

“Merthyr Express” 2 January 1909

Express Representative The representative of the "Express" in Fochriw is Mr. J. C. Payne, Railway-terrace, to whom all items of news and advertisements should be sent.

Brass Band The Fochriw Brass Band under the conductorship of Mr. William Mantle (in the absence of Mr. William Powell, who was engaged with his Deri Band), played excellent selections of Christmas music in the streets of Fochriw, Pentwyn and Penybanc on Christmas Day, and was much appreciated by the villagers.

Cymanfa A singing Festival, in connection with the choirs of the Carmel, Nazareth, and Noddfa Chapels, took place at Carmel on Christmas Day. There were very large attendances throughout the day. The presidents were: morning – Mr. Thomas Evans, senior; afternoon, Mr. Evan Evans; evening, Rev. Isaac Roderick. The singing, which was of a very high standard, was conducted by Mr. Thomas Evans, junior. The accompanists were Miss Lilian Williams, Mr. David John Thomas, and Mr. Roderick Jones.

Christmas Trees and Entertainment A Christmas Tree was provided at the Church Institute on Christmas Eve. The tree was beautifully decorated, and was loaded with books and various other presents, which Mr. William Lewis, the superintendent, had worked hard to procure for the scholars. An entertainment was also given, over which Mr. Charles Payne presided, and it was he who handed the gifts to the scholars. Considerably over a hundred books and a large number of other presents were thus distributed. The programme, which was highly interesting, was contributed to by the following: song - Master Jim Sheady; selection of songs - Master J. H. Evans; recitation - Miss Blodwen Watkins; song - Miss James, Pontlottyn; recitation – Mr. Watkin Williams, Pentwyn; song - Master Albert Prosser; competition solo - six competitors - "Meet Me at the Fountain," and the prize was secured by Miss M. Gough; comic song – Mr. W. J. Payne; song – Mrs. M. Williams. Mr. Watkin Williams amused the audience with a number of his laughable jokes; Mr. W. Payne then delighted the audience with the song, "I'm not the Registrar," after which Mr. Wat. Williams gave some conjuring tricks. The organ was presided over by Miss E. C. Morgan, School House.

Another successful entertainment was also held at the Institute on Monday night, when a good number were present. An excellent programme was gone through. The chairman was Mr. Charles Payne.

Obituary We have to record the death of Mr. Daniel Walters, which took place on Saturday morning last at the home of Mr. J. H. Jones, deputy agent, Guest, Keen, and Nettlefolds Ltd. The deceased had resided with Mr. & Mrs. Jones (his son-in-law and daughter) during their stay at Fochriw. He was a faithful member of Bryn Seion Congregational Chapel, Dowlais, where he was greatly loved by his fellow members and friends. He died at the age of 73 years. The funeral, which was strictly private, took place on Tuesday.

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Collieries Both pits were idle on Friday and Saturday last, owing to a shortage of waggons.

Musical Success At the singing festival which was held at Carmel Chapel on Christmas Day, Mr. David John Thomas secured the prize for the best composition of a march tune for "Rhagom, filwyr Iesu" ("Onward, Christian Soldiers"). He was declared the best with very high merits. The adjudicator was Mr. John Thomas, Penywern, Dowlais.

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

Entertainment Another of the popular entertainments was held at the Church Institute on Monday night last. There was a good attendance, and the chair was occupied by Mr. Charles Payne, who delivered a very interesting speech. The programme was contributed to by the following: recitation, Miss Maggie Morgan; song, Master Jim Sheady; comic song, "It serves him jolly well right," Master Arthur Pritchard; song "I'm following in my father's footsteps" Mr. Harry Wilcox. In an impromptu speech on "Obedience," there were seven competitors, and Master Arthur Pritchard secured the prize. Song - Miss Nan Prosser; song "The British Navy" Mr. Harry Wilcox; recitation - Miss Maggie Morgan; recitation - Miss Edith Way; song "If I could live my life over again," Mr. Charles Payne; recitation - Miss Mary Morgan; song - Miss Lizzie Rowlands; duet - Miss Nan Prosser and Miss Mary Tyler. Miss Morgan, School House, presided at the organ.

Soiree The annual soiree in connection with the Noddfa Baptist Chapel was held at the Council School on New Year's Eve. A large number attended, and did ample justice to the excellent spread. The tables, which were beautifully laid, were attended to by the following: Mrs. C. M. Jones, Mrs. Ann Davies, Mrs. Maggie Davies, Mrs. Johanna Evans, Mrs. S. A. Davies, Mrs. John Williams, Miss Sarah

Jones, Mrs. Davies, Mrs. John Matthews, Mrs. Thomas, Misses May Evans, Annie May Thomas, M. S. Edwards, R. Edwards, Unice Jones, J. Jones, Mary Davies, Maggie Evans, M. A. Evans, D. Jones, Jane Thomas, and Lizzie J. Evans. There was a special 'children only' table which was presided over by Mrs. S. Williams, assisted by Misses Maggie Morgan, Sarah E. Williams and Margaret Edwards. The carving was in the hands of Messrs. John Williams, J. Mathews, and Sydney Phillips, and the following acted as stewards: Messrs. Ben Thomas, Joshua Evans, D. J. Thomas, David Thomas, D. Jenkins, John Phillips, Richard Davies, W. H. Jones, John Jones, John Evans, Percy Edwards, and J. Davies. The secretarial duties were carried out by Mr. Gwilym Thomas, whilst Mr. Richard Evans acted as treasurer.

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Pulpit The pulpit of the Noddfa Baptist Chapel was occupied on Sunday by the Rev. Moses Jones, Dowlais, who preached inspiring sermons which were much appreciated.

Condolence At St. Mary Church on Sunday evening, a vote of condolence was passed with Viscount Tredegar on the death of his only brother, the Honorable Frederick Courtney Morgan, Ruperra Castle, Newport. The vote was proposed by Mr. J. Wood, seconded by the Rev. B. Glover, supported by Mr. H. Edgar, and carried in silence, all standing.

Penny Readings A "penny reading" was held at the Nazareth Chapel on Tuesday evening week. The chair was taken by the Rev. Isaac Roderick. The programme was contributed to by the following: a Chapter was recited by Miss Katie Jones Davies; duet, Miss Edith Parry and Miss Lily May Rees; recitation, Miss Elizabeth Evans; song, Miss Annie Maud Jones; recitation, Miss Katie Jones Davies; song, Miss Doris Davies; colloquy, Miss Edith Parry and Miss Elizabeth Gwen Jones. An excellent scriptural address was delivered by Rev. Isaac Roderick.

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

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Sir Alfred Thomas, M.P. at Fochriw Sir Alfred Thomas, M.P., Liberal member for East Glamorgan, addressed a large number of his constituents at Nazareth Chapel on Tuesday night. The chair was taken by Dr. Eleazer Davies, who stated that Sir Alfred had served them faithfully for the past 25 years, and had always given his support to every good movement in and out of Parliament.

Sir Alfred Thomas delivered a very interesting address, in the course of which he stated that Mr. Asquith favoured Wales, and he looked forward to good things from him in the future. He was a worthy leader. The Liberal Party had amended the Compensation Act, bringing in farm servants and others. There was the Children's Bill and Old Age Pensions. It would be a beautiful sight if they could see the half million persons receiving their old age pensions on New Year's Day. He spoke on the Education Bill and the Licensing Bill. The brewers in New Zealand had decided not to employ barmaids; no children were to be served, and no women were to be served in public houses. The Lords would not approve of such measures in this country. He also spoke of the unemployed, and stated that there were no more unemployed in a country today than there were years ago. He also stated that there were only one half of the murders committed today than there were years ago. Newspapers today brought things to public notice, which was not so years ago. He expected the government to do something, at least, to prevent starvation. He then spoke of religious equality. He was in favour of disestablishment, because the New Testament did not teach connection between church and state. There would be a reference to disestablishment in the King's Speech. He had no fears for the future. They had the best men in the country – Mr. Asquith, Mr. Lloyd George, Mr. Winston Churchill, and Sir Edward Grey. He asked his listeners to do what they could to keep united.

The following resolution was moved by the Rev. Isaac Roderick: "That this meeting desires to record its unabated confidence in the Government, and rejoices in the programme of social reform on which

they are engaged; and pledges itself to give Mr. Asquith and his colleagues unflinching and enthusiastic support in their determination to ensure that the wishes of the electors, as expressed by the popularly-elected House of Commons, shall be frustrated no longer by an irresponsible and hereditary House of Lords." The reverend gentleman remarked that many more measures would have been passed but for the House of Lords. They wanted another Cromwell to go up and blow them to the four winds of heaven. The resolution was seconded by Mr. Evan Evans. The resolution was put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

Councillor John Jones then proposed a vote of thanks to Sir Alfred, assuring him of their continued and increasing confidence in him as their representative in Parliament. This was seconded by Mr. George Thomas, Pleasant View, who said he believed the only solution of religious difficulties in the schools would be the secular solution. Sir Alfred proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman, which was seconded by Mr. Charles Payne.

T. Fine & Co., Pontlottyn Don't think because Christmas is over that the Winter is gone. Nothing of the kind. Go at once to T. Fine and Co., Pontlottyn, and secure one of their "Empire" Overcoats. Warmth, style, elegance, and cheapness combined. The finest stock of Men's and Boy's Overcoats in the Principality.

Noddfa Chapel The pulpit at the Baptist Chapel on Sunday was occupied by Master Stanley Thomas, the boy preacher from Llanbradach, whose sermons were much appreciated by very large congregations.

Carmel Chapel The pulpit at Carmel on Sunday was occupied by the Rev. Davies, Laugharne, who preached excellent sermons which were greatly appreciated.

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

Entertainment Another of the popular series of entertainments was held at the Church Institute on Monday night. There was a large attendance. The chair was taken by Mr. Charles Payne. The following contributed to programme: solo, Miss Mary Tyler; song, Master Jim Sheady; songs, Mr. Harry Wilcox; recitation, Miss S. G. Williams; song, Miss Mary Watkins; comic song, Master Arthur Pritchard; recitation, Miss Edith Way; solo, Mrs. Lewis; solo, Miss Nan Prosser; song, Miss Bessie Ballard; solo, Mrs. M. Williams; song, Master A. Pritchard. There was a very keen competition on the hymn, "Jesu, Lover of my Soul." There were eight competitors, the prize being secured by Mrs. M. Lewis. The prize for the best first sight reading of a piece of music was also secured by Mrs. Lewis. Miss R. Edwards was at the organ. The adjudicator was Mr. John Williams.

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Cardiff Infirmary A public meeting was held at Nazareth Chapel on Monday night, to consider the best way and means of finding money for the support of the Cardiff Infirmary. Mr. George Thomas, Pleasant View, presided. A committee was formed to deal with the subject, consisting of three members from each place of worship: St. Mary Church: Mr. H. Evans, Brook House; Mr. Alfred Evans and Mr. Charles Payne. Carmel Chapel: Mr. Evan Evans, Mr. Thomas Ballard, Dr. Eleazer Davies, J.P. Noddfa Chapel: Mr. Thomas Evans, junior, Mr. Walter Walters, and another. Nazareth Chapel: Rev. Isaac Roderick, Mr. William Jones, and Mr. James Lawrence. Mr. Thomas Ballard was appointed secretary.

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

Entertainment A very successful entertainment was held at the Church institute on Monday night, and there was a very large attendance. The chair was taken by Mr. Charles Payne. The following contributed to the programme: songs, Master Arthur Pritchard; recitations, Mr. Rees Richard; song,

Miss Mary Tyler; recitation, Miss May James; recitation, Miss Lily May Rees; Indian basket competition for boys, prizes won by Masters Albion Jones and Rowlands; song, Miss Nan Prosser; song, Miss Gwen Gough; recitation, Miss Ruth Griffiths; best rendering of "Lead, Kindly Light" Miss Nan Prosser. Then followed a laughable sketch entitled "Painless Extraction," in which the following took part: Mr. W. J. Payne as Professor J. C. H. Cheatum, A.S.S. from Pentre Pump; Mr. Watkin Williams as "Sawbones Brown," (his assistant); and Mr. James Lawrence as "Timothy Ducks," (the patient).. The sketch was greatly appreciated by the large audience, who were convulsed with laughter. The organ was presided over by Master Octavius Richards. The adjudicator was Mr. John Williams.

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Lecture A very interesting Welsh lecture on "Gwlad Canaan" was delivered at Nazareth Chapel on Tuesday night by the Rev. Dr. D. M. Phillips, Tylorstown. There was a large attendance, and the chair was taken by Dr. Eleazer Davies. The lecturer gave an excellent and interesting account of the land of Canaan.

Pulpit The pulpit at Carmel on Sunday was occupied by Mr. T. Jones, Aberaman, student at Brecon College.

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

Whist Drive The staff of the Fochriw Council School promoted a whist drive and dance at St. Mary's Institute on Friday night. A large number of invitations were sent out, and freely responded to. An excellent spread was provided, the tables being presided over by the teaching staff. Great interest was centred on the whist drive. A dance followed, in which a very large number took part. The music was provided by Mrs. Herbert, Pontlottyn. Mr. Ted Miskin was master of ceremonies. Miss Gertrude Williams and Miss S. A. Evans were the secretaries and Miss Minnie Morgan was the treasurer.

