas Eve, a Christmas Tree and entertainment took place at St. Andrew’s Church Pentwyn, when about 200 parents and scholars assembled. The tree had been tastefully decorated with toys etc., both tree and toys being kindly given by Mr. & Mrs. Davies, Cwm Farm, Penybanc. Mr. J. C. Payne presided, and in an introductory address, spoke of the flourishing state of the school, and of the invaluable help of the teachers, and particularly, Mr. T. Baldwin, the energetic secretary of the Sunday School. Mr. Payne presented each child (140) with an orange and a book. Mr. H. Brown, also, was presented

with a silver tea and coffee service, subscribed for by members of the church and friends, as a token of appreciation for his services as organist for the past three years. Mr. T. Baldwin made the presentation, and spoke glowingly of Mr. Brown's faithfulness, as did Mr. Payne. The entertainment followed the presentation

Christmas Day at Fochriw: Around the Churches

Nazareth Calvinistic Methodist Church A very pleasant meeting took place on Christmas afternoon, over which Mr. J. M. Jones presided. He opened with an appropriate address to the scholars. Recitations and dialogues were given by Miss Lizzie M. Lawrence and Miss Hilda Davies. During the afternoon, every scholar was presented with a toy. In the evening, a very successful Eisteddfod was held, under the presidency of Mr. James Lawrence (senior). There was a splendid audience present. The adjudicators were: Music - Mr. Afan Edwards, Pengam; literature - Rev. Isaac Roderick, pastor. Children's choir - Mr. Idris Jones' choir; open duet - divided - Mr. Morris and friend/ Mr. D. J. Davies and Miss Hilda Davies; bass solo - Mr. John Davies; soprano solo - divided - Miss Maggie Davies/ Miss Mattie Jones; girls' solo - divided - Miss Hilda Davies/ Miss Mattie Jones; boys' solo - Master Dd. J. Davies; hymn tune, over 40 - Mr. W. Jones; sight singing - Miss Mayzie Davies; solo under 12 - Master John Edgar; quartette - Mr. Morris's party; traethawdi 'Nadolig' - Mr. Wm. Jones; barddoniaeth, 'Nazareth Fochriw' - Mr. Wm. Jones; open recitation - Mr. Edward Jones; recitation for children - Miss Muriel Jones; impromptu speech - Mr. Wm. Jones. The accompanists were: Mr. Roderick Jones, Miss Katie Jones Davies and Miss Maggie Davies. The secretarial duties were carried out by Mr. Idris Jones, and Mr. John Davies was treasurer.

Carmel Congregational Church Successful meetings were held on Christmas Day, when the annual Gymanfa Ganu took place. The Chapel was well filled throughout the day. The morning was devoted to the children, when the Rev. D. Huws Jones, pastor, presided. A chapter from Scripture was recited by the following: Misses E. M. Lawrence, E. A. Angell, and Master T. J. Evans. All the children prayed 'Dyro i ni Dy Wenau.' Solos were rendered by Miss Miriam Thomas and Master T. H. Jones. Rev. Jones and Rev. Davies (Adulam, Merthyr), catechised the children on two chapters from the book 'Porth yr Eglwys.' The following hymns were beautifully sung: 'Maidstone;' 'Bydd yr Arwrw;' 'St. Catherine;' 'Plymouth;' 'O Iesu, 'rwy'n Dy garu;' 'Canwn ar y daith;' 'Ewch, dros yr hen, hen hanes;' 'Pob llwyth ac iath.'

The afternoon meeting was presided over by Rev. R. D. Jenkins. Rev. Davies, Merthyr, opened the meeting with a reading and prayer, followed by a fine solo from Mr. Thos. G. Davies, 'Pass it on.' The following hymn tunes were sung: 'Leoni;' 'Daryd;' 'Tallis;' 'Trefedyn;' 'Amwithig;' 'Turle;' 'Buddugoliaeth.' The evening meeting was presided over by Dr. Eleazer Davies, J.P.. Solos were beautifully rendered by Mrs. C. Walters and Mr. Ashton (Aberfan). A quartette was finely sung by Messrs. S. Ashton, T. G. Davies, and Misses M. A. Walters and Hannah Cole Jones. The following hymn tunes were effectively sung: 'Bryn Seion;' 'Dorcas;' 'Adeste Fideles;' 'Maccabeaus;' 'Weimar;' 'St. Aelred;' 'Machynlleth,' and the Spanish Chant. The following chorus and anthems were exquisitely rendered by the choir: 'Worthy is the Lamb,' chorus; anthems, 'Eisteddai Teithiwr Blin' (D. Emlyn Evans), 'Fe Welir Seion fel y Wawr' (M. O. Jones), 'Sanctus' (G. T. Volger). The conductor was Mr. Septimus Ashton (Aberfan), and the accompanists Mr. Thomas Walters, Misses Hannah Evans, Annie Evans and Olwen Hughes. During the afternoon and evening meetings, they were strengthened by the orchestral band, under the conductorship of Mr. Lewis Beynon, Fochriw. The instrumentalists were: 1st violins, Mr. L. Beynon, Sydney Phillips, and Miss Irene Phillips; 2nd violins, Mr. Harry Hughes and Mr. Wm. John Parry; 1st cornet, Mr. Jenkin Pugh; 2nd cornet, Mr. David Jones; tenor horn, Mr. Albert Mantle; euphonium, Mr. Tom Powell. Great praise is due to the instrumentalists, singers and all who in any way assisted in bringing the festival to a successful issue. Mr. Daniel Rowlands was secretary, and Mr. Thomas Lewis treasurer.

Noddfa Baptist Chapel On Christmas morning, Mr. Thomas Evans presided over the meeting. A large number of children contributed recitations, solos, etc. All the children were presented with suitable books. During the afternoon, a meeting of a similar character was held for adults, with Mr. David Thomas as president. In the evening, a very successful

Eisteddfod was held, Mr. H. Williams presiding. The test pieces were as follows: solo, boys under 10 - divided, Masters Dd. J. Thomas/ Clifford Davies; solo, girls under 10 - Miss Enid Evans; recitation under 12 - Master Dd. J. Thomas; solo, boys under 15 - Master Dd. J. Thomas; solo, girls under 15 - Miss E. A. Evans; recitation under 15 - Master Tom Thomas; solo, over 40 - divided, Mr. Crad. Shankland/ C. M. Jones; contralto solo - Miss Hilda Davies; soprano solo - Miss May Rose Rees; tenor solo - Mr. John Evans; bass solo - Mr. C. Shankland; traethawd 'Lletygarwch' - Mr. David Thomas; duet - Mr. C. Shankland and W. H. Davies; party of eight voices - Mr. John Evans' party. The adjudicators were: Music - Mr. Dd. Harris, Penydarren; recitations - Mr. J. R. Voyle, Rhymney. The accompanist was Miss Hilda Phillip, the secretary Mr. Joshua Evans, and the treasurer Mr. Ben Thomas.

St. Andrews Church, Pentwyn A service was held on Christmas evening, when a good number were present. Mr. J. C. Payne, licensed lay reader, conducted the service and preached. Mr. C. Ballard read the lessons. The choir rendered the Christmas anthem 'Good will to men,' and led the singing of favourite Christmas carols, under Mr. John Wood's conductorship, with Mr. H. Brown at the organ. On Sunday evening there was a large congregation for Evensong. The choir rendered a special anthem, and a small group of 1st and 2nd violins accompanied Mr. H. Brown at the organ for the hymn singing.

Great Fire at Pontllytyn: Mr. Will Haggar's Theatre Destroyed At 6 p.m. last Friday, a disastrous fire broke out at Mr. Will Haggar's Theatre at Pontllytyn. The fire broke out in the engine room beneath the canteen and operator's room. The Theatre was burned to the ground in 15 to 20 minutes, fanned by a great wind. Councillor Ben Hughes phoned for the Bargoed fire brigade, in addition to the local brigade. The Hall was used by Mr. Haggar as a picture palace and variety hall, and was capable of holding 800 to 1,000 people. It was a wooden structure. He had purchased the building just two years ago. The 'turn' for the week was Dockstader, illusionist and conjurer, and all his equipment, worth £200-£250, was lost in the blaze. Mr. Haggar was away at Tredegar where he has another theatre.

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St. Andrew's Church Band of Hope The weekly meeting was held at the schoolroom on Wednesday. Several members contributed solos and recitations. Mr. Payne gave an address. Mr. C. Ballard presided.

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

Noddfa A concert was held on New Year's Eve at Noddfa, Dr. Eleazer Davies, J.P., presiding. A large audience was entertained to excellent singing from Miss Gladys Partridge, R.C.M.; Miss Gladys May Smith, Brynmawr; Mr. David Thomas, National Winner, Abergavenny Eisteddfod; Mr. W. J. Davies, National Winner, Abergavenny Eisteddfod. The audience was given a rich musical treat, and was in every way a great success. Miss Hilda Phillips accompanied.

Railway Mission, Cwmbargoed A tea was given on New Year's Eve, when a large number was present. The tea was followed by an entertainment.

St. Mary's Institute A social and dance was held on New Year's Eve. There was dancing from 6.45pm. to midnight. The M.Cs were Messrs. Tom Evans and John Poodle, and Mr. Alfred Jenkins, Pontllytyn, was pianist. On New Year's Day, an entertainment was held, with Mr. O. Richards presiding. The following contributed to the programme: pianoforte solo - Mr. O. Richards; song - Master Harold Harris; recitation - Master Hartwell Wood; song - Miss L. M. Jones; recitation - Miss E. Way; song - Miss Doris Davies; dialogue - Misses Lydia, Doris and Margery Lewis; song - Master Charley Edwards; recitation - Master Sydney Way; song - Miss L. M. Jones.

Presentation On Saturday night, a presentation was made, at the Mount Pleasant Inn club room, to Mr. Ted Evans, Aelybryn, Fochriw, of a purse containing £52-8s-6d, the result of a drawing which had been arranged for him by his friends, he having been ill for over two years. Mr. Evans is an old and respected inhabitant of Fochriw. Until his health failed, he had for many years carried out the duties of colliery winder at No.2 Pit. A large company of friends was present. The chair was occupied by Mr. Tom Morgan, colliery overman, who

spoke of Mr. Evans good qualities, particularly his straight-forwardness in all matters. He also said that everyone was pleased to show their support in a practical way. An excellent programme followed. Mr. Watkin Williams, vice-chairman, who is known as 'the ideal man,' greatly amused the company with his stump speeches and comic recitations. He then introduced the illusionist, Mr. Williams of Pontlottyn, who delighted all with his marvellous doings. Mr. Jenkins (Dowlais), who was the accompanist during the evening, gave an excellent pianoforte solo, which was followed by a song, 'The Woodman,' by Mr. Joe Poke, and a further song, 'The Totanic' by Mr. Crad Shankland. Mr. Stephen Davies (Dowlais) gave a beautiful rendering of 'Thora,' and a comic song, 'I shall meet you some dark night,' which caused roars of laughter, was sung by Mr. Josiah Kinsey. There was further conjuring, and songs from Messrs. John Evans, Crad Shankland, John Thomas (Pentwyn). Mr. Tom Evans (Pentwyn) then made the presentation to Mr. Evans, wishing him a speedy return to good health, and a happy and prosperous future. Mr. Evans responded saying that he was greatly touched by the generosity and practical sympathy of his friends. There were further songs from Mr. John Thomas, Mr. Stephen Davies, and Mr. Turner (Pontlottyn). Praise is due to the committee, especially Messrs. Thomas, Rees, C. R. Mills, and Thomas Morgan, for the excellent way in which they worked to bring this drawing to such successful issue. A message of sympathy was to be conveyed to Mr. C. R. Mills, the energetic secretary, in his sad bereavement at the recent, sudden loss of his sister. Votes of thanks to all, including Mr. Jones, Mount Pleasant Inn, brought the evening to a close.