Entertainment Another of the popular entertainments was held at the Church Institute on Monday night, the chair being occupied by Mr. Chas. Payne. There was a good attendance, and the following contributed to the programme: song, Miss Nan Prosser; song, Master Jim Sheady; solo, Miss Maggie James; duet, Miss Katie Hill and friend; recitation, Miss Mary Watkins; song, Master Arthur Pritchard; recitation, Mr. J. W. Rees; recitation, Miss May James; open singing competition, "For ever with the Lord" - first prize divided between Mrs. M. Williams and Miss Mary Jane Angell; solo, Mr. Edward James; duet, Miss Lily May Rees and Miss Mafanwy Evans; recitation, Miss Mary Morgan; solo, Miss Ann Griffiths; recitation, Miss Laura Harries. Master O. Richards and Mr. W. J. Jones presided at the organ. The adjudicators were Messrs. W. J. Angel and Joseph Payne.

Preliminary Notice Chair Eisteddfod: Easter at Tuesday, April 13th, 1909: Chief Choral: "Efe a ddaw" (English of Welsh) T. Price; Juvenile Choirs: "Mark the Merry Elves" (Caldicott); Solos: £1.1s; Timbering & Splicing Competition; Recitations etc. Programmes 1d. each, by post 1½d, from the Secretary T. H. Llewellyn, 10, Martin-street, Fochriw.

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Pits Idle Both pits were idle on Thursday week owing to a shortage of wagons.

Scholastic Success Miss Bronwen Ballard has passed the preliminary certificate examination held at the Hengoed Pupils Teachers' Centre, in December last.

Noddfa Chapel The pulpit of the Baptist Chapel was occupied by the Rev. M. Lewis, Cwmsyfiog, on Sunday last. In the afternoon, in the presence of a very large congregation, the reverend gentleman baptised by immersion four young ladies.

Bible Society At a meeting held at Nazareth chapel on Monday evening, the Rev. Isaac Roderick in the chair, an excellent address was delivered by the Rev. J. Prys, Llanover, on the British and Foreign Bible Society and its work. The address was very interesting and much appreciated. The following collected last year for the Society: Misses M. M. Jones, Olwen Edwards, Elizabeth Evans, Margaret Ann Ballard, Edith Ann Williams, Mary Evans, Mary Rees, Mary Jane Davies, Mary Ann Lewis, and Catherine Jones.

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

Entertainment Another of the series of popular entertainments was held at the Church Institute on Monday night. There was a record attendance. The programme, which was of the very high standard, was contributed to by the following: song, Master Jim Sheady; song, Arthur Pritchard; song Miss Mary Tyler; song, Mr. W. J. Payne; song, Master Charlie Edwards. Then followed the open singing competition, the test piece being "O Come all Ye Faithful." The prize was secured by Miss Maggie Gough. There was also a dressing competition, which created much amusement. The successful competitors were Masters Albion Jones and Charlie Budd. The programme was brought to a close by a laughable sketch entitled "Who Died First?" The characters were sustained by the following: Mr. Jones, Mr. W. J. Payne, Mrs. Jones, Mr. Wat Williams, Mr. Smith, Mr. James Lawrence, Mrs. Smith, Miss S. A. Evans. Master Octavius Richards presided at the organ. The adjudicator was Mr. John Williams (Llew Brycheiniog).

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Nazareth Chapel The pulpit on Sunday he was occupied by Mr. Davies, student of Cardiff College. He preached inspiring sermons which were much appreciated.

Pits Idle Both pits were idle on Wednesday week and Saturday last, owing to a shortage of waggons.

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

Entertainment Another of the series of popular entertainments was held at the Church Institute on Monday night. A large number were present and the chair was taken by Mr. Charles Payne. The programme was as follows: speech, the chairman; song, Miss O. Helay; recitation, Miss Millie Baldwin; song, Miss N. Prosser; song, Master A. Pritchard; recitation, Mrs. James, song, Mrs. E. G. Williams; duet, Miss G. Gough and Miss M. Powell; song, Master J. Sheady; recitation Miss M. Cole; song, Miss Laura Harries; recitation, Miss C. Jones; song, Miss L. M. Rees; recitation, Miss M. Morgan; song, Miss Kendrick; recitation, Miss I. Davies; song, Master Kendrick; recitation, Miss M. Lewis; recitation, Master W. T. Williams; recitation, Miss Sarah Williams; recitation, Miss B. Watkins, Miss M. Morgan, Miss M. Evans. Master O. Richards was at the organ. The programme was brought to a close by a laughable sketch entitled "Wanted, a General Servant," in which the following took part: Miss Mabel Curtis, Miss Violet Curtis, Miss Lily Way, Miss S. A. Evans, Miss Nan Prosser, and Miss Mary Wellings.

From Fochriw to Merthyr: A Dear Outing Nellie Ford and William Lewis were charged with committing a robbery with violence on Saturday night. John Hughes of Fochriw said he came to Dowlais to draw his "pay" and afterwards came down to Merthyr. He went to Ynysgau and met the female prisoner and they went down the canal bank. The female prisoner took his purse from his pocket and took a sovereign from it. The male prisoner came up and struck witness blows on the mouth and eye. He knew the prisoner because he had "club feet." John Roberts of Fochriw said he accompanied the last witness to Merthyr and to the Patriot Inn. They afterwards went to the old works at Ynysfach. He did not see the alleged robbery. The woman denied the theft. She was discharged. Lewis was then charged with assaulting Hughes. He was sent to prison for two months.

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Entertainment Another popular entertainment was held at the Church Institute on Monday night. There was a record attendance. Mr. Charles Payne presided, and opened with a very interesting speech. The programme was as follows: whistling song, Master Arthur Pritchard; recitation, Miss Nan Prosser; lantern exhibition, Mr. J. E. Jones, Tirphil; recitation, Miss May James; "Curfew shall not ring tonight," illustrated very effectively on the lantern; song, Miss E. M. Sibley. The entertainment was brought to a close by a laughable sketch entitled "Grandmother's Ghost." The following took part: Miss S. A. Evans, Mr. Watkin Williams, Mr. James Lawrence, Mr. W. J. Payne. The large audience was convulsed with laughter. Master Octavius Richards was at the organ. Mr. Jones was heartily thanked for his lantern displays.

Cardiff Infirmary Following a public meeting some weeks ago, it was resolved that a house to house collection should be made throughout the village of Fochriw and district, including Pentwyn and Penybank. The inhabitants have responded well to the appeal, which shows a desire on their part to alleviate suffering humanity in their midst by contributing the sum of £15 18s, which sum has been forwarded, less expenses, to the Infirmary, as the only means of securing the constant supply of tickets admitting patients from Fochriw and District into the institution, where so many, young and old, have benefited to a very great extent in the past. The following were the collectors: Messrs, D. L. Jones, W. T. Jones, James Lawrence, S. Thomas, Peter Jones, Thomas Ballard, John Phillips, William Griffiths, Job Thomas, John A. Jones, E. Davies, James Williams, Daniel Evans, David Evans, Mrs. Daniel Rowlands, Mrs. Thomas Lewis. All deserve much praise for their labours. All applicants for tickets of

admittance from Fochriw and District are requested by the committee to apply through the secretary of the movement, Mr. Thomas Ballard, 6, Station Terrace, Fochriw, so that he may be able to call together the following Committee: Mr. George Thomas, chairman; Dr. Eleazer Davies; Rev. Isaac Roderick; Messrs. Charles Payne, Henry Williams, Henry Evans, Walter Walters, A. F. Evans, James Lawrence, William Thomas Jones, and Thomas Evans. The secretary and treasurer of this committee is Mr. Evan Evans.

Cantata Highly successful performances of the cantata "Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves," were given by the Fochriw Juveniles at the Council School on Friday and Saturday evenings last. As is usual with performances of this character, crowded audiences were attracted. A children's performance was also given on Saturday afternoon which, too, was well attended. The characters were successfully sustained by the following: Mr. Harry Hughes; Miss Mary Rees; Mr. W. Evans; Miss Jennie Edwards; Mr. Wat Williams; Mr. James Jones; Mr. John Davies; Master Howell Jones; Miss Gwennie Rees; Miss Lucy Davies. The several choruses were admirably rendered by the choir. The girls presented a brilliant spectacle in their pretty white dresses, and all the costumes were very appropriate. Great praise is due to Mr. W. J. Angel, conductor, also to Mrs. James Jones and Miss Elizabeth Evans who worked unceasingly for weeks in teaching and training the children and characters, for bringing the performances to such a successful issue. The music was furnished by Miss Lilian Williams, piano, Mr. Roderick Jones, organ, and Mr. Sydney Phillips, violin, all the playing being of a very high standard. Mr. Thomas Jones assisted by Mr. Charles, effectively carried out the duties of stage manager.

Pits Idle Both pits were idle on Saturday and Tuesday last owing to a shortage of waggons.

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

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Presentation to Mr. David James Thomas, Fochriw On Tuesday night there was a large gathering at Noddfa Baptist Vestry, when the Fochriw United Choir presented a set of eight bound volumes of oratorios to Mr. David James Thomas on the occasion of his leaving Fochriw to take up the conductorship of Salem Welsh Baptist Chapel Choir, Senghenydd, and of the Llanbradach Male Voice Party. The meeting was presided over by Mr. George Thomas. Mr. T. Shankland opened the proceedings with a fine rendering of "Gwlad y Delyn," after which the chairman said he was glad to see Mr. Thomas once more amongst them. He thought that Fochriw was backward in recognising its people. He was glad they recognised Mr. Thomas, not for what he had done, but for his talent in the musical world. He had left for Senghenydd and he hoped he would do his best there. He hoped he would give his whole spirit to the Church to which he had gone. The choir then gave an excellent rendering of "Magnifying, Glorify" (under the conductorship of Mr. Daniel Jenkins). Mr. T. G. Davies then sang "The Veteran," Mr. James Williams recited "Y Ffoadur," and Mr. David John Thomas gave an address. The choir gave a rendering of "Efe a Ddaw," after which Mr. Daniel Jenkins, conductor, presented Mr. Thomas with the books on behalf of the choir. Mr. Thomas, in responding, heartily thanked the choirs for their valuable present. He stated that his first choir was very small, consisting only of two, his father and mother. Then followed: duets and quartettes of children; children's choirs; and afterwards the Fochriw Made Voice Party. Mr. T. Walters, Mr. Thomas Llewellyn and Mr. Richard Evans then spoke, all wishing Mr. Thomas success in his new sphere. Mr. David James Thomas then gave a very amusing recitation, "Saeson yn Nghymru," after which Miss Elizabeth Jones sang "Speak on, speak on, sweet voices." The meeting was brought to a close by the choir rendering "We never will bow down." Miss Lilian Williams was the accompanist.

Coal Output in the Merthyr Union Returns were presented to the Merthyr Assessment Committee on Saturday showing the output of all rateable coal in the various parishes of the Union during the past year as compared with 1907. Returns show the following results: Merthyr - Large coal worked and raised in the parish, 1,789,787 tons - 61,215 increase; Small coal raised: 502,897 tons - 31,484 increase; Gelligaer: large coal worked and raised in the parish: 1,894,567 tons; small coal: 361,440 tons increase; Aberdare: 1,707,353 tons - 185,034 decrease; small coal: 586,879 tons - 59,774 decrease.

Carmel Chapel The pulpit was occupied on Sunday by Mr. J. A. Morgan, student of Carmarthen College.

Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at the Baptist Vestry on Thursday evening week. The meeting was opened in due form by the chief templar, Bro. Wm. Jones. After the business of the lodge had been transacted, an

excellent paper on "Young People and their Opportunities" was read by Brother Thomas Lewis. The following commented on the paper: Bros. Payne, Thomas Thomas, James Williams, William Griffiths and William Jones.

Soiree The annual soiree in connection with the Noddfa Branch of the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Society took place on Monday at the Baptist chapel. The tables were beautifully laid, and a rich spread was provided. The tables were presided over by the following gentleman: Messrs. G. Thomas, Ben Thomas, Lewis Thomas, William H. Jones, D. J. Williams., David Evans, S. Phillips, W. Henry Jones, Joshua Evans, Tom Evans, W. James Williams, J. P. Davies, and Sam Jones. The soiree was under the management of Mrs. Captain Edwards and Miss Lilian Williams. The carving was done by Mrs J. Evans and Miss Gertie Williams. After the tables had been cleared, an excellent concert was held, presided over by Mr. Albert Walters. After a song by Mr. John Evans, an excellent address on "St. David" was given by Mr. David Thomas. Selections were given on the gramophone, which was manipulated by Mr. Wm. H. Jones; and "englynyon" on "Dewi Sant" by Mrs. Captain Edwards. The Sunday School children were entertained to a good spread on Tuesday evening. Miss Lilian Williams presided at the piano.

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Pits Idle Bothe pits were idle on Tuesday last owing to a shortage of waggons.

Noddfa Chapel The half yearly preaching meetings in connection with the Chapel were held on Sunday. The pulpit was occupied by the Rev. Dan Davies, Fishguard, whose inspiring sermons were much appreciated by the large congregations. The singing was conducted by Mr. Thomas Evans, junior, and the organ was played by Miss Lilian Williams.

Women's Christian Association The weekly meeting of the Carmel Branch of the Women's Christian Association was held at the vestry on Tuesday night. There were a good number present. Mrs. Davies, Ifor House, presided. An excellent paper on "The Faithfulness of Daniel" was read by Miss Mary Ann Lewis, Pentwyn.

Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at the Baptist Vestry on Thursday evening week. The meeting was opened in due form by the Chief Templar, Brother William Jones. It was "Question Night," and a good many brothers and sisters took part.

Lecture A Welsh lecture, entitled "Cymeriadau Gwreiddiol fy Ngwlad " was given at the Baptist chapel on Monday night last by the Rev. Dan Davies, Fishguard. The chair was taken by Dr. Eleazer Davies, Ivor House. The reverend gentleman immediately warmed to his subject, which was brimful of interest from start to finish, and was thoroughly enjoyed by the large audience present, who were frequently convulsed with laughter. Rev. Isaac Roderick proposed a vote of thanks to the speaker, seconded by Mr. Rhys Jenkins.

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Noddfa Chapel The pulpit was occupied on Sunday by the Rev. J. Roberts, Abertysswg., was sermons were much appreciated.

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

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Pits Idle Both pits were idle on Saturday last owing to a shortage of waggons.

Bazaar The ladies of St. Mary Church are busily preparing for the bazaar which is to be held in Whitsun week.

Carmel Chapel: New Minister The Rev. D. Hughes Jones, Trecastle, has accepted an unanimous invitation to the pastorate of Carmel Congregational Chapel. Mr. Jones is expected to commence his ministry at Fochriw early in June.

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

Wedding: Way-Yeo A very pretty wedding was solemnised at St Tyfaelog's Parish Church, Pontlottyn, on Monday, by Rev. Thomas Rees, Vicar, assisted by the Rev. B. Glover, curate, the contracting parties being Miss Nellie Way, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Way, Aelybryn, and Mr. Albert Yeo, Fochriw. The bride wore a navy blue costume and white hat trimmed with orange blossoms, and was given away by her father. Miss Florrie Yeo, sister of the bridegroom, was the bridesmaid, and the duties of best man were carried out by Mr. George Yeo, brother of the bridegroom. Mr. James Way, brother, and Mr. Thomas Evans, grandfather of the bride, also attended the wedding.

The happy couple were deluged with rice and confetti on going to and coming from the Church, and received the hearty wishes for their happiness from a large circle of friends. They were the recipients of numerous presents. A large number of friends were entertained to a sumptuous feast at the bride's home. The happy couple left for their honeymoon by the afternoon train.

Soiree A very successful soiree was held at the Council School on Thursday evening week, promoted by St. John Ambulance Brigade, Fochriw Branch. The tables were beautifully laid and a rich spread was provided. The tables were presided over, and assistance rendered by the following: Mrs. Martha Griffiths, Miss Maggie Griffiths, Miss Elsie Griffiths, Miss Mary Ann Lewis, Mrs. Howell Thomas, Miss Maggie Walters, Miss Mary MacArthur, Mrs. John Lewis, Mrs. Elizabeth Jones, Miss S. E. Williams, Mrs. Jennet Davies, Miss Owen, Miss Hannah Jones, Miss N. May Jones, Mrs. D. W. Lewis, Miss Nellie May James, Mrs. D. J. Williams, Miss Maria Jones, Mrs. P. S. Williams, Miss M. A. Ballard, Miss Elizabeth Jones, Miss Lilian Williams, Miss M. J. Walters, Miss Anna Evans, Mrs. Stephen Barnard, Mrs. Edward Lewis, Mrs. John Evans, Mrs. Walters, Mrs. David Griffiths, Mrs. Griffiths (Brook-row), Miss S. Williams and Miss J. A. Jenkins. The following also rendered assistance: Messrs. Dan Jenkins, John Morgan, Harry Hughes, D. J. Evans, George Thomas, Tom Jones, Tom Evans, Howell Thomas, Joshua Evans, James Jones, John Williams, Thomas Jones, Tom Jenkins, Simon Cole, Crad Ballard, John Lewis, W. J. Ballard, and Austin Price. The secretarial duties were carried out by Mr. Edward Lewis, and Mr. Daniel Jenkins acted as treasurer.

“Merthyr Express” 10 April 1909

Chair Eisteddfod There are a record number of entries for the Chair Eisteddfod to be held on Easter Tuesday. Given a fine day, it will prove a great success.

Women's Christian Association The weekly meeting of the Association was held on Tuesday evening at Carmel, when an excellent paper on "Joseph" was read by Miss Ceridwen Thomas. Mrs. Davies presided.

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

Palm Sunday Memorial Service A service in memory of the departed was held at the Old Church, Pentwyn, on Sunday last, and was conducted by the Rev. W. Edwardes, curate of Fochriw, assisted by the Rev. B. Glover, curate of Newtown, and the Rev. Robert Jones, curate of Troedrhifwuch. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Thomas Rees, Vicar, from St John, chap. xii, v.12-13. **The reverend gentleman stated in the course of his sermon that the Churchyard was consecrated by Bishop Oliphant, and the first burial took place on January 13th, 1871. The first person buried there was Mr. Daniel Jones, Brithdir, aged 32 years, the solemn rite being performed by the Rev. Thomas Theophilus, now vicar of Tredegar. The total number buried in the graveyard was 1,192. All Christians should endeavour to keep the Church intact, if only for the sake of those near and dear, whose bodies lay sleeping in the graveyard close by, awaiting the glorious Resurrection.** A very large number of people visited the graveyard during the day, many of the graves being decorated with flowers.

“Merthyr Express” 17 April 1909

Fochriw Chair Eisteddfod: A Record Number of Entries: Some Keen Competitions In weather which was not all that could be desired - slight showers falling at intervals during the day - the second annual Chair Eisteddfod of the Fochriw district was held on Tuesday in the Brynteg Field, kindly lent by Mr. Robert Slimmons, Llwyn Iago Farm. Excellent preparations had been made for the event. Several test rooms were provided, and the timbering competitions took place in the field, the ambulance competitions in the Ambulance Hall, and the chief events in the large marquee. Ample preparations had been made for catering for the victors, St. Mary's Institute being set apart for that purpose. No detail, however trivial, had been overlooked.

The officials of the Eisteddfod were: conductor, Mr. Evan Evans, Fochriw; presidents, Dr. Eleazer Davies, and the Rev. T. Rees, vicar of Pontlottyn. Adjudicators: music - Mr. Joseph Bowen, Porth, and Mr. Wm. Jenkins, Penywern; literary - Rev. J. Jenkins, Cardiff; ambulance - Dr. S. C. Cresswell, Dowlais; timbering - Mr. W. Jones (Dowlais), Mr. Elias Jones (Rhydney), and Mr. T. Roberts (Fochriw); rope splicing - Mr. Morgan Thomas, Bedwellty, and Mr. Jacob Morgan, Bedwas; plain and art needlework - Mrs. (Dr.) Davies, Ivor House, Mr. T. Roberts, Martin-street, Mrs. James Williams, Brynawel, and Mrs. Roderick, Guest-street; accompanists - Miss Emily Morgan, School House, Mr. Roderick Jones, Station-terrace, and Mr. Tom Walters, Brynteg. The officers of the committee were:

General Committee - chairman, Rev. Isaac Roderick; vice-chairman and treasurer, Mr. Charles Payne, Railway Terrace; secretaries, Mr. T. H. Llewellyn, Martin-street, and Mr. Rhys Jenkins, Dynevor-street; assistant secretaries, Messrs. George Thomas and William Jones; sub-committees: musical – Mr. John Jones chairman and Mr. W. H. Jones, secretary; literary - Rev. Isaac Roderick, chairman and Mr. George Thomas, secretary; ambulance – Dr. Eleazer Davies; timbering and spicing – Mr. Thomas Roberts, senior, chairman and Mr. James Williams, secretary; sewing – Mrs. James Williams, chair lady, and Miss E. Jones, secretary; pavilion committee – Mr. Joseph Shankland, chairman.

Before the opening of the Eisteddfod, the officers and committee, headed by the Fochriw Brass Band, under the conductorship of Mr. William Powell, marched to the Pavilion, after which the band paraded the streets of the villages of Fochriw and Pentwyn, playing some lively marches en route.

Dr. Eleazer Davies, in the course of his address, said that he was there, on behalf of the committee, to thank, for the second time, each and every one for their support. There were nearly 100 entries in the vocal competitions, over 50 in the various recitations, and seven teams for the Ambulance competitions. The Eisteddfod held a respectable history, and had done well in the past, and he hoped it would do better in the future. Rev. Thomas Rees, spoke of the origins of eisteddfodau, and said that an eisteddfod reminded them of the antiquity of the Welsh nation. The Scots, Irish and Bretons had lost their language, but Wales had not; "eu hiaith a gadwant." May she long use her language.

Awards Englyn, "Y Lofa" - 17 entries: winners Mr. Richard Ingram, Bedlinog and Mr. Williams, Penrhiwceiber; Violin solo - 7 entries: winner Master D. Lloyd Roberts, Bargoed; Pianoforte solo, 12 and under, 13 entries: winner Miss Annie Mary Edwards, Bedlinog; Essay, "Should a woman have a vote?" - 5 entries: divided between Mrs. J. H. Jones, Blaenau Festiniog, and Mr. T. R. Davies, Pontlottyn; Boy's solo, 10 entries: winner Master Idris Thomas, Dowlais; Pianoforte solo, 16 and under, 15 entries: winner Master John Henry Beddoe, Pontlottyn; Essay, "Socialism in the Light of the New Testament" - 3 entries: prize divided between Mr. Griffiths, schoolmaster, Cardiff, and Rev. W. R. Roberts, Wesleyan minister, Bargoed; Girl's recitation, "Robin's Mistake" - winner Miss Sarah G. Jones, Deri; Tenor solo, "Bradwriaeth y Don" - 11 entries: winner Mr. Wm. Morris, Fochriw; Boy's recitation, "Ein Cyfle" - 7 entries: winner Master David E. Jones, Penywern. The Eisteddfod song - "Meddyliau Plentyn" - was rendered with much effect by Miss Elizabeth Jones, Bryn Morlais, Fochriw. Bass solo, "Y Banerwr" - 22 entries: winner Mr. Evan Bateman, Dowlais; Children's Choir, "Mark the Merry Elves" - prize £5 and silver medal to conductor - 2 choirs took the platform: Fochriw United Choir conducted by Mr. David John Thomas of Fochriw, and the Deri School Choir conducted by Miss Ceridwen Thomas, Station-terrace, Fochriw. The prize was awarded to Fochriw United Choir. Ambulance competition - 7 teams competed: first prize Bedlinog No. 1; second prize Fochriw; Recitation - "A Parable" - 9 entries: winner Miss Francis, Rhymney; Hand-made flannel shirt: winner Miss Beatrice Griffiths, Fochriw; Hand-made child's frock: divided between Miss Mattie Morgan, Merthyr, and Miss Jennie Jones, Aberdare; Best hand-knitted pair of stockings: winner Mrs. Evans, Bedlinog; Best hand-worked duchess set: winner Miss Maggie Davies, Fochriw; Best hand-worked fancy tray cloth; winner Miss Maggie Davies, Fochriw; Best dressed dolls: winner Miss Hilda Phillips, Fochriw; Best dressed doll in national costume: winner Mrs. E. Morgan, Tredegar; Contralto solo "For all eternity" - 11 entries: divided between Miss Ceridwen Thomas, Fochriw, and Miss G. Arthur, Newbridge; Girls solo "Songs in the Night" - 14 entries: winner Miss Maggie Williams, Penywern; Timbering competition - seven entries: 1st prize of £2 and a silver medal - Mr. Abraham Jones, Fochriw; 2nd prize £1 and a hatchet – Mr. David Lewis, Fochriw; 3rd prize 10/- and a hatchet – Mr. D. H. Lewis, Fochriw; Recitation "Harri Dafydd, Bwlchgarw" - 23 entries: winner Mr. J. Orton Jones, Ebbw Vale. Chief Choral "Efe a Ddaw" - 1st prize £20 and silver medal to successful conductor - 5 choirs took the stage - Fochriw United (Mr. Daniel Jenkins), Pontlottyn United (Mr. J. Evans), Bedlinog United (Mr. R. C. Powell, Dowlais Music Lovers (Mr. Evan Thomas), Rhymney Music Lovers (Mr. Wm. Price). The Rhymney choir was the winner, the adjudicator stating that "It was the nearest rendering to perfection that he had ever heard." Duett: "Bydd bur i Gymru fad" - 10 entries: winners Messrs. Tom James and Jas. Evans, Dowlais; Soprano solo- 9 entries: winner Mrs. Kate Williams (Llinos Gwalia), Rhymney; Awdl - prize of £3 3s and a handsome oak chair - 9 entries: winner Mr. T. Twynog Jeffreys. In Mr. Jeffreys absence, his son-in-law, Mr. David Jones, was chaired on his behalf. The Brass Band played "See the conquering hero comes." The chairing song was beautifully sung by Miss E. Jones, Brynmorlais.

St. Mary's Church A three-hours service was held at St Mary's Church on Good Friday, conducted by the Rev. William Edwardes, who also delivered addresses on the "Seven Words Spoken from the Cross," which were very inspiring, and much appreciated by the congregation. Master Octavius Richards was at the organ.

Noddfa Baptist Chapel A preaching festival was held at the chapel on Sunday, when students from Pontypridd Academy delivered appropriate and inspiring sermons to large and appreciative

congregations. The singing, which was of a high standard, was conducted by Mr. Thomas Evans, junior, with Miss Lilian Williams at the organ.

Foot Race A foot race took place on Easter Monday on the road between Fochriw and Pontlottyn, for £5 aside, the distance run being 120 yards, between John Daniel, Rhymney, and Reed of Pontlottyn. Daniel was the favourite. He obtained a slight advantage at the start, but Reed soon took the lead and won by the about five yards.

Burglary On Good Friday morning, between one o'clock and four o'clock, a burglary was committed on the premises of Mr. George Phillips, grocer. The burglars gained entry through a window. They proceeded to the shop, where they wrenched open the cash drawer in the counter, taking three shillings in silver and about two shillings in coppers. Evidently they were disturbed, for a few coppers were left behind in the drawer.