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Mr. Clem. Edwards, M.P. and the Farmer: Meeting at Fochriw Mr. Clement Edwards, M.P. for East Glamorgan, addressed a meeting at Fochriw on Friday night, and dealt with the land question. Mr. Edwards gave a number of illustrations showing how the spirit of liberty was being killed in the rural districts by the farmers being dependent for their tenancy upon the personal goodwill of the landlord. Many farmers had been turned out of their farms because of their political, religious or social views. The Government's land policy would, however, cover cases of this sort, and in future, bad husbandry and non-payment of rent would constitute the only effective ground for getting rid of tenants. Landlords would be compelled to pay substantial damages for disturbance. Again, the low wages, lack of small cottage accommodation, and the oppression of the tie-cottage system, often made life intolerable to the agricultural labourer. He did not come to work in the collieries of South Wales because of the beauty of the work, but because he had the breath of freedom and better wages than he got on the land. Mr. Edwards also anticipated the restoration to the people of common lands taken by landlords, the adjustment of the anomalous leasehold system, and the realisation of an equitable system of rating in towns.

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

St. Andrew's Church Band of Hope The weekly meeting was held at the schoolroom on Wednesday. Miss E. M. Jones presided. The meeting opened with a hymn and prayer. The following contributed to the programme: Miss Jones, Cwmbargoed; solo - Miss B. Williams; address - Mr. C. Ballard; duet - Misses Ceridwen Jones and Mary Jones; duet - Misses B. Williams and Mary Morgan.

Entertainment An entertainment was given at the St. Andrew's church Schoolroom, Pentwyn, on Tuesday, over which Mr. Baylis, Cwmbargoed, presided. The following contributed to the programme: organ voluntary - Mr. H. Brown; solo - Miss Sarah Williams; recitation - Miss E. M. Jones; solo - Mrs. Annie Morgan; recitation - Miss Susie Probert; song - Mr. J. C. Payne; recitation - Miss May Jones; song - Mr. Joseph Evans; dialogue - Masters D. Tyler and E. J. Morgan; stump speeches - Mr. Baylis; duet - Misses Polly Jones and Ceridwen Davies; comic song - Mr. Brown; humorous address - Mr. Baylis; whistling solo - Mr. H. Brown. An enjoyable evening was brought to a close with the singing of the National Anthem.

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Sale of Valuable Leasehold Dwelling Houses and Premises: Penybanc, Fochriw, for sale by Public Auction at the Blast Furnace Hotel, Pontlottyn, on Tuesday, January 27th, 1914, at 7.30 p.m. by Mr. A. A. J. Watkins, Auctioneer.

Lot 1: All those four Dwelling Houses and Premises being Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4, Stoney Houses, Penybanc, Fochriw, now in the occupation of monthly tenants, at rentals amounting to £13 each per annum. These premises are held for the remainder of a term of 76 years from the first day of January, 1881 (except the last ten days) at an annual ground rent of £1-17s.

Lot 2: All that Dwelling House situate and being No.5 Stoney Houses, Penybanc, Fochriw, together with the Laundry, Hospital, Matron's House and adjoining shed, formerly used by the Council as an Isolation Hospital. No.5 Stoney Houses is in the occupation of a monthly tenant at a rental amounting to £13 per annum. The remainder of the Lot is vacant. These premises are held for the remainder of a term of 76 years from the first day of January, 1881 (except the last ten days) at an annual ground rent of £2-15s-7d. The minerals are reserved.

Lot 3: All those four Dwelling Houses and Premises being Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4, Chapel Street, Penybanc, Fochriw, now in the occupation of monthly tenants, at rentals amounting to £61-12s. per annum. These premises are held for the remainder of a term of 99 years from the first day of January, 1865 at an annual ground rent of £2-13s-6d per annum.

St. Andrew's Church Band of Hope The weekly meeting was held at the schoolroom on Wednesday. Several members contributed to what proved an excellent programme. Mr. C. Ballard presided.

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

Entertainment A successful entertainment was held at St. Mary's Institute on Thursday evening, and was presided over by Mr. Josiah Richards. The programme was as follows: pianoforte solo - Mr. Octavius Richards; hymn - Miss E. Way; recitation - Master Hartwell Woods; song 'Down in the Valley' - Miss A. L. Jones; recitation - Miss E. A. Jones; song 'The Shamrock' - Master B. F. Jones; The singing of 'Land of My Fathers' brought the evening to a close.

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

Entertainment A successful entertainment was given at the St. Mary's Institute on Thursday, Mr. Josiah Richards presiding. The following contributed to the programme: songs: Misses L. M. Jones, Ruth Griffiths, Elizabeth Way, Enid Evans, and Master Aneurin Thomas; recitations: Misses Gwladys Watkins, Elizabeth A. Jones, Masters Hartwell Woods and Edwin Jones. The prize for the best recitation of the 53rd Psalm was won by Miss E. A. Jones. Misses Olwen and Ruth Griffiths rendered a duet.

St. Andrew's Church Band of Hope The weekly meeting was held at the schoolroom on Wednesday. Miss E. M. Jones, Cwmbargoed presided. The programme was: trio - Misses Agnes May Williams, Lucy Mary Martin & Lizzie Ann Williams; duet: Masters Tom Jones and David Tyler; recitation: Miss Ivy Tyler; address: Miss Jones; recitations: Masters Tom Mantle and F. Pierce; solo: Master Tom Jones; duet: Misses Sarah Williams and Agnes Tyler; duet: Misses Mary Jones and Blodwen Watkins.

Wedding: Evans-Jones The wedding took place at Penuel Chapel, Rhymney, on Thursday, of Mr. Tom Evans, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. John Evans, Guest-street, and Miss Annie Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Jones, Coronation-terrace, Rhymney. The bride, who had been a school teacher at Llanover for the past three and a half years, was beautifully attired in a grey costume with velvet hat to match. She was attended by Miss Maggie Evans,

sister of the bridegroom, and Miss Maggie Matthews. Mr. Iorwerth Edwards was the best man. Mr. Rowland Jones, and Mr. Tom Davies, Pontlloftyn, were also present. Rev. Griffiths officiated. The happy couple were the recipients of many useful presents.

R.A.O.B. A smoking concert was held at the White Horse Inn Club Room on Wednesday, promoted by the Cwllwm Brodoriaeth Lodge of the Royal and Ancient Order of Buffaloes. There was a large attendance, over which Bro. Zetterstrom, Provincial Grand Secretary, Merthyr, presided. Mr. Crad Shankland and Mr. Howell Thomas, Fochriw, contributed to the programme. The Chairman referred to the orphanage maintained by Buffaloism, and the great good that had, and was being done, to sick members, and deceased members' dependents, throughout the country. There was a good spread provided by the host and hostess, Bro. W. Price and Mrs. Price.

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Pentwyn Pulpit The pulpit at St. Andrew's Church was occupied on Sunday by Rev. W. J. Brown, Manchester, who preached inspiring sermons, which were much appreciated. Mr. J. C. Payne took the service, and Mr. C. Ballard read the lessons. Mr. J. Wood, choirmaster, conducted the singing, with Mr. H. Brown at the organ.

Entertainment An entertainment was given at St. Andrew's Church Schoolroom on Tuesday, Mr. H. Brown presiding. The programme was as follows: solo - Miss Sarah Williams; recitation - Master Percy Mantle; instrumental solo - Mr. H. Brown; solo - Mrs. Morgan; recitation - Master T. Williams; song - the Chairman; recitation - Miss Ceridwen Davies; solo - Mr. Tom Jones; recitation - Master Edward T. Morgan; solo - Mr. C. Ballard; recitation - Master W. T. Williams; whistle solo - Mr. Brown; dialogue - Miss Agnes May Williams & Miss Lizzie Ann Williams.

Band of Hope The members of the St. Andrew's Church Band of Hope held their weekly meeting in the Schoolroom on Wednesday, Miss E. M. Jones, Cwmbargoed, presiding over a good attendance. The following programme was gone through: opening hymn and prayer; recitation - Miss A. M. Williams; duet - Miss Morfydd Williams & Miss Ivy Tyler; recitation - Miss E. A. Davies; song - Miss May Jones; duet - Misses M. S. Martin & A. M. Williams; song - Miss Mary Morgan; song Miss Sarah Williams; address - Miss Jones.

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

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Return of Coal Raised in Fochriw Pits: Year to 31st December 1913 Large Coal - 230,772 tons; Small Coal - 57,799 tons.

Band of Hope The members of the St. Andrew's Church Band of Hope held their weekly meeting in the Schoolroom on Wednesday, Miss E. M. Jones, Cwmbargoed, presiding over a

large attendance. The following programme was gone through: hymn and prayer; duets - Misses Morfydd Williams and Ivy Tyler; Sarah Williams and Mary Morgan; Blodwen Williams and Mary Morgan; recitations - Masters David Tyler and Edward J. Morgan; songs - Misses Mary Morgan and Blodwen Williams; addresses - Miss Jones and Mr. C. Ballard; singing of the Doxology.

Entertainment An entertainment was given at the Schoolroom on Tuesday, Mr. J. C. Payne presiding, and opening the evening with a short address. The programme was as follows: solo - Miss Blodwen Watkins; recitation - Miss Susie Probert; solo - Mrs. Ann Morgan; duet - Misses Ceridwen Jones and Blodwen Williams; recitation - Miss W. M. Jones; duet - Misses B. Williams and Mary Morgan; solo - the Chairman; recitation - Master W. T. Williams; duet - Misses Morfydd Williams and Lizzie Ann Williams; solo - Master Percy Mantle; recitation - Miss May Jones (Cwmbargoed); duet - Misses Maggie Sarah Martin and Agnes May Williams; recitation - Mr. C. Ballard; solo - Mr. Tom Jones; recitation - Mr. J. Evans. Prizes for the best behaviour were awarded to Masters Edward Jones and Glyn Jones. Mr. A. F. Wynne was the adjudicator.

Social A social and dance was held at St. Mary's Institute on Thursday week, promoted by the staff of Penybank Council School. The duties of M.C. were shared by Mr. Tom Evans and Mr. John Puddle, with Mr. Alf Jenkin, Pontlottyn, at the piano. Miss H. Evans was secretary and Miss J. Morgan the treasurer.

Obituary We have to announce that the death of Mrs. Ann Jacob, aged 35, of 3, Martin-street, occurred on Friday week, after a long illness. She was the wife of Mr. W. Jacob. Deceased was very much respected by the inhabitants of Fochriw and the surrounding district. She was a native of Carmarthenshire, where she had many friends, and was highly thought of by all. The funeral took place at Pentwyn on Thursday week and was largely attended. The service at the house was conducted by Rev. D. Huws Jones, Carmel, who also officiated at the graveside. He was assisted by Rev. Roderick, Nazareth and Rev. Williams, Penywern. Rev. Jones spoke in glowing terms of the deceased's faithfulness: she was a faithful member of Carmel, and will be greatly missed. He also said that Mrs. Jacob's was always patient, contented, and resigned in all circumstances. The chapel choir sang the following hymns with much effect: 'Mae Nghyfeillion wedi myned,' 'St. Garmon,' 'Gwel uwchlaw Cymylan amser.' The deceased leaves a husband, a son, and three daughters (all of whom are grown up) to mourn her loss, and much sympathy is felt for them. The chief mourners were: Mr. Wm. Jacob (husband); Mr. David J. Jacob and Miss Rachel Jacob (son and daughter); Mr. & Mrs. Job Thomas, Mr. & Mrs. W. J. Ballard (daughters and sons-in-law); Mrs. Rachel Thomas, Mr. D. Evans (sister and brother, Carmarthenshire); Mr. & Mrs. John Evans (brother & sister-in-law); Mr. & Mrs. Morgan (sister & brother-in-law, Llanelly); Rev. Williams, Penywern; Messrs D. I. Evans & I. Evans, Mr. & Mrs. David Lewis (nephews & niece); Messrs. D. Thomas, W. Thomas and W. Ballard (grandchildren).

Funeral The funeral of the late Mr. David Prosser, Mill Row, Pentwyn, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday. He was 54 years of age, and had worked for many years as a fitter at Fochriw Collieries, where he was much thought of by his fellow-workmen and officials. He had been ill for just nine days, and died on the Wednesday before the funeral. He leaves two daughters, a son, two brothers, and several other relatives to mourn his loss. The funeral service was largely attended by fellow-workmen and friends. Mr. J. C. Payne, lay-reader, conducted a short service in the house, where the hymn 'Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,' was sung to great effect. Rev. W. Chappell officiated at the church and graveside. The chief mourners were: Mr. Albert Prosser (son); Mr. Geo. Gettins (son-in-law); Messrs. Thomas & John Prosser (brothers); Messrs. Wm. & James Prosser, Thos. Morgan, J. Jones, David Evans, Evan Evans, Wm. Davies, Edward Thomas and Ernest Prosser (nephews); Messrs. David Evans, James Evans, J. L. Jones, Thos. Ballard and Evan Jones (brothers-in-law). Among the floral tributes was a lovely wreath from the fellow-workmen of the deceased.

I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening, Bro. Henry Thomas presiding. It was 'Question Night' and all took part.

The officers for the quarter were installed by Bro. Charles Payne, who was assisted by Bro. Wm. Jones, installing marshall.

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Over-Winding About 1 o'clock on Monday morning, the cage of the No. 2 Pit Fochriw was overwound, but was fortunately held by the safety mechanism. No one was injured. However, there was no work at the pit during the day, as the small amount of damage to the pit head had to be repaired, and the rope re-connected to the cage. The cause of the accident was, we understand, the snapping of the indicator chain.

Lecture A Welsh lecture entitled ‘Gwersi ar y Line,’ was given at Nazareth Chapel on Monday, by Rev. H. T. Stephens, Aberdare. Mr. J. C. Jones presided. There was a large attendance.

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

Band of Hope The members of the St. Andrew’s Church Band of Hope held their weekly meeting in church on Wednesday, when a large number were present. Mr. C. Ballard presided. The meeting opened with the hymn ‘Come, sing with holy gladness,’ after which Master W. T. Morgan prayed. The following contributed to the programme: duet - Misses Blodwen Williams and Ceridwen Jones; solo - Miss Sarah Williams; recitation - Master Percy Gwynne; duet - Masters Thomas Jones and David Tyler; chorus - ‘Loving Shepherd of Thy sheep’ sung by all members; solo - Master Thomas Jones; address - Mr. J. C. Payne; recitation - Master Charles Tyler. Text cards were awarded to Master John A. Davies for good behaviour.

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I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening, Bro. Henry Thomas, C. T., presiding. A very plentiful ‘Fruit Banquet’ was provided by the Sisters. A programme of music and readings followed, presided over by Sister M. A. Lewis. The following contributed: readings - Sisters C. Thomas, C. Jones, M. Cole, B. Jenkins, Bro. H. Thomas; solos - Sister Mary Tyler and Bro. T. Walters.

Entertainment A successful entertainment was held at St. Andrew’s Church Schoolroom on Tuesday, Mr. J. C. Payne presiding. The following contributed to the programme: recitation - Master Percy Mantle; solo - Miss Blodwen Williams; recitation - Master Johnny Williams; duet - Misses Mary Morgan and Mary Jones; recitation - Master David Tyler; solo - Miss A. Morgan; recitation - Miss E. M. Jones; solo - Mr. C. Ballard; duet - Masters Willie Jones and Tom Jones; solo - Miss Mary Morgan. An impromptu speech competition took place, the subject being ‘Coal.’ The prizes were secured by the following: 1. Master W. T. Morgan; 2. Master Charlie Tyler. The Chairman adjudicated.

Band of Hope The members of the St. Andrew’s Church Band of Hope held their weekly meeting in church on Wednesday evening, when a good number were present. Mr. C. Ballard presided. The following contributed to the programme: duet - Misses Blodwen Williams and Blodwen Watkins; recitation - Master David Tyler; solo - Miss Maggie Davies; recitation - Master Geo. Baldwin; duet - Masters Thos. Jones and D. Tyler; recitation - Master Habakkuk Ballard; address - Miss E. M. Jones (Cwmbargoed); recitation - Master Percy Mantle; solo - Master Tom Jones; duet - Masters H. Ballard and Geo. Baldwin; address - Mr. C. Ballard.

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

Band of Hope The members of the St. Andrew's Church Band of Hope held their weekly meeting in church on Wednesday, when a large number were present. Mr. C. Ballard presided. The programme was contributed to as follows: solo - Master Thomas Jones; recitation - Master D. Tyler; solo - Miss Winnie Williams; address - the Chairman; solo - Miss Blodwen Williams; address - Miss E. M. Jones; solo - Miss Sarah Williams; trio - Miss H. Ballard, Percy Mantle and Percy Gwynne; duet - Misses Polly Jones and Mary Morgan. Mr. Payne brought a pleasant and edifying evening to a close with prayer.

Fatal Accident A fatal accident occurred at the No. 2 Pit Fochriw on Monday. The victim was Mr. Richard Thomas, Old Houses, Cross Row, Penyard, Merthyr. The accident took place in Clarke's Level on the west side of the pit. Deceased was run over by a journey of full trams, receiving such terrible injuries that he expired almost immediately. Work was suspended at the pit for the remaining portion of the day, and the deceased was conveyed to his home, where, we understand, he was the sole supported of his widowed mother. He was about 28 years of age.

Nazareth The Church celebrated St. David's Day by having a bachelor's tea and concert. The following gentlemen presided at the tables: Messrs. T. Lawrence, John Davies, Evan Davies, Idris Jones, Evan John Jones, Willie Davies, Willie Adams-Jones and E. Roberts. The cutting was done by Mrs. I. Roderick, Mr. Edward Jones and Mr. William Jones. The building was beautifully decorated and all thoroughly enjoyed themselves. After the tea a concert was held, when the following programme was gone through: solo - Miss Maggie Davies; Bardic address - Rev. I. Roderick; solo - Miss Eluned Lawrence; dialogue (Owen Glyndwr) - Johnny Edgar, C. J. Lawrence, Lizzie M. Lawrence and Griffith Jones; solo - Miss Hilda Davies; dialogue - Misses Maggie Maud Jones, Edie Maud Davies, Hilda Davies and L. M. Lawrence; solo - Miss Mattie Jones; recitation - L. M. Lawrence; overture - Miss K. Jones-Davies; dialogue (the position of women in church) - Misses Mary Lawrence, M. Davies, K. J. Davies, Mary Jane Jones and Mattie Jones; overture - Mr. W. A. Davies; recitation - Miss L. M. Lawrence; verses - Mr. Wm. Jones; solo - Mr. Johnny Davies. A splendid meeting was closed by the rendering of 'Hen Wlad fy Nhadau,' by Miss Hilda Davies. Mr. Wm. Jones presided.

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Football: Pontlloftyn Reserves v Fochriw Just prior to half time, Way, one of the Ponty players, was given marching orders for some offence he committed. He refused to go, and the presiding official decided to bring the game to a conclusion.

St. David's Day at Fochriw: Penybank Council School A pleasant morning was spent at the above school on Monday morning to commemorate St. David's Day. The scholars went through a historical drama, representing historical tableaux, song, Welsh folk songs, and the Welsh National Anthem. The school was filled with the parents and friends of the scholars. The scholars who took part in the tableaux were Wm. T. Jones and E. J. Morgan (who represented Ancient Britons); Wm. J. Jones (a Roman soldier); Alfred Gwynne (Norman baron); Joseph Carter (King's jester); D. H. James (a Crusader); David Tyler (Blondel); John Williams (Richard of the Lion Heart); and Wm. Thomas Morgan (Edward, the Black Prince). The drama consisted of four scenes representing periods in Welsh History. The first scene represented early Britain and the capture of Caradoc by the Romans. Those taking part were: Edgar Davies, Richard Attwell, Tudor Jones, Thomas O. Jones, Albert Barnett, Percy Mantle, E. Evans, E. J. Morgan, Fred Pearce and Albert Pearce. The second scene consisted of two Welsh bards, who gave the history of St. David at the tomb of the Patron Saint. The bards who were in character were Mary Jones and Maggie Morgan. The third scene displayed Cadwallon in the field of leeks, warned by a messenger of a Saxon plot. Mary Morgan represented Cadwallon, and Winnie Evans the messenger. The fourth scene showed the history of Prince Llewellyn of Wales, and Edward I, including the presentation of the first English Prince of Wales. The following took part: Wm. T. Williams; Blodwen Williams; Mat Davies; Emily Evans, Louisa Grimmett, Sarah Williams and Minnie Carter; W. T. Morgan; Thomas Jones; Willie Jones, Charles Tyler and Alfred Gwynne. The headmistress and her staff must be complimented on having trained the scholars to perfection. A most enjoyable time was spent by all present.

Certificated Midwife Prepared to attend maternity cases, monthly or weekly. Apply, Nurse Jones, Rheidol House, Ael-y-bryn, Fochriw.

Conservatism A well attended meeting was held at the Rising Sun Inn on Thursday, when an excellent address was given by Mr. J. Littlejohns, Pontypridd. A Conservative Association for the district was formed, and the following were elected officers: Vice-chairman - Mr. C. Shankland; treasurer - Mr. Dd. Jenkins; secretary - Mr. Herbert Edgar. There are prospects of having a strong Conservative organisation in Fochriw.

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

Noddfa Half-yearly meetings were held at this church on Sunday, when Rev. S. G. Bowen, Bryncemmaes, Pembrokeshire, preached three sermons which were appreciated by large congregations. The singing, which was of a very high standard, was conducted by Mr. Thomas Evans, junior, with Miss Hilda Phillips at the organ. On Monday evening, the reverend gentleman lectured on 'Luther a'r Bywstfil Rhufeinig.' There was a large audience. Rev. Huws Jones, Carmel, presided.

Band of Hope The members of the St. Andrew's Church Band of Hope held their weekly meeting in church on Wednesday, when a large number were present. Mr. C. Ballard presided. The meeting opened with the singing of the hymn 'Loving Shepherd of Thy Sheep,' followed by prayer, led by Master W. T. Williams. The following contributed to the programme: duet - Misses Sarah Williams and Mary Morgan; solo - Miss Ivy Taylor; recitation - Master Hab. Ballard; address - Mr. J. C. Payne; recitation - Master Clifford Everett; duet - Misses L. Grimmell and Mary Jones; solo - Master Percy Mantle; recitation - Master Tudor Jones; solo - Miss Blodwen Williams; address - the Chairman.

Successes The many friends of Mr. Mordecai Evans will be glad to learn of his success at the recent examination held in Cardiff in connection with the Royal College of Science. Mr. Evans has now qualified as a teacher and demonstrator in science. He has done well, being bracketed second on the list, and the only external candidate who sat the examination. Mr. Evans has also qualified as an underground manager, first class honours in mining, and bronze medalist in mining engineering, and he has also taken the ordinary grade in surveying - City and Guilds (London). He was prepared for these examinations by Mr. Lionel Davies, Glamorgan County Lecturer in mining, engineering and surveying.

Mrs. Jones, wife of Mr. John Jones, greengrocer and confectioner, Rheidol House, Ael-y-bryn, has passed the Central Midwife Board Examination, which was recently held at Cardiff and Bristol. She received her training at the Monmouthshire Training Centre, Newport.

Wedding: Rowlands-Evans A wedding was solemnised at Merthyr on Thursday, the contracting parties being Miss Elizabeth A. Rowlands, eldest daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Rowlands, Aelybryn, and Mr. David Evans, eldest son of Mr. & Mrs. David Evans, Aelybryn. The bride, who was given away by her father, looked charming in a royal blue costume, with black hat to match. She was attended by her sister Miss Blodwen Rowlands, who wore a saxeblue dress and white hat. The breakfast was served at the house of the bride's parents, and dinner was taken at the house of the bridegroom's parents. Many friends were present at both houses. The happy couple were the recipients of many valuable presents.

Wedding: Thomas-Lewis Another wedding was solemnised at Bethesda Chapel, Merthyr, on Thursday, the contracting parties being Miss Ceridwen Thomas, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Thomas (under-manager), Fochriw, and Mr. Dai Lewis, son of Mr. & Mrs. Rees Lewis, Merthyr. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a light fawn costume with cream hat. She was attended by Mrs. L. Davies, her sister, who wore a light fawn costume with black hat., and Miss Maggie Lewis (the bridegroom's sister), who was dressed in a saxeblue costume with hat to match. Rev. D. Huws Jones officiated. The wedding breakfast was served in the bride's home, Gwalia House. The happy couple were the recipients of many costly presents.