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

Soiree A soiree was held at the Council School on Thursday evening last, promoted by members of the Carmel Congregational Chapel. A capital spread was provided. The tables were presided over and assistance rendered by the following: Mrs. John Lewis, Mrs. D. J. James, Mrs. John Griffiths, Mrs. Catherine Phillips, Mrs. Ann Jones, Mrs. William Lewis, Mrs. D. Jones, Mrs. Jane Lewis, Mrs. H. Thomas, Miss Lucy Davies, Miss M. J. Jones, Miss M. Jones, Mrs. J. Cole, Miss Catherine Jones, Miss A. M. Jenkins, Mrs. John Jones, Miss Bessie Jones, Mrs. David Phillips, Mrs. John Evans, Mrs. Litt (grocer), Mrs. Griffiths, and Miss Elizabeth Jones, Messrs. Evan Evans, George Thomas, John Evans, Evan Williams, Samuel Lewis, John Lewis, D. W. Lewis, John Phillips, Tom Walters, Arthur Ballard, James Turner, and Tom Jones. The secretarial duties were carried out by Miss G. A. Jenkins, and Miss M. A. Ballard acted as treasurer.

"Merthyr Express" 24 April 1909

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

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Advert Clothing and Boots: T. Fine and Co., Pontlottyn The largest and most comprehensive stock of Clothing and Boots in Wales. Men's suits from 16s.11d. to 45s; Youth's suits from 12s.6d. to 26s.11d; well-tailored and well-fitting garments; always something new in Fancy Suits for little boys, at moderate prices.

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

St. Mary's Church The annual meeting in connection with this Church was held at the Institute on Monday night. The meeting was presided over by the Rev. Thomas Rees, Vicar, who was supported by the Rev. W. Edwardes, curate. The Vicar welcomed Mr. Edwardes to the district and hoped that he would remain with them for a long time to come. Mr. J. C. Payne read the statement of accounts, which showed a balance on the right side. The following sidesmen were elected by the people: Mr. F. R. Barker, Mr. David Jones, Mr. Williams Witton, and the curate elected as his sidesmen, Mr. William Davies (under manager), Mr. Wilson, and Mr. James Richards. The retiring sidesmen were heartily thanked by the vicar for their services, as were the superintendent (Mr. William Lewis), the teachers of the Sunday school, the organists - Miss Morgan and Master Richards - and all who worked for the Church. The question of lay representatives for the Diocesan Conference was brought on by the Vicar, and Messrs. J. C. Payne and F. R. Barker were appointed. Mr. Samuel Thomas spoke strongly on the question of the Government's Bill for the Disestablishment and Disendowment of the Church in Wales, and moved the following resolution: "That this meeting most strongly protests against the Government's Bill, and pledges itself to do all in its power to prevent the passing of such a measure." The resolution was seconded by Mr. James Richards, and carried unanimously. A vote of thanks to the vicar and curate concluded the meeting.

"Merthyr Express" 8 May 1909

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

Obituary The funeral of the late Mr. Richard Williams of Llwyn Iago Farm, took place on Tuesday afternoon. Deceased, who was 60 years of age, leaves a widow and a grown-up family. He had for some time worked on the farm for Mr. Robert Slimmons, at which place he died on Friday afternoon, after a very short illness. The interment took place at Pentwyn Churchyard, the officiating clergyman being the Rev. W. M. Edwardes, curate of Fochriw. The chief mourners were: Mrs. Williams, widow; Mr. John Williams and Mr. Thomas Williams, sons; Mr. David Thomas, son-in-law; Miss Margaret J. Thomas, grandchild.

Concert A juvenile concert was held at Carmel on Saturday promoted by the Fochriw Juvenile Choir, of which Mr. David John Thomas is the conductor. The accompanist was Miss Lilian Williams. Also contributing to the programme were Master Sydney Northcote, Bargoed, the boy pianist, winner at Llangollen National Eisteddfod and nine semi-national eisteddfodau; Master Trevor Watkins, (Eos Bach), Ystrad Rhondda, the boy soprano; and Masters D. Lloyd Roberts, Bargoed, violinist. The programme was as follows: pianoforte solo "Valse Elegante" - Miss Lilian Williams; Juvenile choir "We rock away on the billows gay;" violin solo "La Traviata" - Master Robertss; Juvenile choir "Awn i'r Gad;" Mozart pianoforte selection - Master Northcote, with "Edenia" (Albert Oswald) as an encore; solo "Y Gardotes Bach" Master Watkins, with "Mary" (Richardson) as an encore; Choir, the English glee "Maryland;" violin solo "Austrian Hymn" with "The Cuckoo" as an encore; Choir "The Heavenly Dove;" pianoforte selections from Beethoven, with "Con Amoro" as an encore; part song, "Carol Blodau'r Gwanwyn" - the Choir; soprano solo "Sing Sweet Bird" with "Clychau Aberdovey" as an encore; viloin solo "Chant Sans Paroles" (Tschaikowsky); Choir "Hail, Merry Playtime, Hail." Praise is due to Mr. Thomas who has worked so hard to bring the choir up to its present standard. The proceeds were in aid of the Fochriw Juvenile Choir.

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Carmel Chapel Students of the Pontypridd Collegiate occupied the pulpit on Sunday: morning – Mr. O. D. Jeffreys, Troedyrhiw; afternoon – Mr. E. Powell, Maesteg, and Mr. George Davies, Treorchy; evening – Mr. Jeffreys and Mr. Powell.

Fire On Thursday afternoon, a fire occurred at No. 5, Guest-street, the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Jones. The fire was caused by a piece of coal shooting out on to some clothes which were drying by the fire. Police Sergeant Williams was quickly on the spot, and the fire was soon extinguished, and luckily, no great damage was done.

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

Soiree and Dance A soiree and dance was held at the Church institute on Thursday evening week, promoted by the St. Mary's Sewing Class. The tables were beautifully laid and were presided over, and assistance rendered, by the following: Mrs. B. Angell, Mrs. Wellings, Mrs. Yeo, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. E. Prices, Mrs. Baldwin, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. White, Miss Morgan, Messrs. Ernest Price, Austen Price, and Albert Yeo. After tea, there was dancing. The M. C. was Mr. Phillips, Pontlottyn, with Mr. Prosser, Pontlottyn, at the piano. The secretarial duties were carried out Mr. H. C. Seabourne.

Social The technical class of art needlework conducted by Mrs. Roderick, held their annual social at Nazareth Chapel on Tuesday evening. There was a good attendance, and the tables were beautifully laid out, with the following ladies presiding: Mrs. P.S. Williams, Mrs. Maggie Davies, Mrs. Captain Edwards, Mrs. Catherine Thomas, Mrs. Davies, Miss Williams, Brynawel, Miss Lily Way, Miss Annie Davies, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Ballard, Mrs. Captain Jones, and Mrs. Evans. A splendid programme was gone through, when the following took part: recitation, Mr. Thomas; duet, Miss Katie Davies and Miss Doris Davies; short address, Mrs. Williams, Williams-row; recitation, Miss Doris Davies; solo, Miss M. A. Walters; short address, Miss Maggie Davies; solo, Miss Thomas. Bryntirion. A vote of thanks to all the workers concluded the evening.

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

"Merthyr Express" 29 May 1909

Orders for Printing to Mr. J. C. Payne, 7, Railway-terrace, the local representative of the "Merthyr Express."

Bazaar Great preparations are in progress for the bazaar which will be held at the Church Hall on Wednesday and Thursday in Whitsun week, in aid of St. Mary's Church building fund. Various amusements will be provided inside and out, and the articles, etc, will be sold at moderate prices.

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

Soiree The annual soiree of Nazareth Chapel was held at Council School on Tuesday. The tables were beautifully laid out, and there was a splendid spread. The following ladies presided at the tables: Mrs. T. Roberts, Mrs. Elias Davies, Mrs. Captain Jones, Mrs. Maggie Davis, Mrs. Ellen Davies, Miss Kate Lawrence, Mrs. Maggie Pugh, Miss Elizabeth Ann Parry. They were assisted by the following: Miss Mary Rees, Miss Mary Lawrence, Mrs. Edgar, Miss Maggie Slimmons, Miss Sophie Slimmons, Miss Katie Jones Davies, Miss Doris Davies, Miss Mary Jane Angell, Miss Jennie Jones, Mrs. J. M. Jones, Mrs. Evans (Williams-row), Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Budd, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Parry. The following gentleman rendered assistance: Messrs. John Lawrence, Tom Pugh, Rod Jones, Peter Jones, Elias Davies, James Lawrence.

"Merthyr Express" 5 June 1909

Big Pit Idle The Big Pit is idle owing to a dispute in the cutting prices of the Eled seam, about 560 men being affected.

Foot Race On Monday, on the road between Fochriw and Pontlottyn, a foot race took place between Neade and Butcher, both of Pontlottyn, over a distance of 120 yards. The stakes were £10 aside. Neade won by a yard.

Carmel Chapel: New Minister On Sunday, the Rev. D. Hughes Jones, Trecastle, commenced his ministry at Carmel Congregational Chapel. His sermons were very inspiring. Eleven members were received into the communion of the chapel.

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

"Merthyr Express" 12 June 1909

Work Resumed The 500 men employed at No. 1 Pit, who left work last week in consequence of a dispute, have resumed work. The difference between the men and the owners is now under consideration. Alderman Enoch Morell and Mr. Hubert Jenkins (miners' agent) who were appointed by the Executive Committee of the South Wales Federation of Miners at Cardiff recently to investigate the causes of the dispute between men and management at No. 1 Pit, paid a further visit to Dowlais on Monday with a view to affecting a settlement. The principal matter at issue concerned the cutting prices in the Eled seam, and notices to terminate contracts, handed in by the men, expired on 31st May, but tools were not brought up from the workings until Thursday last. In the meanwhile, improved terms were offered by Mr. Howell Jones, general colliery manager, but these were rejected. As the outcome of the protracted conference in the Oddfellows' Hall Assembly Room, Alderman Morrell and Mr. Jenkins prevailed upon the miners affected, over 500 in number, to reconsider the question. Ultimately, the resolution passed on 1st June was rescinded, and a deputation, with Councillor John Davies (miners' agent), was appointed to negotiate with Mr. Howell Jones, and an amicable settlement was arrived at. The night workmen resumed employment on Tuesday evening, and the day men on Wednesday as usual.

Gelligaer District Council: Water for Pentwyn and Fochriw The Rector announced that after long delays, the Rhymney and Aber Company had commenced life afresh, and were now carrying a main from the Merthyr waterworks to the joint reservoir No. 2, at the top of the Rhymney Valley, and had arranged for the filtration of this water, and had brought the main to Gellygaer village, and he was thankful to say, that after having waited 18 years, he now had an ample supply of pure water to his house. The company had also brought the main from the Merthyr waterworks to Fochriw, but he could not say whether the Company had completed its obligation in regard to Pentwyn. He had been told that the work was in progress. If they did not carry out their obligation to filter all the water, they were under penalty to pay £5 a day. Hopefully, a solution to the problems was near.

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

Interesting Wedding A pretty wedding was solemnised on Wednesday morning at Soar Congregational Chapel, Merthyr, the contracting parties being Miss Elizabeth Evans, assistant mistress at the Fochriw Infants' School, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Evans, Martin-street, and Mr. David Lewis, fruiterer, Brynteg. The bride, who was given away by her father, was dressed in a mole colour costume, and wore a cream Leghorn hat to match. She was attended by Miss Mary MacArthur, the bridegroom's niece, who was attired in a mole coloured costumes and wore a cream hat to match. Mr. Thomas Lewis, brother of the bridegroom, acted as best man. The wedding party also included Mr. David Isaac Evans and Master Tom J. Evans, brothers of the bride. The nuptial ceremony was performed by the Rev. David Hughes Jones, Carmel Chapel. The wedding breakfast was at the home of the bride's parents, and the newly married couple left by train for Aberystwyth where the honeymoon is being spent. A long list of valuable presents testifies to the esteem in which the parties are held by their numerous well-wishers.

“Merthyr Express” 19 June 1909

Bazaar The bazaar in aid of St Mary's Church Building Fund proved a great success. About £160 has been realised.

Will: Mr. Daniel Walters, Martin-street Mr. Daniel Walters, 15, Martin-street, repairer, who died on the 26th December last, left estate of the gross value of £1,228, £1,209 9s 2d net. Probate of his will, dated 29th March, 1899, has been granted to Mr. John Henry Jones, Dowlais, mining engineer, and Mr. William Jones, Dowlais, mechanical engineer. The testator left one third of his estate to the children of his son, Morgan Lancelot Walters, one third to his daughter, Elizabeth Jones, and one third to Windsor Jones.

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

Anniversary The annual preaching meetings in connection with Carmel Chapel commenced on Saturday evening, and continued over Sunday and Monday. Sermons were preached by the following: Saturday evening, the Rev. J. Dyfnallt Owen, Pontypridd, who also preached in Welsh on Sunday morning, as well as on Sunday afternoon, Sunday evening, and Monday morning; Monday evening, Prof. T. Lewis, Brecon, and Rev. D. A. Griffiths, Troedryhiw. The singing, which was of a very high standard, was conducted by Mr. David Davies (Pencerdd Morganwg), and the organist was Mr. Tom Walters, Brynteg.

Induction Service at Carmel On Monday afternoon, the induction took place of the Rev. David Hughes Jones to the pastorate of Carmel Chapel. The service was commenced by the Rev. E. Aman Jones, Merthyr Vale. The president was the Rev. John Thomas, Merthyr, who began with an address, after which Mr. R. D. Jenkins, the secretary, read letters from numerous ministers who were unable to attend. Mr. Jenkins gave the history of the call of Mr. Jones, after which Dr. Eleazer Davies and Mr. Evan Evans extended, on behalf of the Church, a hearty welcome to the new pastor. After the usual sign by the members and also by Mr. Jones, the induction prayer was offered by the Rev. H. A. Davies, Aberdare. Mr. Thomas Price and Mr. David Evans, Trecastle, and Mr. Gomer Jones, Mr. Philip George and Mr. John Davies, Cwmwysg, spoke of their great loss at the departure of Mr. Jones. The Rev. Isaac Roderick, minister of Nazareth, extended a hearty welcome on behalf of the inhabitants of Fochriw.

Wedding A pretty wedding was solemnised at Merthyr on Thursday, the contracting parties being Miss Rachel Cheeke, daughter of Mr. George Cheeke, Williams-row, and Mr. Thomas John Hopkins, son of Alderman Hopkins (ex-Mayor of Aberystwyth). The bride, who was given away by her father, looked charming in a navy blue costume with a cream hat to match. There were two bridesmaids: Miss Beatrice Evans, Dowlais, who was attired in a grey costume, with black crinoline hat, and Miss Hannah Cheeke, sister of the bride, who wore a mauve pinafore dress, and white hat trimmed with silk. Mr. Lewis of Merthyr acted as best man. Also present were Mr. David H. Cheeke and Mr. William G. Cheeke, brothers of the bride. The wedding breakfast was served at the home of the bride's father. The happy couple were the recipients of numerous presents.

“Merthyr Express” 26 June 1909

Scripture Examination Success The following children from Nazareth Chapel passed the Scripture Examination of the Calvinistic Methodist Connexion: Margaret Ann Jones, Maggie Davies, Gwennie Rees, Katie Jones Davies, Annie Maud Jones, Doris Davies, Sophie Ann Slimmons. There were 1,784 candidates from East Glamorgan sitting this examination. The majority of the Fochriw candidates

passed in the first Division, and one of them secured the eighth position on the list. They were trained by the Rev. Isaac Roderick.

“Merthyr Express” 3 July 1909

Scholastic Success Miss Bronwen Ballard has passed the preliminary certificate examination which was held in March 1909.

I.O.G.T Outing On Saturday, members of the Star of Fochriw Lodge and several friends, numbering in all about 50, had their annual outing, when they journeyed to Weston-super-Mare. The weather in the morning was not all that could be desired, rain falling at intervals. However, it was much better in the afternoon. Various places of interest at Weston were visited.

Presentation to Miss Lilian Williams A very interesting meeting in connection with the Fochriw Juvenile Choir was held at Noddfa vestry on Sunday evening. The object was to recognise in practical form the excellent services of their accompanist, Miss Lilian Williams, Brynawel. The meeting was presided over by Mr. Thomas Jones, Brynteg, chairman of the choir, who spoke very highly of Miss Williams and her services to the choir. An excellent programme of music, etc, was contributed to by members of the choir, after which Mr. David John Thomas, conductor of the choir, presented Miss Williams with a gold brooch on behalf of the choir and committee. Miss Williams heartily thanked them for the beautiful present.

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

“Merthyr Express” 10 July 1909

Cricket A cricket match was played on the mountain at Fochriw on Thursday evening week between Fochriw and Bedlinog. Fochriw won by eight wickets.

Pits The pits were idle on Thursday, Friday and Saturday owing to the dispute linked to the new Miners' Eight Hours Act. Work resumed on Monday.

Scholastic Success Miss Mabel Evans of the Farmer's Arms, Dowlais, has passed the preliminary certificate examination which was held in March 1909. Miss Evans is a teacher at the Fochriw Council School.

Treat On Thursday week, the children of Carmel, Nazareth and Noddfa Sunday Schools had their annual treat. The children of Carmel marched down to the Council School, where they were joined by the children of Nazareth Sunday school. They then proceeded, headed by the Fochriw Brass Band, to Noddfa Baptist Chapel, where they were joined by the children of that school. The scholars, who now numbered 600, then paraded the streets of the villages of Fochriw and Pentwyn, the band playing

lively march tunes en route. After the parade, the children returned to the vestries of their respective churches for tea. The tables were tastefully decorated, and there were many willing helpers. The children were then presented with toys, fruit, etc, after which they went to the mountain, where various games were played. The Band played lively music, and dancing was indulged in by a large number.

“Merthyr Express” 17 July 1909

County Council Vacancy A public meeting in support of the candidature of Mr. Edward Lewis, postmaster, Bargoed, for the seat on the Glamorgan County Council, rendered vacant by the death of the late Mr. Evan Thomas, was held at the Council School on Monday evening. On Tuesday evening, a meeting in support of Mr. W. D. Lloyd, Bargoed, was held at the same place. Both meetings were well attended, and were of an enthusiastic character. Both candidates gave interesting addresses.

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

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

“Merthyr Express” 24 July 1909

Gellygaer Urban District Council Tenders are hereby invited for the hire of a horse and man for conveying patients in the Council's Ambulance to the Isolation Hospital at Penybank, near Fochriw. Particulars and forms of tender can be obtained upon application to the Council's Surveyor, Mr. J. P. Jones, Council Offices, Hengoed.

The Pageant A good number of school children visited Cardiff on Wednesday to witness the Pageant.

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

Inquest On Tuesday evening, at the Rising Sun Inn, the coroner conducted an inquest on the body of Elizabeth Jones, the three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jones, Dynevor-street, who died on Thursday week as the result of burns received about a month ago. No one seemed to know how the accident occurred. The little child had only just left the house when she was found by some neighbours in the channel of the roadside with her close on fire. Dr. Davies was called and all was done that could be done for the little child, but without avail. A verdict of "Accidental Death" was returned. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Tuesday, and was well attended. The officiating minister was the Rev. D. Hughes Jones, minister of Carmel.

Sale of Property: Brynderwen, Fochriw To be sold by Public Auction by Mr. J. Forrester at the Rising Sun Inn on Wednesday, the 4th August, 1909, at 7:00p.m. All that leasehold Villa, messuage and premises known as "Brynderwen," Melindwr-place, Fochriw. The premises are held for a term of 90 years from the 25th March, 1901, at the yearly ground rent of £2 3s 11d., and are let upon a lunar monthly tenancy at the rental of £2 per month, the landlord paying rates. Messrs. Frank James and Sons, Solicitors, Merthyr.

“Merthyr Express” 31 July 1909

Church Parade The Fochriw Ambulance Brigade, under Mr. William J. Ballard, attended Nazareth Church on Sunday morning. The men presented a smart appearance. An appropriate sermon was preached by the Rev. Isaac Roderick.

Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at the Baptist Vestry on Thursday evening week, and Bro. William Jones presided. The following were elected officers for the coming quarter: Chief Templar, Bro. James Williams; vice-templar, Sis. B. Ballard; secretary, Sis. M. A. Lewis; financial secretary, Sis. C. Thomas; treasurer, Bro. T. Thomas; chaplain, Bro. William Jones; marshal, Sis. M. Rees; guard, Bro. T. Lewis; sentinel, Bro. William Griffiths; assistant secretary, Sis. E. Lewis; deputy marshal, Sis. M. Griffith. past chief Templar, Bro. William Jones. The following hold offices for the year: lodge deputy, Bro. Charles Payne; electoral secretary, Bro. Thomas Thomas; superintendent juvenile work, Bro. Thomas Lewis. The lodge was entertained by the Juvenile Temple. There was an open competition for singing and reciting. Ten competed, and the prize for the best recitation was secured by Sister Gwennie Gough.

“Merthyr Express” 7 August 1909

Cricket In the match with Pontlottyn played at Fochriw on Saturday, Fochriw scored 117. The main scorers for Fochriw were D. Evans - 31, R. Jones - 21, Dan Evans - 16, and Tom Jenkins - 15.

Shocking Pit Accident at Fochriw Early on Tuesday morning, at No. 1 Pit, a very serious accident happened to two pit repairers, John Powell, foreman, of Penywern, and William A. Evans, his assistant. The former was severely hurt, and the latter lost his life. The dead man was 36 years of age, and he leaves a widow and nine children, the eldest of whom is 17 years of age.

The inquest was held at the Clarence Hotel on Thursday by Mr. R. J. Rhys, coroner. John Powell, foreman pit repairer for the collieries, was called. He said that William Arthur Evans was working under him on the morning of Tuesday last, and was repairing water pipes in the shaft. They went down first at 6:30a.m. After being in the pit some time they came up, and went down again about 7:10a.m. The carriage they were working on was tied to the side of the pit, so that they could get near to the pipes they were repairing. He roped the carriage to the side, and it was a bit askew. They were trying to get a wire into the pipe when the cage was taken from them - up the pit. This broke the rope causing the carriage to swing. After going some distance, it caught in something, causing a jerk. Davies was struck by something and fell down the pit, whilst he fell on to the cage. John Llewellyn, spare hand and banksman for the day, said that he had banked scores of times off and on. After the men had gone down for the second time, in about 20 or 25 minutes, he had "two threes," and he passed on five to the engine man, which were the usual knocks. The knocks given him (the two threes) were only used by the repairers, and not the hitcher at the pit bottom. John Lewis, winding engine man, said that he let Powell and Evans down the pit. In about 15 minutes, he had a signal from the banksman to bring the men up - five knocks. In a very short time, a noise like thunder came, and he stopped his engine. Thomas Prosser, hitcher, and charge-man of machinery underground, said that he had heard the noise and saw the body of Evans come down the pit. Mr. John Vaughan, the mechanical engineer of the collieries, said that he thought that the deceased might have been struck by the down cage. Mr. J. H. Jones, deputy manager, explained the signalling system used in a colliery. John Powell was recalled for questioned as to the length of wire they has in use to put in the pipe and draw it, the Coroner thereby endeavouring to find out whether, by some means, the wire might have caused the knocks. Witness said that the wire was about 27 to 30 feet long, and with the exception of about 2 feet, which he had in his hand, was all in the pipe. The jury returned a verdict, "that William Arthur Evans met his death by falling down No. 1 Pit through an apparent error in signalling."

"Merthyr Express" 14 August 1909

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

"Merthyr Express" 28 August 1909

Luncheon and Parade On Saturday, the members of the Pentwyn Branch of the Bristol and West of England Benefit Society paraded the streets of the villages of Pentwyn and Fochriw, headed by the Pontlottyn Drum and Fife Band, who played lively march tunes en route. After the parade, an excellent cold luncheon was taken at the White Horse Inn, the headquarters of the club. Credit is due to the officials and members of the club who work so hard for its success, the club having grown rapidly since its formation a little over 12 months ago.

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

"Merthyr Express" 4 September 1909

Coal raised in the Parish of Gellygaer for Year Ending June 1909 Fochriw Pits: large coal (tons) 202,746; small coal (tons) 43,363; Tunnel Pits: large - 99,869; small - 21,275; Bedlinog Pits: large - 363,146; small - 58,315; Nantwen Pits: large - 30,053; small - 43,362 (bituminous)

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

Political Meeting On Saturday, a meeting under the auspices of the East Glamorgan Conservative and Unionist Association was held opposite the Constitutional Club, when Mr. Thomas Fielding, of Manchester, addressed a large audience on the Budget, touching upon petrol, tobacco, and spirit taxes, and also the taxation of land values. Several questions were put and answered. M. F. R. Barker, of Fochriw, presided.

Fochriw Teacher's Promotion Mr. E. H. Williams, the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Williams, Dynevor-street, has been appointed headmaster of All Saints' School, Child's Hill, London. He is only 30 years of age, and yet goes to his new sphere with a good record. He is an Associate of the College of the Preceptors, as well as being an Associate of the National College of Music, and in this respect he

shines, for the St. Paul's Schools, Mill Hill (where he has recently taught) were successful in carrying off the second prize at the last Middlesex and Herts. Musical Competition. His first appointment as an elementary teacher was at the school in his own home, then the Fochriw Board School; and since then he has been assistant in several schools under the London County Council. During his stay at Mill Hill, he has won the esteem of parents, scholars and managers, and was well liked in the neighbourhood.

Presentation The members of the Fochriw United Choir and a large number of friends, met at Noddfa Baptist Vestry on Tuesday when the choir presented Miss Lilian Williams with a silver flower stand and toast rack, as a token of their appreciation for her services as organist to the choir. The meeting was presided over by Mr. Richard Evans. The choir gave an excellent rendering of "Ebenezer," under the conductorship of Mr. Daniel Jenkins. Mr. James Williams then gave a recitation, after which Mr. Daniel Jenkins made the presentation. Miss Williams said she did not look so much at the value of the tokens, but the good feeling that prompted the giving of them. Mr. David Evans then gave a recitation, "Y Fodrwy Briodasol," and Miss Elizabeth Jones gave an excellent rendering of "A May Morning." A good rendering of "Efe a Ddaw" concluded the meeting.

"Merthyr Express" 11 September 1909

Political Meeting A public meeting was held at the Baptist Vestry on Monday evening, under the auspices of the Welsh National Liberal Council in support of the Budget. The chief speaker was Mr. J. Hartman Morgan, of the Eight Club, London. A resolution in favour of the Budget was proposed by Councillor Rhys D. Jenkins, and seconded by the Rev. Isaac Roderick, and carried unanimously. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the speaker, on the proposition of Dr. Eleazer Davies, seconded by Mr. Thomas Evans.