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Under the Law of Distress Amendment Act: 21 Brook Row, Fochriw Mr. Geo. A. Reeves will sell at the above address on Tuesday, March 24th 1914, the whole of the Fixtures, Fittings and Furniture consisting of 4 dozen chairs, round tables, ring boards, desk, notice boards, brandy and whisky jars, glass mugs.

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

Wedding: Cole-Morris The wedding was solemnised at Gelligaer Church on Wednesday of Miss Sarah Cole, eldest daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Simon Cole, Aelybryn, Fochriw, and Mr. Edgar Morris of Deri. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a slate-coloured dress, with a cream hat trimmed with orange blossom. She was attended by Miss Maria Thomas. Rev. Prutney officiated. The wedding party returned to the bride's home where a dinner was served, a large number of friends attending. They were the recipients of many valuable presents.

Band of Hope The members of the St. Andrew's Church Band of Hope held their weekly meeting in church on Wednesday, when a large number were present. Miss E. M. Jones, Cwmbargoed, presided. After the opening hymn, Mr. C. Ballard engaged in prayer. The following contributed to the programme: recitations - Master Percy Mantle, Miss Maggie Davies, Master Glyn Jones, Miss E. A. Williams; duets - Misses M. Williams and E. A. Davies, Misses Ivy Tyler and Lizzie A. Williams, Misses Maggie Davies and I. Tyler, Misses E. A. Williams and I. Tyler; address - Miss E. M. Jones; solo - Miss L. Grimmett. Mr. J. C. Payne brought the evening to a close with prayer.

R.A.O.B. The weekly meeting of the 'Cwlwm y Brodoriaeth' Lodge of the R.A.O.B. was held at the White Horse Inn, Pentwyn, on Wednesday. There was a large number present. The Lodge was opened by Bro. David Jenkins, W. P. Solos were rendered in good style by the following: Bros. Arthur Coggan, W. H. Jones, Ben Thomas and Joseph Evans. Bro. E. Cumpstone was at the piano. Bro. J. C. Payne, Chaplain, read a paper on 'Character.' Primo W. Price presided.

On Thursday, the Lodge paid a regalia visit to the Duffryn Lodge, Pontlottyn, and an enjoyable time was spent. On Saturday afternoon, a large number journeyed to Deri, where they joined the officers and brothers of the Unity Lodge in a church parade. The church was packed. An appropriate sermon was preached by Bro. Rev. Davies, chaplain of the Unity Lodge, Bro. Payne assisting in the service. The procession was headed by the band under the conductorship of Mr. Wm. Powell, some of the hymns in church also being accompanied by the band.

Obituary We have to record the death of Mr. Wm. Edwards, which occurred on Friday. Deceased, who was 83 years of age, was one of the oldest and most respected inhabitants of the village of Fochriw. He was born in Laugharne, Carmarthenshire, and came to Dowlais when he was 14, walking all the way, "no trains running at the time." He worked at the Dowlais Ironworks for twelve months earning 6 shillings a week. He then went to Rhymney and worked in the mine, where his wages were 10 shillings a week. He then worked in the levels at Pentwyn and in Joseph's Level, walking from Rhymney. He went to Fochriw when the Fochriw pits were being sunk, and worked there until ten years ago, when his health failed. He had kept to his bed since last Christmas. When the deceased came to Fochriw, there only existed Williams-row, called the 'old houses,' and two houses by the Rising Sun, in one of which he lived with his parents. His wife died 13 years ago. He was a member of Noddfa Baptist Chapel. He has three sons and one daughter, by whom he will be greatly missed. His genial countenance and kindly presence will be missed in the neighbourhood. The funeral took place at Pant on Wednesday and was well attended. A short service was held in the house, Rev. Isaac Roderick, Nazareth, officiating. The well-known hymn 'Pa'm carai'r byd,' was sung by the house, after which the solemn cortege wended its way to the station, and from thence by special train to Pant. Rev. Rhys Jones officiated at the grave. The chief

mourners were: Messrs. William, Thomas and Charles Edwards (sons); Messrs. Johnnie S., Willie, Bertie, William H., Thomas B., Charles, Aiden Moore, and Cornelius Edwards (grandsons).

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

Political Meeting A political meeting took place on Tuesday evening under the auspices of the East Glamorgan Conservative Association at the Rising Sun clubroom, kindly lent by Mr. and Mrs. Morgan. Mr. H. Edgar took the chair. The chief speaker was Mr. F. D. Courtenay Scudamore, Rhymney, who, on rising, was well received by the good number present. Songs were rendered in fine style by Messrs. C. Shankland, E. Lewis and W. Evans.

Band of Hope The members of the St. Andrew’s Church Band of Hope held their weekly meeting in church on Wednesday, when a large number were present. Miss E. M. Jones, Cwmbargoed, presided. After the opening hymn, Miss Blodwen Williams led the meeting in prayer. The following contributed to the programme: duet - Misses L. A. Williams and L. M. Martin; solo - Master Glynwyn Edwards; duet - Misses Edna Edwards and Ivy Taylor; recitation - Master Percy Mantle; duet - Misses Lucy Martin and Agnes Williams; recitation - Master Percy Gwynne; duet - Misses Sarah Williams and Maggie Morgan; recitation - Miss Blodwen Williams; song - Master David Tyler. Mr. Payne brought a most enjoyable evening to a close with prayer.

Parliament Mr. John Ward declared in the House of Commons, amid wild Radical and Labour cheering, that the people must be allowed to make the laws of the country without interference from the King or the Army.

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Band of Hope The members of the St. Andrew’s Church Band of Hope held their weekly meeting in church on Wednesday, when a large number were present. Mr. C. Ballard presided. The following contributed to the programme: songs - Misses Blodwen Williams, May Williams, Sarah Williams and B. Williams, Masters Percy G. Thomas and Elved Davies; trios - Misses M. Williams, M. Davies and E. A. Williams, and Masters Percy Mantle, Percy Gwynne and H. Ballard; dialogue - Master H. Ballard and Miss Morfydd Williams; duets - Misses L. M. Martin and Bessie Davies, Ivy Tyler and Edna Edwards, B. Davies and S. Gwynne; recitation - Master David Tyler. Short addresses were given by Miss E. M. Jones and the chairman..

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

St. Mary’s The Patronal Festival was held on Wednesday week and on Sunday. Holy Communion was celebrated at 8 o’clock on Wednesday morning by the vicar. The service was fully choral, with Mr. Octavius Richards at the organ. A well-attended service was held in the evening, when Rev. Canon T. Jesse Jones, rector of Gellygaer, preached. The service was conducted by the Vicar. After the sermon, Canon Jones read out the receipt for the last payment of the loan received. The church was now free from debt. On Sunday morning, Rev. W. Chappell conducted the service and preached, and in the evening the vicar took the service. There were large congregations. The lessons were read by Mr. Josiah Richards.

“Merthyr Express” 18 April 1914

Personal The many friends of Councillor John Jones will be pleased to hear that he has arrived home safely, greatly benefited in health, after a trip to Australia. He returned on

Saturday night, and was met by a large number of friends who gave him a rousing welcome home.

I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening, Bro. Henry Thomas presiding. An excellent programme was contributed as follows: pianoforte solo - Bro. J. E. Davies; solo - Sister M. Tyler; recitation - Sister C. Thomas; solo - Bro. Payne; pianoforte solo - Sister M. Cole; solo - Bro. Wm. Griffiths. Best wishes were conveyed to the lodge by Bro. Payne from the East Brecknock District Lodge, which was held at Ebbw Vale, also from the Hope of Beulah Lodge, Brithdir, the same being accepted with thanks. A presentation took place when Sister Mrs. Morris was made the recipient of a beautiful set of cutlery subscribed for by the brothers and sisters of the lodge, to mark the occasion of her recent marriage. Bro. Payne made an appropriate speech, and then Bro. Sam Lewis read verses composed for the occasion by Bro. Wm. Jones, who was unavoidably absent. Bro. Thomas Lewis and Bro. H. Thomas also spoke.

Band of Hope The members of the St. Andrew's Church Band of Hope held their weekly meeting in church on Wednesday, when a large number were present. Mr. C. Ballard presided. The following contributed to the programme: solo - Myrtle Gwynne; recitation - Alice Mills; duet - Sybil Gwynne and Lucy M. Martin; recitation - Percy Mantle; duet - Edna Edwards and Sybil Gwynne; solo - Jennie Jones; duet - Percy Mantle and Percy Gwynne; solo - Edna Edwards.

Wedding: Williams-Evans A pretty wedding was solemnised at Gellygaer Church on Tuesday, the contracting parties being Mr. Arthur Williams of Pontlottyn, and Miss S. J. Evans, second daughter of Mr. & Mrs. D. Evans, Penybank, Fochriw. The bride, who was charmingly attired, was given away by her brother, Mr. J. Evans. She was attended by Miss E. Tamblyn and Miss L. Tomkins. Breakfast was provided at the home of the bridegroom's parents. The couple were the recipients of many useful presents.

Funeral The death of Mrs. Jones, wife of Mr. Thomas Jones, 11 Railway-terrace, Fochriw, took place on Wednesday, April 1st, after a long illness. She was a native of Llandilo Farm, Breconshire. She was one of the oldest and most respected inhabitants of Fochriw, having lived in the village for over 40 years. She was a member of Carmel Congregational Chapel. The funeral took place at Pant Cemetery on Monday week. A short service was held in the house conducted by Rev. D. Huws Jones, assisted by Rev. Rhys Jenkins. The mourners were: Mr. Thomas Jones (husband); Miss Elizabeth Jones (Duffryn Mawr, daughter); Mr. & Mrs. David Lewis (daughter & son-in-law; Messrs. Rees & Jones (son & daughter-in-law); Masters Idris Jones, David Rees Jones, Thos. Rees Lewis, David Elved Lewis (grandsons); Mary Eliz. Jones, Maggie Sarah Jones (grand-daughters).

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

Carmel On Sunday, there was a singing festival in place of the ordinary service. The choir sang various hymns and anthems, and also Handel's 'Worthy is the Lamb.' The standard of singing was high and praise is due to Mr. David J. Thomas, the conductor. Also, Mr. Lewis Beynon conducted the band with great credit. Thanks to Mr. Tom Walters, Misses Anne Evans and Olwen Hughes, the accompanists.

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Football Results: Division Three Fochriw 2, Pontlottyn Reserves 0; Fochriw 1, Rhymney Crescents 0.

I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening, Bro. Henry Thomas presiding. The juveniles provided an excellent programme which was contributed to as follows: recitations - Sisters Gwladys Watkins, Maggie Thomas, Lizzie M. Lawrence, Mary H. Cook, Ceinwen Ballard and Bro. Thomas J. Evans; solos - Sister Agnes Cook and Bro. T. J. Evans; duet - Sisters Edna Burrows &

Ceinwen Ballard; trio - Sisters E. Burrows, M. H. Cook & C. Ballard. A party of eight sung the following: 'Fe welir Seion fel y mawr,' and 'Ewch dros yr Hen, Hen Hanes.'

Band of Hope The members of the St. Andrew's Church Band of Hope held their weekly meeting in church on Wednesday. The following contributed to the programme: solo - Sybil Gwynne; recitations - Percy Mantle, Percy Gwynne, Alice Mills; duets - S. Gwynne and P. Davies, P. Mantle and B. Gwynne; solo - Myrtle Gwynne; short addresses - Miss E. M. Jones and Mr. C. Ballard.

Cantata The pretty cantata 'White Garland' (G. C. Allen) was performed at Noddfa Baptist Church, by Sunday-school children on Thursday and Friday week. Action songs were performed before the cantata. Miss Hilda Phillips, organist of the church, conducted, and Miss Maggie Morgan accompanied on the piano. They were assisted by Miss Irene Phillips, and Messrs. Sydney Phillips, Lewis Beynon, and Harry Hughes, violinists. The stage arrangements were admirably performed by Messrs. H. Williams, Thomas Evans (senior), and T. E. Evans, and Mesdames G. Phillips, J. Mathews, J. Pugh, T. Evans and Miss Mattie Morgan. The principal singers were: Miss Mary Rees, Miss Elvis Muriel Phillips, Miss Elizabeth A. Evans, Miss Lilian J. Evans, Master Thomas J. Jones, Masters Gomer Williams and Tudor Williams. The action songs were: 'How'd you like to be a baby girl,' 'When Grannie comes home from the Fair,' 'Mister Boggie Man,' (the most popular item of the evening), 'Macnamara's Band,' and 'Welsh Girls.' The standard of the whole performance reflects great credit on the conductor and the choir. Praise is also due to Mr. Samuel Evans, Mr. Wm. H. Jones and Mrs. Tom Evans, who gave their assistance during the practices.