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

Scholastic Successes The following have been successful in passing the Central Welsh Board Examinations, held at Pengam: Senior: Master Willie Barker, Pleasant View; Junior: Masters Idris Jones, 9, Station Terrace, Masters Daniel and Howell Jones, 8, Station Terrace.

"Merthyr Express" 18 September 1909

Fatal Accident On Tuesday morning, a young man named Ernest Joyce, about 29 years of age, was killed by a fall of roof in the Red Coal Seam, No. 2 Pit, Fochriw. His body was conveyed to his lodgings, Council Houses, Penydarren.

Personal At a performance of Haydn "Spring" and Gaul's "Ruth," held at Jerusalem Chapel, Resolven, on Thursday last, Mr. T. G. Davies, Dynevor-street, (bass), and Miss Elizabeth Jones, Brynmorlais, (soprano), were greatly applauded for the excellent rendering of their different solos.

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

Funeral Amidst every manifestation of sorrow, the funeral of the late Mr. Robert Thomas, Williams-row, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday. The deceased passed away on Tuesday at the age of 75 years. He was an old inhabitant of the village, and was greatly respected by all. The Revs. Rhys D. Jenkins and Isaac Roderick, together with ministers from North Wales, officiated. The chief mourners were: Miss Ann Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. David Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. D. Evans, Mr. D. J. Thomas, Mr. L. Thomas, Misses Annie May, Ann, and Jane Thomas (grand children), Mr. and Mrs. W. Williams, Mr. J. Williams, Mrs. Michael, Mrs. S. Roberts (Dowlais), Mrs. Griffiths (Caeracca), Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Lewis, Mr. W. Lewis, Mr. Brinley Jones (Llanelly), Mrs. Samuels and Mr. T. Thomas (Rhymney), Mr. and Mrs. Walter Thomas (Cardiff), Mr. R. Williams (Abercanaid), Mrs. Carston (Troedyrhiw), Mrs. Jenkins (Hafod), Mrs. George (Bedlinog).

"Merthyr Express" 25 September 1909

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

Noddfa Chapel Preaching Services The annual preaching services were held on Sunday and Monday, and there were large congregations. The preachers were the Rev. E. Cynog Williams, Aberdare, and the Rev. T. J. Jones, Cardiff. The sermons were full of deep religious fervour and were highly appreciated. Miss Lilian Williams was at the organ, and Mr. Thomas Evans conducted the singing.

Obituary: Miss Ann Evans, Railway-terrace, aged 48 The death of Miss Ann Evans took place on Monday last, after a long illness, at the age of 48. Deceased was very popular in the village. She was a faithful member of Carmel Chapel, and was greatly respected by all. The greatest sympathy is expressed with the relatives, and especially Mr. Evan Evans, the deceased's brother. The funeral took place at Pant Cemetery on Thursday, Revs. D. Hughes Jones and Isaac Roderick officiating. The chief mourners were: Mr. Evan Evans; Mr. and Mrs. Evans, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Llewellyn (nephews and nieces); Mr. and Mrs. D. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. George, Penydarren, (cousins), and Miss Annie Evans (grand niece).

Hengoed Eisteddfod: Success for Juvenile Choir There was an excellent competition between Deri and Fochriw. The prize was awarded to Fochriw, conductor Mr. David John Thomas. Mr. Gabriel, the adjudicator, said this was a choir of excellent voices. The blend in certain parts was almost perfect, expression most effective, the attack clear and bright, and the whole choir under splendid control.

“Merthyr Express” 2 October 1909

Cork Club A Cork club has been started with the object of visiting Dublin in March 1910, to witness the Wales and Irish International Rugby Football match. It has a membership of about 50 young men.

Ambulance On Tuesday night, Major Jenkins, Chief Superintendent, Dowlais Ambulance, accompanied by Mr. A. Lucas, Superintendent Secretary, and Mr. Nicolas, Superintendent Treasurer, visited the Fochriw Ambulance Division at the Ambulance Hall. The members of the Division were in full uniform, and presented the smart appearance.

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

Presentation On Wednesday evening week, a large number of well-wishers congregated at Carmel Chapel to mark their good-will and high esteem in which they held Mrs. Wm. Lewis and her three children, on the occasion of their leaving the village for South Africa. The chairman, Rev. Hughes Jones, referred in feeling terms to Mrs. Lewis and family's departure, Mrs. Lewis having been a member of the chapel for many years. On behalf of the Church, he presented Mrs. Lewis with a Bible and her three children with a New Testament each. Addresses were also given by Mr. Rhys D. Jenkins, Mr. W. Ballard, Mr. Thomas Jenkins, Mr. D. Griffiths, Mrs. Dr. Davies, Mrs. David Jones and Miss Bronwen Ballard. Mrs. Lewis feelingly acknowledged the gifts. She was also the recipient of many presents from her numerous friends. Mr. Lewis left for South Africa some months ago, and on Monday, Mrs. Lewis and children left to join him. Large numbers of friends assembled at the station to give them a hearty send-off.

Sunday Trading A correspondent writes: "Sunday trading at Fochriw is increasing rapidly at present. It is generally admitted that the Sabbath ought to be kept as a day of rest, to better the highest faculties of every human being. A few years ago, no one thought of opening his shop on Sunday. There was a deep awe and reverence on every hand towards the sanctity of the Sabbath. It was a pleasure for anybody to spend a quiet day amongst the inhabitants of the place. Today, things have altered for the worse. There are no less than three shops open on the Lord's Day. It is quite natural for us to ask the question what is the cause of this desecration of the Sabbath? There is no doubt that these tradespeople are to be blamed: but, on the other hand, the greatest part of the blame is attached to a section of the inhabitants. Careless and indolent parents are slack enough to supply their children with coppers, and even encourage them to support Sunday trading, which is very damaging to the spirit of the young. This evil has reached such dimensions that something must be done to check it. If it is allowed to continue, the rising generation will be ruined. Every denomination in the place ought to unite against it."

“Merthyr Express” 9 October 1909

Musical Success Mr. Richard Davies has been successful in passing the elementary and intermediate certificates in the Tonic Sol-fa Examination recently held at Bargoed.

Dedication Service A dedication Service was held at St. Mary's Church on Thursday evening week, when the Rev. J. Evans, Brynmawr, preached an impressive sermon to a large and appreciative congregation. This service was conducted by Mr. Jukes, who is in charge of the church.

Collieries Idle Both pits were idle on Friday, Saturday, and Monday, owing to the non-unionist trouble. A large procession paraded the streets of the villages of Pentwyn and Fochriw on Friday night, and the houses of defaulters were visited, and the men persuaded to pay up their dues and join the Federation. Work was resumed by the night men on Monday night and by the day men on Tuesday.

Fire Brigade The fire brigade turned out for drill on Friday night.

St. Mary's Guild A well-attended meeting was held at the Church Institute on Monday evening, with the object of re-starting the Guild for the winter season. Mr. Jukes presided. The following were elected officers: president, the Rev. T. Rees, vicar; vice-presidents, Mr. Jukes, Mr. Charles Payne, Mr. Thomas Roberts, and Mr. Harry Evans; secretary, Mr. Harry Seabourne; treasurer, Mr. Wilson; committee, Messrs. William Davies, J. C. Payne, Frank Attwell, Ernest Price, Austin Price, W. J. Payne, William Sibley, John Wood, William Lewis, Josiah Richards, Percy Cumpstone, William Wilton, and F. R. Barker.

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

Fochriw Council School: New Headmaster Mr. J. D. Jones, who was recently appointed headmaster of the Fochriw Council School, in place of Mr. W. O. Morgan, who has retired after 37 years service, commenced his duties on Friday last. He is a gentleman well worthy of the office, and is greatly respected by all. He received his early education at a small country school near Llanwrda, and when nine years of age removed to Penydarren, Merthyr, and attended the Penydarren Boys' School, under the charge of Mr. John Lloyd. He left school after passing Standard VI. I. and went to work at Aberdare, in the well-known works of Messrs. Thomas and Williams, the makers of miners' lamps. He remained there for three years, but was not happy, so he determined to return to school as a pupil teacher. He was apprenticed at Abernant Boys' School for four years. He passed the Queen's Scholarship Examination in 1899, and proceeded to the University College, Reading, where two years were spent. He came out as a fully-fledged certificated teacher, and holder of the diploma of Associate of the University, with distinction in English and European History. He went back to Aberdare, and served under Mr. John Griffiths at Park Boys' School for two years. He left Aberdare for Brithdir in June 1903, and served under Mr. Samuel Davies, an old Fochriw boy, for over six years. He is the holder of several certificates in science and art. He has also conducted a successful certificate class for several years in the Rhymney Valley.

Obituary: Mrs. Elizabeth Evans, Iscoed We have to record the death of Mrs. Elizabeth Evans, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Price, Walters-street, Dowlais, who passed away rather unexpectedly on Wednesday morning week. She was able to go about until a week before her death. She was born at Llandoverly, fifty years ago, and came to Dowlais when very young. On leaving school, she entered the machine-room of Mr. Hilton's clog shop, and afterwards managed the Bush Bootshop for about twenty five years, leaving business to come to Fochriw. She was a faithful member of Caersalem Baptist Church, Dowlais, taking the greatest interest in its welfare, and especially the musical part, as she was a very good contralto singer. She took part in a great many of the old "penny readings" held at the different chapels at Dowlais. Mrs. Evans's first married Mr. Morgan T. Evans, fitter, who at the time of his decease was deacon and secretary of Caersalem Chapel. She afterwards married Mr. Thomas Evans, Fochriw, cousin of her first husband, and has resided at Fochriw since the marriage. The funeral took place on Monday, and despite the inclement weather, was well-attended, the deceased being greatly respected in the neighbourhood. A short service was conducted at the house by the Rev. J. B. Jones, Caersalem, Dowlais, after which the cortege left by special train for Pant, the place of internment. A large number of Dowlais sympathisers joined the procession from Pant Station to the Cemetery. The following hymns were sung en route: "St Garmon," ("Gwel uwchlaw cymylau amser") and "Babel," (Bydd myrdd o ryfeddodau"). A wreath was sent by the Fochriw Sewing Class of which she was a member. The service at the graveside was conducted by the Revs. T. B. Jones, Caersalem, Dowlais, and Isaac Roderick, Fochriw. The chief mourners were: Mr. Thomas Evans (husband); Miss May Price Evans, Miss Tydfil P. Evans, Mrs. Jenkin Thomas (daughters); Mr. Joshua Evans (son); Mr. Jenkin Thomas (son-in-law); Mr. John Price (brother); Mr. & Mrs. David Price, Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Price, Dowlais (brothers and sisters-in-law); Mr. B. Smith (brother-in-law); Mr. T. D. Morgan (cousin); Mr. Tom Williams (nephew).

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Carmel Chapel Harvest Thanksgiving services were held on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday last and were largely attended.

Lecture A very interesting lecture on "Life-saving in Mines" was given by Mr. H. Davies, director of mining instruction, at the Ambulance Hall on Monday evening. The lecturer was illustrated by lantern views, and was highly appreciated by the large audience. The chair was taken by Mr. Evan Evans.

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

Football An interesting football match was played on the Primrose Field on Tuesday by teams captained by William Payne and W. E. Jones. The former team won by three points, after a keenly contested struggle, W. Payne scoring a try just on the call of time. A collection was made for E. Jones, an old footballer, who is indisposed.

Political Meeting A well-attended open-air meeting, under the auspices of the East Glamorgan Conservative and Unionist Association took place opposite the Club on Wednesday evening. The chair was taken by Mr. F. R. Barker, and the meeting was addressed by Mr. Sam Longville and Mr. T. H. Gaskell (prospective Unionist candidate for East Glamorgan), who dealt very fully with the proposed land taxes and Tariff Reform.

St. Mary's Institute: Entertainment The first of a series of entertainments was given on Tuesday evening, when a large number were present. The chair was taken by Mr. Jukes. The following contributed to the programme: organ voluntary, Master Octavius Richards; song, Master James Sheady; solo, Miss Maggie Gough; solo, Mrs Blodwen Watkins; recitation, Miss Ceridwen Jones, solo, Mr. Lewis; recitation, Miss Maggie Morgan; comic song, Master Sheady; recitation, Miss Gwennie Gough. Prizes were given by Mr. Frank Attwell for the best rendering of "Abide with me." There were six competitors, the first prize being divided between the Misses Gwennie and Maggie Gough. Other items: recitation, Mrs. Irene Garratt; comical whistling song, Master Sheady; recitation, Master Richards; recitation, Miss Sarah J. Williams; song, Miss Mary Tyler. Miss Morgan and Master Richards presided at the organ.

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Noddfa Chapel: Pulpit and Invitation to New Minister The pulpit on Sunday was occupied by the Rev. Thomas, Jerusalem Chapel, Rhymney, whose inspiring sermons were much appreciated. At a well-attended meeting before the evening service, it was unanimously decided to invite Mr. Moses Young, late of Glasgow College, to become their pastor.

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

Entertainment Another of the series of entertainments was held at the Church Institute on Tuesday evening. There was a large and appreciative audience present, and the chair was taken by Mr. Charles Payne, who opened with an interesting address. The programme was as follows: organ voluntary, Master Richards; recitation, Master W. T. Williams; song, Master Jim Sheady; recitation, Miss Sarah Jane Williams; solo, Mr. Lewis Lewis; solo, Master Tom Mitchell; recitation, Master A. Way; song, C. Edwards; recitation, E. Davies; recitation, Miss Nan Prosser. There was a keenly contested singing competition. Ten competed on the test piece, "There's a friend for little children." Mr. John Williams was the adjudicator. The first prize was awarded to Miss Gwennie Gough, and the second prize to Miss Blodwen Watkins. There was a dressing competition for boys, in which a large number took part. The prize was secured by Master Albert Prosser. The entertainment was concluded with a laughable sketch entitled "Rooms to Let," the following taking part: Mr. James Lawrence, Mr. Wat Williams, Mr. William Payne.

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Nazareth Anniversary Services Anniversary services were held at Nazareth on Sunday and Monday. The preachers were the Revs. William Jones, Mozerah, and R. W. Davies, Rhymney. There were large congregations. Mr. Roderick Jones was at the organ, and Mr. William Morris conducted this singing.

Harvest Festival Harvest thanksgiving services were held at St. Mary's Church on Sunday, Monday, and Wednesday. The preachers were: Sunday morning, Mr. H. L. Jukes; Sunday evening, Rev. T. Rees, vicar; Monday evening, the Rev. J. George, vicar of Fleur-de-lis; Wednesday evening, the Rev. D. Davies, Vicar of Rhymney.

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

sentinel, Sister M. A. Lewis; assistant secretary, Sister A. Jones; treasurer, Brother Thomas Thomas; lodge deputy, Brother Charles Payne; superintendent juvenile work, Brother Thomas Lewis; electoral secretary, Brother Thomas Thomas.

Eisteddfod at Carmel An Eisteddfod was held at Carmel Chapel on Thursday week, and there was a large attendance. The officials were: president, Rev. D. Hughes Jones; conductor, Mr. Evan Evans; adjudicators - music, Mr. David John Thomas; literary, Mr. Thomas J. Jones, Penydarren; drawing, Mrs. Edith Cole Jones and Miss Elizabeth Jones; accompanist, Miss Lilian Williams. The secretarial duties were carried out by Mr. Evan Morgan Davies, Pentwyn; Mr. Thomas Lewis acted as treasurer. Awards: solo for girls 8 and under - Miss Ceridwen Thomas; solo for boys 8 and under - Master David Robert Jones, Pantywaun; recitation under 14 - Miss May Rowlands; free hand drawing (brushwork) - Master Tom Jones, Pentwyn; solo for girls under 14 - Miss Mary Jane Richards, Pantywaun; best letter from a prodigal to his old minister - Mr. David Morris, Pant; Solo for boys under 14 - Master Thomas Howell Jones, Fochriw; pianoforte solo under 14 - Miss Annie Evans, Fochriw; soprano solo "Y Deryn Pur" - the Miss R. Jones, Pontlottyn; tenor solo - Mr. William Edwards, Penywern; recitation - Mr. David Evans; bass solo - Mr. Crad Shankland; contralto solo - Miss Ceridwen Thomas; congregational hymn tune for those over 40 - Mr. Crad Shankland and Mr. John Evans; best verses of eight lines on "Brithdir Ucha Farm" - Mr. James Williams; mixed choir - "Sweet Songsters" conductor Mr. W H Jones.

Shooting Match A pigeon shooting match took place at Penybank on Monday between Mr. George Jones, Pontlottyn, and Mr. Samuel, Penybank Hotel, resulting in a win for the latter.

Carmel: New Light A new light has been installed in the chapel, which was used on Thursday evening week for the first time, and was highly satisfactory in every respect.

Poor Law Reform: Public Meeting at Dowlais A public meeting, convened by the Dowlais Free Church Council for the purpose of supporting the programme of the National Committee to promote the break-up of the Poor Law, was held last Thursday night at Bethania Congregational Chapel, Dowlais. Sir John Gorst was to have delivered an address on the Minority Report of the Poor Law Commission, but was unable to attend. Major Warden acted as substitute, and said that the position of the minority members of the Commission was that they should prevent people falling into the morass of destitution by controlling its chief causes. These were: neglected childhood, preventable sickness, the want of proper care for the feeble-minded and mentally defective, the need of due provision for the aged and infirm, and the absence of continuity of employment. The movement for the break-up of the poor law was growing fast: there were now 10,000 members of the national committee, and the number was increasing by 1,000 a week. The people were beginning to realise that the poor law could be tolerated no more. The chairman stated that a Welsh National Committee had been formed to promote the break-up of the Poor Law, and he appealed to those present to join.

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Soiree A successful soiree was held at the Baptist Vestry on Monday night, promoted by members of the Noddfa Sewing Class.

Obituary The funeral of Mr. Evan Prosser, Rees-row, Pentwyn, one of the victims of the Deri explosion, will take place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Friday.

Expression of Sympathy At Nazareth chapel on Sunday evening, a vote of condolence was passed with the widows, families and relatives of the victims of the Darran colliery explosion. This was done by the congregation silently standing for a few moments.

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

Gambling A correspondent writes complaining that gambling is taking place at the Fochriw Reading-room. "It is a great shame to allow such a bad habit as this to go on. The money does not change hands at the room, but it is put down on a piece of paper who wins. It ought to be stopped at once. One or two tables are sometimes occupied by card players. It is impossible for any body to have a little pleasure, and I think it's time to put a stop to it."

Entertainment Another of the series of popular entertainments was given at the Church Institute on Tuesday night. The chair was occupied by Mr. Charles Payne. An excellent programme was contributed to by the following: address, Rev. R. Jones, curate; organ voluntary, Master Richards; recitation, Miss Evelyn Davies; cornet solo, Mr. Austin Price; recitation, Miss Nan Prosser; dialogue, the Misses Gwennie and Maggie Gough, Maggie Morgan, Hannah Jones, Hannah L. Williams, Harriet Jones and Maria Jones. An excellent rendering of "Y Nant a'r Blodeuyn," was given by Misses G. Gough, M. Gough, M. Morgan, H. Jones, H. L. Williams and Nellie Jenkins. Twelve competitors entered in the basket trick competition, and Master Trefor Lewis secured the prize. Nine competed in

the singing competition - test piece "Jesu, lover of my Soul" - the first prize going to Miss Hannah Jones, and the second to Miss Gwennie Gough. Mr. John Williams adjudicated. Master Richards was at the organ.

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Musical Success Master John Elias Davies, Martin-street, has gained his elementary certificate, and Miss Martha Thomas the intermediate certificate of the Tonic Sol-fa College, London.

Appointments The Glamorgan Education Committee have appointed Mrs. Edith Cole Jones, headmistress of the Fochriw Infants' New School. Miss Elizabeth Jones has been appointed headmistress of the Pontlottyn Infants' School. She is now headmistress of the Bedlinog school.

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

Funeral: Mr. Evan Prosser The funeral of Mr. Evan Prosser, one of the victims of the Darran Colliery explosion, took place last Friday. Deceased was 65 years of age, and of a robust constitution. He came to the neighbourhood from Breconshire, 41 years ago, and worked at the old Cwm Level, near Darran. He kept Cwmllydrew Farm for twelve years. The service at the house was conducted by the Rev. D. Hughes Jones, after which the solemn cortege wended its way to Pentwyn Churchyard, joining the funerals of the five other victims of the explosion, who came from Deri, at the corner of Davies's-row. The procession now numbered about 2000 people. The service at the graveside was conducted by Rev. Jones, assisted by the Revs. Salmon (Pontlottyn), Jones (Bargoed), and Thomas (Deri). The chief mourners were: Mrs. Prosser; Mr. and Mrs. James Davies, Cwmllydrew Farm, nephew and niece; Mr. and Mrs. Sims, Bedlinog, nephew and niece; Mr. Evan Prosser, Aberdare, nephew; Mr. John Prosser, Bargoed, nephew; Mr. Thomas Griffiths, Builth, cousin; Mrs. Williams, Aberaman, cousin; and Miss Walters, Ffosyrhebog Farm, cousin.

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

Entertainment Another of the series of popular entertainments was given at the Church Institute on Tuesday last, with Mr. Charles Payne in the chair. The following contributed to the programme: recitation, Master Samuel Gough; song, Master Sheady; song, Miss Nan Prosser; recitation, Miss Maggie Gough; duet, Miss Mary Tyler and Miss Nan Prosser; recitation, Miss Gwennie Gough; song, Master W. White; song, Master T. Mitchell; song, Miss Maggie Gough; song, Master Sheady; song, Miss Mary Tyler. Eight competitors took the platform for the test piece "Jesus wants me for a sunbeam." The prize was awarded to Miss Maggie Gough. An interesting address was given by the Rev. R. James

Fochriw Reading-room A fortnight ago, a correspondent wrote making certain complaints respecting the Fochriw Reading-room. We have this week received the following letter from the correspondent (Mr. D. Evans, Moore's-row), a copy of which has been sent to the committee of the Reading room. "Sir - I beg to apologise for what came out in the "Merthyr Express" relating to gambling at the Reading-room. I am very sorry for what has happened in regard to the few remarks that came out, and hope that you will take my apology in the best manner possible. I am very sorry for being so rash, not thinking that it would cause such a commotion in the village. I have written an apology to the committee." We are sorry that the insertion of the letter referred to has caused annoyance to the committee. We published it in good faith, believing that it would serve a useful purpose. We are glad to learn that the Reading-room is well conducted, and is greatly appreciated by the residents of Fochriw.

Fatal Accident at No. 2 Pit A fatal accident befell Mr. John Cole, 4, Brynteg-terrace, on Tuesday last, at about half past one. He was engaged as a fireman in Clarke's Level, West Side, No. 2 Pit. He was called to the return airway near the top of the thirteen heading to examine the roof, and whilst passing under the defective part, a heavy stone from the roof fell on him, killing him instantly. Deceased was a married man. An inquest was held at the Rising Sun Inn on Wednesday afternoon by the district coroner. Mr. Charles Payne was appointed foreman of the jury. Mr. Simon Cole gave evidence of identification, and stated that the deceased was 43 years of age, and had been fireman for eight or nine years, and a timberman before that. Edward Willams, Fochriw, who was an employee in the airway,

said he was near the deceased when he met his death. He (Williams) was drawing out old timber, and failing to get out an old collar. He tried to use the Sylvester to draw up the collar, but the chain was too short. He then tried to get it out by prizing it up with a 9ft stick, but failed. Deceased then arrived, in response to his call. He stood on the top of the fall that occurred a fortnight ago. Witness warned him to keep back, as the top was working, and he did so for a few minutes, until he thought it was safe to pass. As he was passing over to the witness, a collar sprang off an arm, and the roof fell on him, killing him instantly. Joseph Thomas, repairer, Fochriw, said he thought that about three tram loads of rubbish had fallen, mostly on the deceased. The jury returned a verdict of "Accidental Death."

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Literary Society At a meeting held at Carmel vestry on Wednesday evening, an excellent lecture was given by the Rev. J. J. Williams, Pentre, on "Williams Pantycelyn." Rev. D. Hughes Jones presided.

Entertainment Another of the series of popular entertainments was held at the Church Institute on Tuesday night, with Mr. Charles Payne in the chair. The following contributed to the programme: organ voluntary, Master Richards; songs, Master Shedy, Miss Maggie Gough and Miss Nan Prosser; recitations, Master Charlie Edwards Miss Mafanwy Evans, Master Tom Mitchell and Miss Lorna Harris; cornet solo, Mr. Austin Price; solo, Miss Mary Tyler. There were four competitors in the singing competition, the prize being awarded to Miss Gwennie Gough. An interesting sketch was played, entitled "Mr Smith dresses for a Party." The following took part: Messrs. Wm. Thomas, Wm. Curtis, Percy Pike, and the Misses Lily Way, Nan Prosser, A. M. Sibley, M. H. Evans, and V. Curtis. Mr. John Williams adjudicated the singing. Master Richards was at the organ.

The Budget A public meeting under the auspices of the Welsh National Liberal Council, in support of the Budget and Social Reform was held on Monday evening at Carmel Chapel. The speaker was Mr. Edgar R. Jones, Liberal lecturer, of Wattstown, and the chair was taken by Dr. Eleazer Davies. Mr. Jones, who met with a hearty reception, immediately warmed to his subject, and gave a clear explanation of the budget in all its points. He stated that it was a different budget to any other because it was a Welshman's budget, and he doubted if any other than a Welshman could have brought out such a budget. It was the money for the pensions that made the present budget necessary, and that was why the Lords wished to throw it out. Mr. Lloyd George had gone fishing for money in entirely new waters, and he expected to land some very fine fish. He hoped they would all be loyal and support the budget.

The following resolution was moved by the Rev. Isaac Roderick, seconded by the Mr. Rhys Jenkins, and carried unanimously: "That this meeting is of the opinion that in view of the action of the House of Lords in challenging the rights of the House of Commons to control the financial business of the country, the Government, in the event of an appeal to the electorate, should give the country the opportunity of recording its judgment upon the desirability of abolishing the hereditary chamber. We also call upon the workers of the United Kingdom to demand that the will of the people shall prevail over the autocratic action of the House of Lords which is always hostile and obstructive to measures of social reform and progress." A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the speaker on the motion of Mr. William Walters, seconded by Mr. Evan Morgan Davies, who supported by Mr. Evan Evans.