Special Exhibition of Summer Fashions and New Goods on Friday and Saturday next, May 8th & 9th. R. T. Jones and Co., Market Square, Merthyr.

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Labour Meeting A Labour meeting was held at Carmel Congregational Church on Monday evening. Mr. John Jenkins, Dowlais, the district chairman of the miners, presided. Rev. W. T. Nicholas, late of Glais, Swansea, delivered an address in Welsh, as also did Mr. Wattenson, one of the deported 'Labour leaders' from South Africa. Other speakers were Mr. John Davies, miners' agent, Dowlais; Mr. Charles Griffiths, sub-agent, Dowlais, and Mr. Roberts, Dowlais. Votes of thanks concluded the meeting.

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

Band of Hope The members of the St. Andrew's Church Band of Hope held their weekly meeting in church on Wednesday, when a large number were present. Miss E. M. Jones, Cwmbargoed, presided. The following contributed to the programme: duet - Misses Sybil Gwynne and Edna Edwards; song - Bessie Davies; recitation - Percy Mantle; solo - Blodwen Williams; dialogue - Ivy Tyler and Sybil Gwynne; duet - Percy Mantle and Percy Gwynne; song - Sarah Williams; recitations - Mr. C. Ballard, Ivy Tyler; address - Miss E. M. Jones; duet - Bessie Davies and Ivy Tyler.

St. Andrew's Church The annual vestry was held in the schoolroom on Wednesday evening, the vicar, Rev. G. Williams, presiding. The balance sheet was presented by Mr. C. Ballard, and this proved very satisfactory. The following were unanimously elected as sidesmen: Messrs. Morgan Parry, Thomas Baldwin, Joseph Evans, Caradog Ballard, A. Coggan, Ernest Jones, Wm. John Jones and A. F. Gwynne. Votes of thanks were accorded to Mr. J. C. Payne, licensed lay-reader, Mr. J. Wood, choirmaster, and Mr. H. Brown, organist, for their services during the year. The Vicar complimented all on their good work and excellent balance sheet,

and expressed the hope that Mr. Payne would soon be back at work among them, having been confined to bed for the past six weeks. Mr. Ballard said he had been instructed by Mr. Payne to thank all who had assisted so ably in the work of the church in the past year, and asked for their hearty co-operation in the year ahead. The Vicar was thanked for presiding.

“Merthyr Express” 16 May 1914

Band of Hope The members of the St. Andrew’s Church Band of Hope held their weekly meeting in church on Wednesday. Miss E. M. Jones presided. The following contributed to the programme: duet - Sarah Williams & Mary Morgan; song - Glynwyn Evans; recitation - Clifford Everett; duet - Morfydd Williams & Ivy Tyler; recitation - Thos. Elved Davies; song - Blodwen Williams; duets - Lucy Mary Martin & Lizzie A. Williams, Sybil Gwynne & Morfydd Williams; address - Miss E. M. Jones; duet - Ivy Tyler & Lucy M. Martin.

St. Mary’s Church The annual meeting in connection with the church was held at the Institute on Wednesday, Rev. G. Williams, vicar, presiding. After the passing of the accounts, the following were elected sidesmen for the year: Messrs. Josiah Richards, Wm. Sibley, Frank Way, P. H. Cumpstone, E. Cheffey, Wm. Thomas, Wm. Curtis and Mr. Perrott. Mr. Octavius Richards was thanked for his services as organist.

I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. The following took part in the programme: pianoforte solo - Bro. J. E. Davies; solos - Sisters M. Tyler, C. Thomas, C. Walters, and Bros. W. Griffiths and C. Payne; duet - Sisters M. Tyler and M. Griffiths; readings - Sisters B. Griffiths and B. Francis, and Bros. Sam Lewis and Henry Thomas. Bro. Thomas Lewis also gave an address. The officers for the coming quarter were installed by Bro. C. Payne, assisted by Bro. W. Griffiths, installing marshal. Bro. Payne was elected to represent the lodge at the Grand Lodge to be held at Aberdare in June. He afterwards gave an interesting account of his visit to the English Grand Lodge held at Birmingham on Easter Monday.

“Merthyr Express” 23 May 1914

Cricket Fochriw v Abercanaid Lilies Played on Saturday at the Lilies ground. The visitors were the only team to defeat the Lilies last season, so great interest was taken in the match.

Nazareth C. M. The half-yearly meetings in connection with the church were held on Sunday and Monday last, when large congregations were present. The pulpit was occupied by Rev. J. Vadre James (Newbridge), who preached powerful and edifying sermons. The singing, which was of a very high standard, was conducted by Mr. Wm. Morris, whilst Mr. Roderick Jones presided at the organ.

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

Smoker A smoking concert, promoted by the Bristol and West of England Society, was held at the White Horse, Pentwyn, on Saturday. Mr. Edwin Beddoe of Pontlottyn took the chair. After the chairman’s address, Mr. N. J. Pullin of Ferndale, addressed the meeting on the benefits of the Society. The following programme was given: song - Mr. W. H. Evans, Pontlottyn; solos - Mr. Gwilym P. Jones, Dowlais, Mr. Walter Jenkins, Dowlais. There were contributions also from Mr. C. R. Mill, Pentwyn, Mr. J. Healey, Pontlottyn, and Mr. Evan Morgan, Pentwyn, and finally, a duet from Messrs. G. P. Jones and W. Jenkins.

Band of Hope The members of the St. Andrew’s Church Band of Hope held their weekly meeting in church on Wednesday. Miss E. M. Jones presided. The following contributed to the programme: duet - Morfydd Williams & Lizzie A. Williams; recitations - Ivy Tyler, Sarah Williams; song - Lucy M. Martin; address - Miss E. M. Jones; hymn ‘Loving Shepherd of Thy Sheep,’ sung by all; song - Morfydd Williams; recitations - Percy Gwynne, Lizzie A. Williams, Percy Mantle; duet - Sybil Gwynne and Bessie Davies; address - Mr. C. Ballard; duet - I. Tyler and M. Williams; song - Louise Grimmett; song Sarah Williams; Recitation - Sybil Gwynne. The singing of the hymn ‘Now the Day is Over,’ and prayer brought the meeting to a close.

“Merthyr Express” 30 May 1914

Don’t Miss A Goodthing at the Penydarren Cinema next week.

Sports Sports were held in Slimmon's Field on Monday evening last, promoted by the Fochriw Workmen's Club. The event of the evening was the 100 yards handicap. The following were the heat winners: T. Davies, E. J. Williams, Albion Jones, W. H. Jones, J. Francis, F. Wright, and D. Lewis; semi-final heat winners - T. Davies, E. J. Williams and D. Lewis. The final was won by E. J. Williams by about six inches, he thus claiming the championship of Fochriw, for which he received a gold medal. The starter and handicapper was Mr. Wat. Williams, and the judges Messrs. S. E. Phillips and B. Slimmons. The secretary was Mr. Tom Davies.

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

"Merthyr Express" 6 June 1914

Outing: Motor-Car Tour A well-arranged motor-car tour went from the Rising Sun Inn, Fochriw, on Monday last, journeying to Gloucester, via Abergavenny, Monmouth and Ross, returning via Hereford and Brecon. The party left Fochriw at 8 a.m. and returned home at 11.15 p.m.. The arrangements were admirably carried out by Mr. H. Edgar, secretary, with Mr. T. Carter acting as treasurer.

Treat The Sunday School scholars of the Baptist Church had their annual outing to Brecon on Tuesday last, leaving Fochriw by special train in the morning. A very large number accompanied the scholars, and a most enjoyable time was spent.

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

R. O. A. B. A very successful church parade promoted by the brothers of the 'Cwlwm-y-Brodoriaeth' Lodge No. 1754, took place on Whit Sunday afternoon. A large number were present, including many from other lodges in the locality. The Lodge, which is just over a year old, is in a flourishing state, meetings being held weekly at the lodge-room in the White Horse Inn, Pentwyn. The weather was very favourable for the parade, the first of its kind in Fochriw. The procession was headed by the Deri Silver Band, under the conductorship of Mr. Wm. Powell. The principal streets of Fochriw and Pentwyn were visited, appropriate march tunes being played en route. The service took place at St. Andrews Church, Pentwyn, the building being packed to the doors. Bro. J. C. Payne, chaplain of the Lodge, preached the sermon, mentioning that one of the chief objects of Buffaloism was philanthropy. Pure and undefiled religion before God, he said, was 'to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, to comfort and relieve all distressed and helpless persons.' Buffaloism was practising this religion. He referred to the orphanage at Aldridge, Staffs., where noble work was going on. At present, 30 boys and 20 girls were in residence, and cared for in every respect. At the time of the Senghenydd disaster, when a large number of brothers lost their lives, a fund was opened, and the substantial sum of £732. 4s. 8d. was raised. He impressed all brothers present to continue the good work. The service was taken by Mr. C. Greening, Pontlottyn, with Mr. C. Ballard reading the lesson. Mr. Brown presided at the organ.

"Merthyr Express" 13 June 1914

A Weigher Found Dead at No. 2 Pit, Fochriw The death of T. Lewis Davies, a weigher at No. 2 Pit, Fochriw, was first enquired into at an inquest at the Talbot Inn, Penydarren. Lewis Williams, a banksman at the pit, said he found the deceased dead in the weigh-house soon after 3.30 a.m. on Friday morning. He was lying on his back on the floor. He had seen the deceased several times during the night, and was in the weigh-room at 3 a.m., the last time he had seen the deceased alive. He was quite as usual then. The body was not moved before the doctor came to the weigh-house. Dr. E. Davies J. P., Fochriw, said that he examined the body and that there were no bruises or marks on him. The eyes were normal. In his opinion the cause of death was cardiac failure, and a verdict to that effect was returned.

Personal On Thursday evening last, a large number of friends assembled at the Station and gave a hearty send-off to Mr. & Mrs. Rees Rees, and their youngest daughter and son, who

are leaving for Brisbane, Australia. Mr. & Mrs. Rees left Fochriw for Brisbane 28 years ago, where they spent 17 years of their life. They then returned to Fochriw with their family, spending the last 11 years in the village.

Political Meeting A well-attended meeting was held at the St. Mary's Institute on Tuesday evening last, under the auspices of the East Glamorgan Conservative Association. The chair was taken by Mr. H. Edgar, who introduced Col. Morgan Lindsay, C.B., prospective Conservative and Unionist candidate for East Glamorgan, who delivered an interesting and constructive address. He dealt chiefly with County Council work, and the Home Rule question. Mr. John Wood proposed a vote of thanks, seconded by Mr. C. Shankland.

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

Carmel Chapel The annual preaching meetings were held on Sunday and Monday last. The following occupied the pulpit: Rev. T. George, Tredegar, and Rev. Derfel Roberts, Hirwain, both of whom preached powerful and edifying sermons, which were much appreciated by the large congregations. An English sermon was preached on Sunday evening by Rev. George, the singing being conducted by Mr. David Davies, (Pencerdd Morganwg), and Mr. Thomas Walters presiding at the organ. The rendering of chants and anthems is a new feature at Carmel, and the church will do well to keep up the practice. The effect of the late Gymanfa Ganu was greatly felt to the good.

"Merthyr Express" 20 June 1914

Summons John Martin, Fochriw, was summoned for assaulting Edward Davies. Complainant admitted he was drunk at the time, and the case was dismissed.