The Late Mr. John Cole, Brynteg-terrace The funeral of Mr. John Cole, who was killed on Tuesday week at No. 2 Pit, took place on Saturday last, the place of internment being Pentwyn Churchyard. The deceased was the son of the late Mr. James Cole, who was an overman at the No. 2 Pit for very many years, and Mrs. Cole, Bryngoleu Villa, Fochriw. Deceased was a fireman for the last nine years, and was very popular with masters and men. He was a faithful member of Carmel Chapel, which he had attended since childhood. He was a member of the Sunday school, and had for many years performed the duties of Superintendent. He was a valued member of the chapel choir. He was secretary of the Fochriw Juvenile Choir. He was 43 years of age, and leaves a widow. The Rev. D. Hughes Jones conducted a short service in the house prior to the removal of the body, after which the Children's Choir gave an effective rendering of "Oes, mae lle gwag" before leaving the house. The solemn cortege then wended its way to Carmel chapel, the choir singing and as they went "Daeth yr awr im' ddianc adre" to the tune of "Lausanne," and after the service, to Pentwyn. The scene at the graveside was a very pathetic one. The funeral was one of the largest seen from the village. The chief mourners were: Mrs. Cole, widow; Miss A. M. Jenkins, adopted daughter; Mrs. Sarah Cole, mother; Mrs. Edith Cole Jones, sister; Mr. and Mrs. Simon Cole, brother and sister-in-law; Mr. David Cole, brother; Mr. and Mrs. William Cole, brother and sister-in-law; Mr. Thomas Jones, brother-in-law; Mr. Henry Jones and Mr. William Jones, brothers in-law; Miss Catherine Jones, sister-in-law; Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Evans, brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Dowlais; Masters John Cole, James Cole, George Cole, and --- - Jenkins, nephews; Misses Hannah Jones, Sarah Jones, Mafanwy Cole, Sarah Cole, nieces; Mr. Simon Thomas, Mr. William Thomas, and Miss Mary Thomas, Cwmdare, cousins; Mrs. Gwynne and Mrs. Williams, Treorchy, cousins. There were floral tributes from the Fochriw Juvenile Choir and Fochriw Glee Party, as well as from the family.

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Noddfa Chapel Mr. Moses Solvar Young, of Glasgow College, visited the chapel on Thursday evening week, and accepted a unanimous invitation to become pastor. He officiated at the Church on Sunday, and preached two impressive sermons, which were highly appreciated. He also preached an inspiring English sermon at Siloh Baptist Church on Sunday afternoon.

Carmel Chapel The meeting of the Literary Society was held at Carmel vestry on Wednesday evening, when the subject for discussion was "Should the Church have a Written Creed?" Mr. Thomas Lewis took the affirmative and Mr. George Thomas the negative. Both papers were well read. A discussion followed. The Rev. D. Hughes Jones presided.

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

The Budget A well-attended meeting was held at the Council School on Thursday evening week, when the Rev. D. J. Rees, Bridgend, delivered an address on the political crisis, the budget, and the House of Lords, from a working man's point of view. An address was also delivered by Mr. John Davies, miners' agent, on the outlook in the coalfield. Mr. William Walters proposed a vote of thanks to the speakers, seconded by Mr. E. M. Davies. Mr. George Thomas presided.

Entertainment Another of the series of popular entertainments was held at the Church Institute on Tuesday night, Mr. Charles Payne presiding. There were a good number present and an excellent programme was contributed to by the following: gramophone selections, Mr. D. H. Cheeke; organ voluntary, Master O. Richards; songs, Master Sheady, Miss M. Gough, Miss M. Tyler, Master A. Prosser, Masters J. H. Evans, Masters C. Edwards; recitations, Miss Sarah J. Williams, Miss Blodwen Watkins, Master J. Cole, Master Willie White. Five competed for the prize for the best rendering of "Through the day Thy love has spared us," and the prize was secured by Miss Maggie Gough. Mr. John Wood adjudicated. An interesting dialogue was given by Messrs. Percy Pike and William Curtis, and the entertainment concluded with a laughable sketch "Raffles, the Doctor's Assistant." The characters were sustained by Messrs. Wat Williams, William Payne, James Lawrence, Percy Pike, William Curtis, and Miss S. A. Evans.

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St. Mary's Church: Confirmation Twelve candidates from St. Mary's Church were confirmed at the Parish Church, Pontlottyn, on Wednesday evening week, by the Lord Bishop of Llandaff.

Overwinding A case of overwinding occurred at the Big Pit of Messrs G.K.N. Ltd., about 2a.m. on Tuesday. Much damage was done to the cage and pithead. As a result, the colliers were idle on Tuesday and Wednesday. Luckily no one was injured.

Storm A regular tornado of wind and rain passed over the district on Thursday night doing damage to some of the buildings. Slates were blown off the Council School, some troughing was blown from the roof of the shop of Coun. John Jones, and several tiles were blown from the roof of St. Mary's Church.

Church Parade The Pontlottyn Church Lads Brigade, headed by the Pontlottyn Brass Band, attended St. Mary's Church on Sunday morning, the band playing appropriate music en route. An appropriate sermon was preached by the Reverend Robert Jones, curate-in-charge. Master Octavius Richards was at the organ.

Carmel Chapel The half-yearly preaching meetings were held on Sunday and Monday, when inspiring sermons were delivered by the Rev. J. Thomas, Merthyr, and the Rev. Avon Thomas, Onllwyn. There were very large congregations. The singing was of a very high standard, and was conducted by Mr. David Davies, with Mr. W. J. Angel at the organ.

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

Carmel Chapel The weekly meeting of the Carmel Literary and Mutual Improvement Society was held at the vestry on Wednesday evening week, and there were a good number present. The opening solo was rendered by Miss Mary A. Walters, accompanied on the pianoforte by Miss Ceridwen Thomas. Two very interesting papers were read on the "Life of Dr. Parry" by Mr. David Davies, and on "Oliver Cromwell," by Mr. Thomas Thomas. The following took part in the discussion: Rev. D. Hughes Jones, Messrs. Rhys D. Jenkins, David John Thomas, and Thomas Lewis. A recitation was given by Miss Sarah J. Williams. A trio was rendered in fine style by Miss Judith A. Jenkins, Mr. Daniel Jenkins, and Mr. David John Thomas. The Rev. D. Hughes Jones presided.

Entertainment Another of the series of popular entertainments was held at the Church Institute on Tuesday night, Mr. Charles Payne presiding. There were a good number present. The programme was as follows: address, the chairman; organ voluntary, Master Richards; solos, Misses Blodwen Watkins, Maggie Gough, Mary Watkins, Nan Prosser, Hannah Jones, Masters Jim Sheady, Charlie Edwards, Joseph H. Evans, Willie White, Walter Poole, Rees L. Gwynne; recitations, Misses Ruth Griffiths, Gwennie Gough, Olive Healy; duets, Miss Nan Prosser and Miss Nan Jones, Masters Walter Poole and Rees Gwynne; dialogue, Messrs. Percy Pike, Austin Price, and William J. Jones. Six competed for the prize for the best rendering on "Trust and Obey," and the prize was secured by Miss L. May Evans. Mr. John Williams adjudicated, and Master Richards presided at the organ.

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Noddfa Baptist Church: Ordination of New Pastor Services in connection with the ordination of Mr. M. S. Young, Glasgow Bible Training College, were held on Sunday and Monday. The officiating ministers were Rev. D. P. Evans, Merthyr Vale, (of which Church Mr. Young was formerly a faithful member, and from which Church he left for training for the ministry), and the Rev. J. L. Jones, Glynceriog, North Wales, who knew Mr. Young from childhood. Other ministers who took part were Rev. D. Hughes Jones, Carme; Rev Isaac Roderick, Nazareth; the Rev. M. P. Evans, Abertridwr; and Mr. T. J. Hughes, Cardiff Baptist College. The ordination service took place at 2:00p.m. on Monday. The Rev. D. P. Evans spoke of the sterling character of Mr. Young, and of the excellent services he had rendered at Merthyr Vale. He had every confidence that Mr. Young was fully qualified for the vocation of Minister of the gospel, and he prophesied a bright future for the young pastor. The Rev. J. L. Jones asked the questions usually put to young ministers, which were very ably answered by Mr. Young in short pointed sentences. Then, the Rev. Evans offered the Dedication Prayer.

Mr. E. E. George, grocer, Merthyr Vale, presented Mr. Young with two volumes of Hasting's Dictionary of the Gospels on behalf of Calvaria Chapel, Merthyr Vale. Mr. Young, in endeavouring to reply, had to resume his seat without uttering a word, being overcome by emotion. Highly complimentary speeches from Mr. G. Evans, secretary of Calvaria, and Mr. Isaac Evans, senior deacon of the same chapel, followed. Mr. David Owen, Merthyr Vale then presented Mr. Young with a volume of Dr. Pope's Works on Theology.

Mr. Thomas Evans, Iscoed, on behalf of Noddfa church, presented the call formally to Mr. Young. Mr. Young, in reply, said he accepted the call gladly but prayerfully, and with every confidence that he had done what was best, though he had received other invitations. He came to work, not to seek enjoyment in intellectual ease and social comfort. He came to do the best for others, not to thrust his opinions upon them, but to speak the truth in love. The keynote of his life was service and love.

Sergt. Williams, on behalf of the church, then presented Mr. Young with a number of volumes: Garvie's "Inner Life of Christ;" Smith's "The Days of His Flesh;" Prof. J. Orr's "Christian View of God and the World;" Denney's "Jesus and the Gospel;" Smith's "On Isaiah and the Minor Prophets;" Bruce's "Parabolic Teaching;" Forsyth's "Positive Preaching;" Forrest's "Christ of History and Experience;" Westcott's "Gospel of John;" Clarke's "Outline of Theology;" Steven's "New Testament Theology;" Walker's "Gospel of Reconciliation;" Dale's "Christian Doctrine;" Fairburn's "Religion in History;" and Blake's "Guide to Biblical Study." Mr. Young returned thanks for the welcome given him and the gifts presented to him at the commencement of what he hoped to be a fruitful and happy union. Mr. C. Joshua, Cardiff, and Rev. M. P. Evans, Abertridwr, fellow students at Glasgow, spoke of Mr. Young's ability as a preacher, his success as a student, and wished him every success in his new sphere. Revs. D. Hughes Jones and Isaac Roderick welcomed Mr. Young to Fochriw as a co-worker in the extension of the Kingdom of God.

The Church was well packed in the evening, and the eager congregation listened avidly to the inspiring addresses delivered by Revs. Evans and Jones, after which there followed a series of meetings, highly spiritual in tone, which were inspiring and invigorating to the Churches of Fochriw, and encouraging to the young pastor.

Sale of Dwelling-houses at Davies's-row, Pentwyn On Monday evening, at the Mount Pleasant Inn, Fochriw, Mr. J. Lloyd Atkins offered by public auction all those dwelling houses, stables and premises known as Nos. 1, 2, 3, 7 (stables at rear), and 8, Davies's-row, Pentwyn, now in the occupation of monthly tenants at rentals amounting yearly to £53 17s. The premises are held for a term of 99 years from the 1st day of May, 1868, subject to an apportioned yearly ground rent of £1 8s 3d. The property was purchased in one lot for £315 by Mr. J. Davies, Pontlottyn. Messrs. Thomas and Davies, Merthyr, were the solicitors.

Dear Coal Joseph Williams, Fochriw, was charged at Merthyr last Friday, with stealing coal, value 2d., the property of Messrs G.K.N. Ltd., and was fined 10 shillings.

Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at the Baptist Vestry on Thursday evening week, Bro. Wm. Jones presiding.

"Temperance Cuttings" was the programme for the evening, the following taking part: Brothers Sam Lewis, Thomas Thomas, William Jones, Charles Payne, and Sister C. Thomas.

Lecture A lecture was given at Carmel Chapel on Thursday evening week, by Miss Eiluned Morgan, Cardiff, late of Patagonia, on "Cerryg Milldir" - milestones. The lecture was brim full of interest, the talented lady keeping the large audience in rapt attention from start to finish. The chair was taken by Dr. Eleazer Davies.

In Memoriam A service was held at Carmel chapel on Sunday evening last in memory of the late Mr. John Cole who was killed a few weeks ago. The Rev. D. Hughes Jones preached an appropriate sermon on "In my Father's House are many Mansions." The Juvenile Choir sang.

Carmel Literary and Mutual Improvement Society The weekly meeting of the society was held at Carmel vestry on Wednesday evening week, and was presided over by the Rev. D. Hughes Jones. A good number were present. Two very interesting papers were read on "Are we too fond of sports?" The affirmative was taken by Mr. Tom Walters, and the negative by Mr. Arthur Ballard. The readers advanced very strong arguments, and in the discussion, the following took part: the chairman, Messrs. T. H. Llewellyn, James Williams, G. Thomas, Rees Rees, David Lewis Jones, Rhys D. Jenkins, and Evan Evans. A recitation on "The Effects of Wine," was given by Miss Ceridwen Davies, Pentwyn. An excellent rendering of "The Star of Bethlehem," given by Miss Ceridwen Thomas, brought an enjoyable evening to a close.

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Nurse Thomas Nurse Thomas has passed the C.M.B. Examination, recently held in London.

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

Carmel Literary and Mutual Improvement Society The weekly meeting of the society was held at Carmel vestry on Wednesday evening week, and was presided over by the Rev. D. Hughes Jones. A good number were present. Interesting papers were read on "The Human Hand," by Mr. W. J. Ballard, and on "Telepathy," by Mr. James Williams, Pentwyn. Both papers were very much appreciated by all present. The following spoke on the subjects: Messrs. Thomas Lewis, George Thomas, Evan Morgan Davies, Mrs. Edith Cole Jones, the chairman, and some further remarks by Mr. James Williams. A solo, in fine style, from Miss Ann Griffiths brought the evening to a close.

Noddfa Chapel On Sunday morning at the Baptist Church, a memorable ceremony was performed, when scholars were baptised by the new pastor, the Rev. M. S. Young. The scene was peculiarly inspiring, as the candidates were all young ladies. The reverend gentleman did his work excellently to the satisfaction of the very large congregation, who had come together to witness the impressive ceremony. Rev. Young preached an appropriate and inspiring sermon.

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