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

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

Siloh Baptist Chapel, Penybank On Wednesday, special services were held under the auspices of the Rhymney Valley Baptist District Meeting. The services took place at 2 and 6 p.m. Rev. Llew Morris (Pengam) presided in the afternoon, with Rev. M. Evans (Hengoed) and Rev. Rees (New Tredegar) preaching in Welsh. Rev. T. Roberts (Abertysswg) presided in the evening, with Rev. Lewis (Cwmsyfiog) preaching in English, and Rev. D. Griffiths (Penuel, Rhymney) preaching in Welsh. The singing was ably conducted by Mr. Thomas Evans (junior), Fochriw. It is hoped that these meetings will infuse new life into the people of Penybank. At present, services are only held once a month, when the friends of Noddfa render all possible help. School is held at Siloh every Sunday, under the superintendency of Mr. H. Williams, who is an active worker. Thanks to all who assisted.

Noddfa Mr. Isiah Williams of the Cardiff Baptist College will be ordained at Noddfa on Monday next, and will then take charge of the church.

Inquest An inquest was held on Monday by the coroner, Mr. R. J. Rhys, on Mrs. Mary Hamlett, Martin-street, who was killed on Saturday morning, June 13th, by being knocked down and run over by one of the colliery engines. The unfortunate old lady had been to the office for her husband's pay and found there was a mistake in the sum of money, so she proceeded along the colliery sidings to inform her husband. While returning she was caught by the buffer of the engine and dragged under the engine. A verdict of 'Accidental Death'

was recorded, and the driver of the engine exonerated from all blame. An important point was raised by one of the jurymen, Mr. J. D. Jones, as to whether it was possible to reach the pay office without crossing the sidings. It was agreed that it was not possible. Whereupon, it was proposed that a rider be added to the verdict respectfully calling the attention of the company to the need for a pay office in the village so as to avoid the danger of crossing the sidings. The Coroner said that this was not possible as the old lady was not killed while walking to or from the pay office. Mr. C. Payne (jury foreman), Coun. John Jones, and Mr. George Sibley also agreed with Mr. J. D. Jones' suggestion, and hoped the company would be good enough to consider this important question. The foreman pointed out that a very convenient place would be the ambulance hall. Messrs. J. Bevan (manager), Robson (locomotive supt.), Sergt. Williams and P. C. Perrott were also present.

"Merthyr Express" 27 June 1914

Funeral The funeral of Mrs. Hamlett, Martin-street, took place last Wednesday. There was a large attendance. The interment took place at Pentwyn Cemetery. Rev. G. Williams, vicar of Pontlottyn, officiated at the house and graveside. Great sympathy is felt for Mr. Hamlett who is left to mourn his loss.

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

"Merthyr Express" 4 July 1914

Personal The many friends of Mr. W. A. Jones, Guest-street, will be glad to hear of his recent success in passing the King's Scholarship examination. He also passed the Senior Welsh Board examination.

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

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

Political A public meeting was held on Tuesday evening at St. Mary's Hall in support of Mr. Alfred Onions, the prospective Labour candidate for the constituency of East Glamorganshire. A large number of the electors were present, and gave Mr. Onions a very hearty and enthusiastic hearing whilst he urged the necessity of having Labour men in Parliament to further the cause of those who toiled in mines, railways and factories, where there was so much danger to the health and lives of the workers. A resolution in his support was carried with two or three dissentients. The resolution was moved by Mr. Walter Jones, seconded by Rev. D. Huws Jones, and strongly supported by Mr. T. J. Mardy Jones and Mr. John Davies, miners' agent.

"Merthyr Express" 11 July 1914

Electric Lighting Bill - Bedlinog and Fochriw The Bill confirming the provisional order in respect of the electric lighting of Bedlinog and Fochriw (Gellygaer) was sent for a third reading in the House of Lords on Tuesday.

Outings Members and children of Carmel and Nazareth, held their annual teas on Monday last. Both chapels left by special train to spend the day at Llangorse and Brecon. The weather turned out satisfactory. The party returned home about 8.30 pm.

Tea St. Andrew's Church, Pentwyn, held their annual tea and sports on Thursday last, when a very large number were present, especially considering the weather. The scholars assembled in the church and were addressed by the Vicar. The procession then formed, headed by the Deri Silver Band, under their conductor Mr. Wm. Powell, and paraded the

streets of the village. The little ones looked well with their flags and banners etc. They then returned to the church where tea was served. Afterwards, sports were held. Thanks are due to all who worked so ably in the unavoidable absence of Mr. Payne through illness.

Funeral On Wednesday evening at the Mardy Sanatorium, Merthyr, the death of Geo. Jones of Pentwyn took place. He was admitted three weeks ago as a consumptive patient. The sad news was received by all as a great surprise, while his grief-stricken mother was more shocked than anyone. She had not reached home, after visiting her son, when the sad news became known. George Jones was 22 years of age and lived at home with his parents. A few weeks ago, a daughter of theirs of about the same age was buried. On Tuesday, the funeral took place, leaving Fochriw station at 4.30 for interment at Pant Cemetery. Rev. D. Huws Jones officiated at the house and graveside. The chief mourners were: Mr. John Jones (father); John Jones (brother); Messrs. Percy Mantle, D. J. Meredith (brothers-in-law); Messrs. Thomas Martin, Edward Morgan, Evan Morgan, A. Jones, Robert Jones, Thomas Rees (uncles); Thomas J. Morgan, Edward Davies, Anthony Davies, Habacuc Morgan, Tom Davies, Willie Davies, George Davies, Willie Martin Davies (cousins). The special train was filled with a large number of friends and acquaintances.

“Merthyr Express” 25 July 1914

Outing On Saturday, about 70 members of St. Andrews Church journeyed to Weston, leaving Fochriw station by special train at 7.30 a.m., the boat leaving Newport at 9.15 and arriving in Weston at 10.50. They arrived home at 11.50 p.m. The weather was lovely, and the trip much enjoyed. Thanks to the secretary and treasurer, Messrs. Wm. Jones and Thomas Jones.

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

“Merthyr Express” 1 August 1914

L.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. Chief Templar, Bro. D. James, presided. The evening was set apart for ‘Ode Practice,’ and the singing was conducted by Bro. T. Walters. The following were elected as officers for the coming quarter: Chief Templar - Bro. Wm. Jones; vice-templar - Sister Ceridwen Thomas; secretary - Sister Maggie Griffiths; financial secretary - Sister A. J. Jones; treasurer - Bro. Sam Lewis; chaplain - Sister B. Jenkins; marshal - Bro. D. J. Davies; guard - Bro. F. Walters; sentinel - Bro. B. Edwards; past chief templar - Bro. D. James; organist - Bro. J. E. Davies; assistant organist - Sister Olwen Hughes. The following hold annual offices: lodge deputy - Bro C. Payne; electoral supt. - Bro. Wm. Jones; Spt. juvenile work - Bro. Thos. Lewis.

St. Mary's Annual Tea The annual tea and sports was held at the Institute on Thursday. A short service was held in the church prior to the tea, the curate-in-charge, Rev. R. A. Williams, officiating. The lessons were read by Mr. J. Richards, and Mr. O. Richards was at the organ. The tables were tastefully laid out, and were presided over by the following: Mrs. Curtis, Miss V. Curtis and Miss Nan Prosser; Mrs. Angell, Mrs G. Way and Miss Angell; Mrs. R. Evans, Mrs. M. A. Dummett and Miss A. M. Sibley; Mrs. Chaffey and Mrs. Perrott. Assistance was rendered by the following: Mrs. F. Way, Mrs. Jones, Miss R. Davies, Mrs. Davies, Mrs. J. White, Mrs. Wm. White, Mrs. J. Richards, Mrs. Tyler, Messrs. J. Richards, G. Richards, F. Way and Mr. Chaffey. Mr. Perrott and Mr. Sibley superintended the sports and were very useful throughout. Rev. B. Glover was also present, and received the good wishes of his many friends, who wished him well in his new place.

Funeral The funeral of the late Mrs. David Thomas, Williams-row, took place on Wednesday, the place of interment being Pentwyn Churchyard. Deceased, who was just 44 years of age, had been unwell for the past few months, and passed away on Sunday morning. She was a faithful communicant of St. Mary's Church, and was highly respected in the neighbourhood. She was a native of Dowlais, where she lived until her marriage about five years ago. The funeral, for gentlemen only, was largely attended. A short service was held at the house, conducted by Rev. R. A. Williams, and he also officiated at the church and graveside. The chief mourners were: Mr. Dd. Thomas (husband); Messrs. Thos. Thomas,

John Thomas, Henry D. Thomas (brothers); Mr. John Morgan (uncle). Many cousins of the deceased were also present.

Wedding: Thomas-Williams A pretty wedding took place at Merthyr on Thursday, the contracting parties being Miss Jane Thomas, eldest daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Walter Thomas, Dynevor-street, and Mr. Enoch Williams of Pontlottyn. The bride was neatly attired in a costume of grey and black, with cream hat to match. She was attended by her sister, Miss E. Thomas, who was nicely dressed in brown with white hat. The bride's brother, Mr. Caradoc Thomas, was best man. The wedding breakfast was provided at the home of the bride's parents, and after the wedding, a reception was given at the home of the bridegroom's parents. The happy couple were the recipients of many useful presents, and also received the good wishes of their many friends.

Wedding: Jones-Morris The wedding was solemnised at Merthyr on Saturday last of Miss E. A. Jones, second daughter of Mr. & Mrs. John Jones, Pit-row, and Mr. John Morris, Pentwyn, the son of Mr. Richard Morris, Pontlottyn. The bride looked very pretty in a costume of navy blue serge, with cream hat to match. After the ceremony, the couple returned to Pentwyn, where they now reside. They were the recipients of many useful presents.

"Merthyr Express" 8 August 1914

Noddfa There was a large attendance at Noddfa on Sunday evening last. There were, in addition to Noddfa members, numbers from various other churches in the village. The pulpit was occupied by their respected pastor, Rev. Esaia Williams, who delivered a powerful and edifying sermon on Baptism. After the sermon, the congregation sung 'Bendigedig fyddor Iesu,' after which the revered Pastor administered to five persons the sacred rite of Baptism. At the end of the service, five other persons asked to be granted the privilege of baptism. Mr. Samuel Evans conducted the singing, and Miss Hilda Phillips presided at the organ.

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

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

Wedding: Powell-Jones A very pretty wedding was solemnised at the Parish Church, Pontlottyn, on Thursday, the contracting parties being Miss M. A. Powell, the only daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Edmund Powell, Blaenbargoed Cottages, Fochriw, and Mr. Ernest Jones of Bircher, Leominster. The bride, who was charmingly attired in a costume of grey with hat to match, was given away by her father. She was attended by Miss Edith Jones, sister of the bridegroom, who looked very pretty in a navy-blue costume with matching hat. The bride's brother, Mr. David John Powell, was best man. Rev. Gilbert Williams, Vicar, officiated. Mr. Jones is a sidesman at St. Andrew's Church, Pentwyn, and a faithful church worker and Sunday School scholar. Mrs. Jones is also a faithful communicant of the church and an earnest Sunday School teacher. The breakfast was held at the home of the bride's parents, many friends attending, as well as the families. The couple were the recipients of many useful presents. They left for Bircher, Leominster, on Saturday, where the honeymoon is being spent.

Wedding: Thomas-Morris Another wedding was solemnised at Gellygaer Church on Saturday last, the contracting parties being Miss Maria Thomas, the youngest daughter of Mrs. Thomas, Ffynonau Duon Farm, Pentwyn, and Mr. John Morris of Bailey-street, Deri. The bride, who was charmingly attired in a dress of saxe blue with hat to match, was given away by her brother, Mr. J. Thomas. Canon Jesse Jones officiated. The breakfast was taken at the bride's home, many friends amongst the party. The couple were the recipients of many useful presents.

Wedding: Shankland-Davies A pretty wedding was also solemnised at Gellygaer Church on Tuesday, the contracting parties being Miss Eleanor Shankland, the eldest daughter of Mr. &

Mrs. Joseph Shankland, Ael-y-bryn, and Mr. William Thomas Davies of Deri. The bride was beautifully attired in a white silk dress with black hat to match. She was attended by her sister, Miss Gwladys Jane Shankland, who wore a dress of pale blue with hat to match, by Miss Maggie Jane Davies, sister of the groom, who wore a fawn coloured dress with matching hat, and Miss May Davies, niece of the groom, who also wore a fawn dress and matching hat. Canon Jesse Jones officiated. The wedding breakfast was served at the home of the bride's parents, many friends and relatives being present. The happy couple were the recipients of many useful presents.

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"Merthyr Express" 15 August 1914

Pits Both pits are working the extra hour this week, finishing instead at 4 o'clock, owing to the needs of the Admiralty.

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

"Merthyr Express" 22 August 1914

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

Noddfa On Sunday last, 11 persons were baptised. With the five baptised on August 2nd, 16 people have been baptised in a fortnight. Rev. Esaia Williams administered the sacred rites. Four more are waiting to be baptised. While the rites were being performed, the large congregation sang 'Dilyn Iesu' with great effect. Rev. Williams took his text from Rom. vi. 4, and preached a powerful sermon on baptism. Mr. Thomas Evans conducted the singing, with Miss Hilda Phillips at the organ.

Supper On Saturday evening, the members of the White Horse Inn (Pentwyn) Money Club sat down to a supper. It took the form of a cold collation. There were a good many present. The tables cleared, an excellent entertainment was given. The chair was occupied by Mr. John Edwards, Fochriw. After votes of thanks to the chairman, the host and hostess, the evening closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

Wedding: Chappell-Lyne A very pretty wedding took place on Tuesday, the contracting parties being Mr. Thomas Chappell (wagon examiner, Cwmbargoed), son of Mr. & Mrs. Walter Chappell of Yeovil, and Miss Ellen Lyne of Sherborne, Dorset. The ceremony took place in Sherborne Abbey. They were the recipients of many presents.

"Merthyr Express" 29 August 1914

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

Prince of Wales' Fund A public meeting in connection with this fund was held at Nazareth on Monday evening last, presided over by Coun. John Jones, Fochriw. A house to house collection was decided, and a local committee was selected for the purpose of inquiring into and alleviating any distress arising through the war. A resolution was also passed asking the Gellygaer Council to allow some of the lamps in the village to be kept lit all night during the present crisis.

Women and War On Thursday, 20th August, a meeting of the women of Fochriw was held at the Ambulance Hall to discuss the best methods of assisting the present war. Dr. Davies presided. The meeting was addressed by Mr. Lucas, superintendent secretary of the Ambulance Brigade, and Mrs. Jenkins, The Hafod, Dowlais. Mrs. Davies, Ifor House, was elected president, and Mrs. Captain Edwards, secretary. It was decided that articles suitable

for soldiers should be made as quickly as possible, and parcels forwarded to the Central Depot, Cardiff.

“Merthyr Express” 5 September 1914

Condolence At the close of service at St. Andrew’s Church, a vote of condolence was passed with the relatives of the late Lord Mayor in their sad bereavement.

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

Wedding: Mantle-Jones A pretty wedding was solemnised at the Parish Church, Pontlottyn, on Saturday last, the contracting parties being Mr. George Mantle, son of Mr. & Mrs. T. Mantle, 9, Hill-row, Pentwyn, and Miss M. Jones, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. David Jones, 1, Glen-view, Pentwyn. Rev. W. Chappell officiated. Mr. J. C. Payne was best man. The breakfast was served at the home of the bride’s parents. The couple were the recipients of many useful presents.

Wedding: Jones-Price A wedding was also solemnised at Merthyr on Thursday, the contracting parties being Mr. Thomas Jones, Glyn-terrace, and Miss Mary Jane Price, Pontlottyn. The bride was prettily dressed in blue with hat to match. She was attended by her sisters, Mrs. W. Jones and Miss K. Price, who were also dressed in blue with matching hats. Mr. Wat Jones, Fochriw, was best man. The couple were the recipients of many useful presents. They left for Neath, where the honeymoon is being spent.

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“Merthyr Express” 12 September 1914

R.A.O.B. The weekly meeting of the Cwlwm y Brodoriaeth Lodge was held at the White Horse Inn on Wednesday evening. The Lodge was opened in due form by Bro. Ben Evans. During the evening, the following contributed to the programme: solos - Bro. H. Brown; recitation - Bro. Jos Evans; solos - Bro. A. Cogan; solo - Bro. Ben Evans. A short address was given by Bro. J. C. Payne. Bro. Brown gave several selections on the piano during the evening.

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

Wedding: Williams-Walters A pretty wedding was solemnised at Bethania Chapel, Dowlais, on Monday last, the contracting parties being Mr. Evan Williams, Glyn-terrace, and Miss R. Walters, second daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Walters, Brynteg, Fochriw. Rev. D. Huws Jones officiated. The bride, who was prettily attired in a cream Misso silk dress with black hat to match, was attended by Miss S. Williams, sister of the bridegroom, who looked well in a cream dress with black hat. Mr. Wm. Walters (father of the bride), and Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Walters (brother and sister-in-law of the bride) were also present. Mrs. Walters wore a cream dress, with leghorn hat trimmed with black. A reception was held at the house of Mrs. John (Dowlais), aunt of the bridegroom, after which the happy couple left for Pwllheli, where the honeymoon is being spent. They were the recipients of many presents.

“Merthyr Express” 10 October 1914

Harvest Festival Harvest thanksgiving services were held at Carmel on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday last, all of which were well attended.

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

Funeral The funeral of the late Mrs. Barrett, wife of Mr. Wm. Barrett, 25, Guest-street, took place on Wednesday last at Pentwyn Churchyard. Deceased was 64 years of age, and was taken ill on Saturday week, and passed away last Saturday morning. Rev. Gilbert Williams officiated at the house, church and graveside. The chief mourners were: Mr. Wm. Bartlett (husband); Mrs. Weaver, Mrs. Mole (sisters); Mr. & Mrs. Jones, Mr. & Mrs. Groves (nephews and nieces).

Funeral The funeral of Miss Bertha Watkins, 8, Guest-street, took place on Thursday at Pentwyn Churchyard. Deceased had been ill for six days, and died on the Saturday before the funeral. The Rev. Gilbert Williams, Vicar, officiated. The chief mourners were: Mr. & Mrs. Watkins (parents); Messrs. William, Evan, Alfred John and Heber Watkins (brothers); Mr. & Mrs. Jones (brother-in-law and sister); Miss E. M. Watkins and Miss G. M. Watkins (sisters); Mrs. Bradley (grandmother); Mr. & Mrs. Bradley, Pantywaun, Mr. & Mrs. Bradley, Blaencarno, Mr. & Mrs. Smith, Abercynon (uncles and aunts); Mr. & Mrs. Brooks, Dowlais, Mr. & Mrs. Pugh, Dowlais, Mr. Chas. Sutherland, Mr. Wm. James Bradley, Dowlais, Mr. W. J. Smith, Abercynon, (cousins).

“Merthyr Express” 17 October 1914

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

Nazareth Harvest thanksgiving services were held on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday last. The services were well attended, Mr. W. Morris conducting the singing. Mr. Roderick was the organist.

Harvest Festival: St. Mary's Services were held on Sunday and Monday. The preachers were: Sunday morning and afternoon - Rev. G. Williams, vicar; Sunday evening - Mr. Geo. Evans of St. David's College, Lampeter; Monday evening - the Vicar. Mr. Josiah Richards read the lessons, Mr. B. Angell conducted the singing, and Mr. O. Richards played the organ.

Funeral The funeral of the late Mrs. Jane Evans, Penybank, took place on Thursday last at Gellygaer Church. Deceased was 75 years of age and had lived at Cwm Farm, Penybank, for 55 years. She had brought up her whole family there. She was greatly respected in the village and the surrounding district. She was ill for just four days, and passed away on the Saturday before the funeral. Rev. Rhys D. Jenkins, Fochriw, conducted a short service in the house, and Rev. Canon Jesse Jones officiated at the church and graveside. The bearers were Messrs. Wm. Evans, T. Evans, J. Evans, D. Walters, Lewis Richards, T. J. Evans, F. Small and J. Small. The chief mourners were: Mr. Richard Evans (son); Mr. & Mrs. D. Evans (son and daughter-in-law); Mr. Charles Greenman; Mr. H. Powell (brother); Mr. H. Powell, Mrs. C. M. Powell, Bedlinog, Mr. Wm. Roberts, Mrs. E. Roberts (nephews and nieces). **“Merthyr Express” 24 October 1914**

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

R.A.O.B. A very successful meeting of the lodge was held at the White Horse Inn. Bro. Kinsey Llewellyn presided. Bro. H. Brown was at the piano.

“Merthyr Express” 31 October 1914

Fire A fire broke out in the store-room of the shop of Mr. Thomas Llewellyn, grocer, on Wednesday evening. The Fochriw Fire Brigade under Lieut. W. J. Payne, was on the scene within a few minutes of the call, and very soon got the fire out. Civilians promptly rendered assistance, preventing what might have been a great disaster.

The Children's Part Two little girls, Elires Phillips and Lettie May Jones, undertook to collect in the village by means of a nigger money-box, in aid of the soldiers' fund. It resulted in sufficient funds to buy nineteen pairs of socks. These will now be handed over to the Sewing Guild under the auspices of the St. John Ambulance Corps at Fochriw. Great praise is due to the little girls for their effort.

“Merthyr Express” 7 November 1914

Drunkenness There were several cases of Sunday drunkenness at Fochriw, and this caused the Deputy Stipendiary to ask “What celebrations were on at Fochriw that Sunday?”

Inspector Nicholl replied - "They had come for the club sir." The drunks were fined 10 shillings and costs.

Needlework Class Under the auspices of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, the needlework class held a grand concert at Carmel Chapel on Thursday evening, October 29th, with a view to obtaining funds to supply clothing to the wounded soldiers and sailors, and those who are on the battlefield. The Apollo Glee Singers, Bargoed, under the conductorship of Mr. Terry Williams, assisted by special artistes, provided the programme of choruses, recitations and solos.

Funeral The funeral of the late Mrs. Tom Jones, Glyn-terrace, took place on Thursday last at Pentwyn Churchyard. She died on the previous Sunday. She was only 24 years of age, and was a native of Pontlottyn. She was a faithful member of the Zoar Baptist Church, Pontlottyn., the funeral service being conducted by Rev. Williams of that chapel. The funeral, for gentlemen only, was one of the largest ever seen in the village. Rev. Williams (Noddfa), Rev. Jones (Carmel), Rev. Roderick (Nazareth), and Rev. Rhys D. Jenkins, assisted Rev. Williams. The chief mourners were: Mr. Thomas Jones (husband); Mr. Thomas Price (father); Mr. Wm. Roberts (step father-in-law); Messrs. Willie and Johnny Roberts (step brothers-in-law); Mr. Watkin Jones, Mr. Ed. Davies (brothers-in-law); Mr. Evan Pugh (uncle); Mr. David John Williams (brother).

"Merthyr Express" 14 November 1914

Sudden Death We have to record the death of Mrs. Jones, the wife of Mr. David Jones, Mount Pleasant Inn, Pentwyn, which took place on Tuesday morning. She will be greatly missed by her husband and seven sons. The funeral will be at Pentwyn on Saturday next at 4 p.m.

Wedding: Sibley-Wilton A pretty wedding was solemnised at Pontlottyn Church on Thursday last, the contracting parties being Miss Alice Maud Sibley, Guest-street, and Mr. F. J. Wilton of Butleigh Wooton, Somersetshire. Rev. G. Williams, vicar, officiated. The bride looked charming in a dress of pale blue silk, with black hat to match. She was attended by Misses S. A. Sibley and E. M. Sibley, cousins of the bride, both of whom wore dresses of silver grey lester with black hats, and white lancers to match. The breakfast was served in the home of the bride's parents, with many friends, as well as family present. The couple were the recipients of many useful presents.

I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. Bro. T. Lewis presided. The following were elected officers for the coming quarter: Chief Templar - Br. T. Walters; vice templar - Sister M. Thomas; past chief templar - Bro. Wm. Jones; treasurer - Bro. Sam Lewis; chaplain - Sister C. Jones; marshall - Bro. R. Thomas; financial secretary - Bro. W. Davies; assist. secretary - Bro. W. Griffiths; guard - Sister M. Tyler; sentinel - Sister B. Francis; deputy marshall - Sister E. Griffiths; organist - Bro. J. E. Davies; assistant organist - Sister Olwen Hughes; lodge deputy - Bro. C. Payne; electoral supt. - Bro. Wm. Jones; supt. juvenile work - Bro. T. Lewis; secretary - Bro. H. Thomas. The officers were installed by the lodge deputy Bro. C. Payne. A fruit banquet was provided by the brothers. The following contributed to the evening's entertainment: pinoforte solos - Bro. W. A. Davies, Dd. Thomas and Henry Thomas; solo and reading - Bro. T. Walters; solo - Bro. Dan James.

"Merthyr Express" 21 November 1914

Obituary The death of Mrs. Mary Kinsey, Pentwyn, took place on Sunday morning last. Mrs. Kinsey had been severely ill for just ten days. She was 78 years of age, and was one of Fochriw's oldest and most respected inhabitants. She was well known, not only in the village, but for miles around.

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

Noddfa: Preaching Meetings The annual meetings were held on Sunday and Monday last. The preachers were the Rev. B. Williams (Abernant), who preached four times on Sunday

and Monday, and Rev. Isaiah Williams, pastor of Noddfa, Fochriw. The collections, which realised £16. 10s., were towards the building fund. Mr. Evans conducted the singing, and Miss Hilda Phillips presided at the organ.

Recruiting Meeting A public meeting took place at St. Mary's Institute on Monday last, under the auspices of the East Glamorgan Recruiting Committee. The speaker was Alderman Morgan Thomas, J.P., Cardiff, ex-Lord Mayor. He fully explained the causes of the war, and stated that every able-bodied, healthy young man, about the age of nineteen, should feel it his bounden duty to join the forces of his country, and should be ashamed to be seen idling about the streets and attending football matches. He also said that we ought to realise, and be thankful, for the great work that was being done by the British Navy. The seas were kept open, and the merchant ships were bringing in our weekly supplies of food. The Hall was nearly full, a great number of young men being present. Mr. George Thomas presided. Mr. Herbert Edgar was organist, and carried out the arrangements for the meeting.

Late Mrs. Jones, Pentwyn The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday. Deceased was only 47 years of age, and was found dead in bed, the cause of death being heart failure. She had been unwell for a long time, but was about the house the night before her death, which took place on the Tuesday prior to the funeral. She was a member of Carmel, but as she was unable to walk far, had for a long time been a faithful worshipper at St. Andrew's Church, Pentwyn. She was always ready to render financial or other assistance to the church. She was born at Pentwyn, and remained there all her life. She leaves a husband and seven sons. The funeral was largely attended. Rev. G. Williams, vicar, and Mr. J. C. Payne, officiated at the house and church, assisted by Rev. D. Huws Jones and Rev. Rhys D. Jenkins. The chief mourners were: Mr. Dd. Jones (husband); Messrs. Llewellyn, Thomas, Lewis, Stewart, Willie, Tudor and Glyn Jones (sons); Messrs. T. Evans, Alfred Evans, Albert Walters (Fochriw), Edward Jones (Deri), and W. J. Jones (Cardiff) (brothers-in-law); Edward Morris (uncle); Messrs. George Evans, Willie Evans, Tom Walters, D.W. Walters, J. R. Walters, Tom Evans and Willie Evans (nephews, Fochriw). Among the floral tributes was one from the Cwlwm y Brodoriaeth Lodge of the R.A.O.B.

"Merthyr Express" 28 November 1914

Entertainment A very successful entertainment was held at St. Andrew's Church Schoolroom on Tuesday evening last.

Obituary We have to record the death of Mrs. Jones, 6, Pleasant-view, which took place on Sunday last after a short illness. She has been for many years maternity nurse for Fochriw and district, where she was very much respected. She was 74 years of age.

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

Funeral; Mr. David Thomas The funeral of the late Mr. David Thomas, eldest son of Mr. & Mrs. Job Thomas, Martin-street, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard last Wednesday. Deceased was only ill for nine days, but suffered great pain. He passed away on the Friday before the funeral. He had a large circle of friends, with whom he was very popular. Rev. D. Huws Jones, Carmel, conducted a short service in the house, after which the concourse wended its way to Pentwyn. Rev. Jones and Rev. I. Roderick officiated at the graveside. The chief mourners were: Mr. Job Thomas (father); Mr. Wm. Thomas (brother); Mr. Wm. Jacob (grandfather); Mr. D. J. Jacob (uncle); Messrs. Thomas Thomas, George Thomas, Dd. Morgan, W. J. Ballard, John Evans (uncles); Messrs. Dd. J. Thomas, Willie Ballard, C. Ballard, John Morgan, Dd. Morgan, D. I. Evans, T. I. Evans, Dd. Lewis and A. Thomas (cousins). Among the floral tributes was one from The Fochriw Hotspurs A.F.C. of which the deceased was a member.

Funeral: Mrs. Mary Kinsey The funeral of Mrs. Kinsey, Pentwyn, took place last Thursday at Pant Cemetery. Rev. D. Huws Jones took a short service in the house, after which the funeral moved to Pant via special train, where Rev. Jones again officiated. Deceased was the oldest inhabitant of the village, and was 80 years of age. She was a native of Dowlais, and

came to Fochriw about 42 years ago, where she remained. She was a member of Carmel Chapel. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Thos. Martin (son, Treharris); John Jones, Edward Morgan (Pentwyn) and Evan Morgan Davies (sons-in-law, Fochriw); John Jones, Edward Davies, Tom Davies, Habakuk Morgan, T. J. Morgan, W. M. Davies, George Davies (grandchildren, Fochriw).

“Merthyr Express” 5 December 1914

In Memoriam A service was held at St. Andrew’s Church on Sunday evening last, in memory of the late Mrs. Jones of the Mount Pleasant Inn. Mr. J. C. Payne preached an appropriate sermon, taking as his text, Matt. xxiv. 42. The lessons were read by Mr. C. Ballard. The singing was conducted by Mr. John Wood, and Mr. Harry Hughes presided at the organ. The ‘Dead March’ was very effectively played.

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

Funeral: Mrs. Jones, Pleasant-view The funeral of the late Mrs. Jones, 6, Pleasant-view, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Thursday last. Deceased was 73 years of age, and had lived at Fochriw for the last 50 years. She leaves three sons and four daughters. The funeral was for gentlemen only and was largely attended. Rev. D. Huws Jones conducted a short service in the house, after which the cortege moved to Pentwyn, where again Rev. Jones officiated. The chief mourners were: Messrs. John Aneurin Jones, Aneurin Jones and Thomas Jones (sons); Messrs. Daniel Jenkins, John Evans, George Thomas, John Davies (Deri), Matt Lewis (Clydach Vale), and David John Thomas (sons-in-law); Messrs. Aneurin Jenkins, Thomas Jenkins, Daniel Jenkins, Thomas Evans, Aneurin Evans, Emlyn Evans, Emrys Evans, Lewis Haydn Jones and Reginald Jones (grandsons); Mr. David Hopkin Williams, Messrs. John James, John Davies, John Matthews and Thomas Howells (nephews). The coffin was covered with flowers.

“Merthyr Express” 12 December 1914

A Mother at Sixteen Sidney Evans, Penybank, was summoned at the instance of the Merthyr Board of Guardians, acting on behalf of Jane Griffiths, single woman, whose 16th birthday was in September, to show cause etc.. Mr. Pullibank appeared for the Board. Inspector Lamb said that when he served the summons, the defendant admitted the paternity. Mr. Pullibank told the court that the defendant was only 17 years of age. An order was made for 3s. 6d. per week.

Stop Trucks Both the Fochriw Pits were idle on Monday and Wednesday last owing to a shortage of wagons. The collieries have worked very regularly until this week.

Entertainment A very successful entertainment was held at St. Andrew’s Schoolroom last Tuesday evening. Mr. Henry Brown took the chair, and delivered an interesting opening address. The programme was as follows: solo - Mr. Brown; song - Mr. C. Ballard; recitation - Mr. Joseph Evans; solo - Miss Blodwen Williams; trio - Messrs. Brown, Ballard and Payne; solo - Mr. A. Coggan; comic song - Mr. Brown; song - Miss E. Herman; solo - Miss Annie Morgan; quartette - Messrs. Brown, Payne, Mrs. Morgan and Miss Polly Jones; solo - Miss Mary Morgan; quartette - Misses P. Jones, Ceridwen Davies, Messrs. Payne and Ballard. An enjoyable evening was brought to a close with the singing of the National Anthem.

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

R.O.A.B. A very successful meeting of the Cwlwm-y-Brodoriaeth Lodge of the R.A.O.B. was held at the lodge room, White Horse Inn, Pentwyn, on Monday evening last. The lodge was opened in due form by Primo David Jenkins. There was a very large number present, including some from the Duffryn Lodge, Pontlottyn. The Unity Lodge Deri also paid a regalia visit, a good number being present. During the early part of the evening, five brothers were raised to the rank of primo by Provincial Grand Lodge officers. They were Bros. Edward Morgan, H. C. Seaborne, Henry Brown, Joseph Evans, and J. C. Payne. Bro. F. H. Beswick, K.O.M., presided. After the ceremony, an excellent programme was contributed to by the following: pianoforte solo - Bro. H. Brown; solos - Bro. Charlie Mills, Bro. Geo. Goddard (Deri); recitation - Primo James Jones (Deri); solo - Bro. A. Coggan. Bros. H. Brown and Wm. Jenkins presided at the piano. The National Anthem concluded the evening's programme.

"Merthyr Express" 19 December 1914

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

St. Mary's Institute A meeting was held on Tuesday week to arrange for a series of entertainments and dancing classes to be held during the winter months. Mr. H. Edgar was appointed treasurer, and Mr. P. Pike secretary. The class commenced on Saturday last and was well attended.

Entertainment A most successful entertainment was held at the Pentwyn Schoolroom on Tuesday evening, when a good company was present. Mr. J. C. Payne took the chair, and opened the evening with a short address. The following contributed to the programme: Mrs. Morgan, Miss May Jones, Miss Ceridwen Davies, Master W. T. Williams, Mr. H. Brown, Master Wm. Jones, Mr. A. Coggan, Misses Ivy Tyler and Lucy M. Martin, Miss Jones (Cwmbargoed), Miss Lily Morgan, Miss M. Jones, Miss B. Williams, Miss Mary Morgan and Miss Emily Herman. The evening closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

Carmel The half-yearly services were held last Sunday and Monday evenings, when Rev. Williams of Ybysybwll delivered his messages to most attentive congregations. The singing, which was of a very high standard, was conducted by Mr. David Davies, whilst Mr. T. Walters presided at the organ.

Lecture: Carmel On Tuesday evening, a lecture was delivered by Rev. Glasnant Jones on the subject "Gurnos." "Gurnos," ready wit and answer have almost become proverbial. His keen observation, his buoyancy, and his great sympathy with democracy and all things democratic, had compelled every true Welshman to honour him. While Glasnant Jones continues to lecture on 'Gurnos,' there is no fear of his honours fading away.

"Merthyr Express" 26 December 1914

Entertainment Another in the series of popular entertainments was held at the Pentwyn Schoolroom on Tuesday evening last. Mr. G. Evans took the chair and gave an appropriate opening address. There were a good number present. The evening closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

Band of Hope The members of the St. Andrew's Band of Hope held their weekly meeting on Wednesday. Miss E. M. Jones (Cwmbargoed) presided, assisted by Messrs. Arthur Coggan and George Evans. Addresses were given by Miss Jones and Mr. Payne, and recitations by Masters Edward Evans, Willie Jones and T. O. Jones. Miss Ivy Tyler gave a solo. The evening was brought to a close with prayer.

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

Funeral: Mrs. Lewis, Williams-row The funeral of the late Mrs. Lewis, wife of Mr. David Lewis, Williams-row, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Monday last. It was for gentlemen only and was largely attended. Deceased had been ill for about a fortnight, and passed away on Wednesday week. She was a member of Carmel Chapel. Rev. D. Huws Jones conducted a service in the house and at the graveside. Deceased was only 29 years of age, and leaves a husband and three children. The chief mourners were: Mr. David Lewis (husband); Miss Elizabeth Jones (sister, Gilwern); Masters Thomas Rees Lewis and Elfed Lewis (sons); Mr. Thomas Jones (father); Mr. Rees Jones (brother); Mr. Lewis Rees (father-in-law, Bwlchwernen).