

"Merthyr Express" 7 January 1911

Orders for Printing of every description may be left with Mr. J. C. Payne, 7, Railway-terrace, the local representative of the 'Merthyr Express.'

Soiree A successful soiree and sale of work, promoted by members of the Noddfa Baptist Chapel, took place at the Council Schools on Monday night. There was a large attendance. An excellent spread had been provided, to which ample justice was done by all. The stallholders were: Mrs. Phillips, Mrs. Price, Mrs. Captain Edwards and Mrs. James Williams. The 'hoop-la' was managed by Messrs. D. Thomas and J. Williams. The superintendents were Messrs. G. Thomas and Wm. H. Jones.

New Year's Tree The children of Nazareth C.M. had their New Year's Tree on Monday evening, when all thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The tree was beautifully decorated with handsome toys and other precious gifts, which were presented to the children at the close of the meeting. The Rev. Isaac Roderick, in speaking to the children about the New Year's Tree, made some touching references to the 'Tree of Life.' Mrs. Capt. Jones gave an instructive address to the children. Credit is due to the following ladies for their labour of love: Mrs. I. Roderick, Mrs. T. Roberts, Mrs. Maggie Davies, and to Mrs. J. Jones, Central Stores, for supplying the children with oranges.

Memorial Service: Mr. Evan Evans, Railway-terrace A service in memory of Mr. Evans was held at Carmel on Sunday evening. the pulpit was occupied by Rev. D. Hughes Jones, pastor, who took his text from Hebrews xi. 40, and xii. 1. The 'Dead March' (in Saul) was played in most effective style by the organist Mr. Thomas Walters, Brynteg. Mr. David Davies conducted the singing.

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

Entertainment A very successful entertainment was held at Pentwyn Church Vestry on Thursday evening week, Mr. John Wood presiding. There was an excellent programme contributed to by the following; solo 'Thora' - Mr. J. C. Payne; solo 'Come to the Saviour' - Miss Mary Tyler; recitation 'The Village Blacksmith' - Miss Ivy

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Dowlais Juniors Win at Fochriw The two teams met at Fochriw on Saturday. Just one goal was scored, and that by the visitors. The second half was played in semi-darkness.

Carmel Literary and Mutual Improvement Society The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Wednesday evening last, when a very large number attended to listen to excellent papers on 'John Milton' by Miss Hannah Evans, and 'Senedd Ymhoroddraethol' by Mr. Tom Walters.

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

Obituary: Mr. Percy Price, Post Office The death took place last Saturday of Mr. Percy Price. Deceased was taken ill on Thursday, and was conveyed to Penybanc Hospital on Friday night, passing away the next morning. Deceased was just 20 years of age, and bore an excellent character. He had a large circle of friends, and was loved by all. He was a faithful member of the Fochriw Church, and a scholar in the Sunday School. His genial countenance will be greatly missed in Fochriw and district. The funeral took place on Wednesday at Pentwyn Churchyard, amidst manifestations of great sorrow. The service at the house was conducted by Rev. D. Hughes Jones. The solemn cortege wended its way to Pentwyn, singing 'Daeth yr awrim' ddianc adre.' There was a service in the Church where Rev. Thomas Rees, vicar, officiated, Mr. J. C. Payne, lay-reader, reading the lessons. The 39th Psalm was chanted, and the hymns 'Jesu lover of my Soul,' and 'Lead, Kindly Light,' were sung with much feeling. Mr. Octavius Richards played the 'Dead March' (in Saul). The chief mourners were: Mr. & Mrs. Aneurin Jones, Royal Stores, Mr. & Mrs. W. Lloyd (Deri), Mr. & Mrs. J.

Lawrence (brothers-in-law and sisters); Miss Tydfil Price (sister); Mrs. Williams, Llantrisant (aunt); Mrs. Williams, Hengoed (aunt); Mr. & Mrs. Thos. Evans, Aelybryn (cousins); Mr. Dd. Jones, Pentwyn (cousin); Miss H. Evans, Aelybryn (cousin); Master Lewis Jones, Royal Stores (nephew).

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Advert Sale on Saturday at J. Hughes Evans' London Warehouse and Bottom of Bethania Street, Dowlais. Tons of goods at absolutely giving away prices. Don't miss it

Carmel Literary and Mutual Improvement Society The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Wednesday evening last, and was presided over by Rev. D. Hughes Jones. A lecture on 'The Immanence of God' was given by Professor D. Miall Edwards of Brecon Memorial College. Questions were put by Messrs. George Thomas, James Williams and Evan Morgan Davies. A hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Rev. J. R. Salmon, Pontlottyn, and seconded by Rev. Rhys D. Jenkins, Fochriw.

Entertainment Another in the series of popular entertainments was held at Pentwyn Vestry on Monday, and a good number attended. An excellent programme was contributed to by the following; recitations - Miss Sarah J. Williams, Miss Mary Lewis, Master Wm. T. Williams, Miss Mary Morgan, Miss Irene Garratt, Mrs. Wm. Gwynne, Master Tom Jones and Mr. Angell; solos - Misses S. J. Williams, Blodwen Williams, Aggie Tyler, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. F. Morgan, Mr. Morgan Parry, Mr. Albert Tyler, and Mr. Tom Jones. Selections were given on the gramophone, manipulated by Mr. Morgan Parry. Mr. J. C. Payne presided.

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

The Palace, Bargoed The place of continuous entertainment, unflagging humour, and infinite variety. Life in pictures; novels in pictures, dreams in pictures; fairyland in pictures. Continuous show, 7 to 10.30.

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Memorial Service: Mr. Price, Royal Stores A service in memory of the late Mr. Percy Price was held at Pentwyn Church on Sunday evening. It was conducted by Mr. J. C. Payne, lay-reader, who also preached the sermon, taking his text from St. Matthew, 24, 44: 'Therefore be ye also ready.' Mr. John Wood conducted the singing, with Mr. Brown presiding at the organ. The 'Dead March' in 'Saul' was played, the choir and congregation standing. The church was packed.

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

Entertainment Another in the series of popular entertainments was held at Pentwyn Church Vestry on Monday evening, and there were a large number present. Mr. Payne presided and the programme was contributed to by the following: solos - Miss Ceridwen Davies, Miss Angie Tyler, Mr. J. C. Payne, Miss Blodwen Watkins, Miss Mary Tyler, Mr. Tom Jones and Mr. A. Tyler; recitations - Miss Sarah Williams, Miss E. A. Davies, Miss Sarah J. Williams; comic story - Mr. Wat. Williams; comic song - Mr. W. J. Payne; comic recitation - Mr. Wat. Williams. A laughable sketch entitled 'The Midnight Ghost,' was played by Messrs. W. J. Jones, Wat. Williams and W. J. Payne, the audience being convulsed with laughter. A singing

competition took place, several taking part. The test piece was 'Lead, Kindly Light.' The prize, which was given by Mr. W. J. Payne, was divided between Misses Mary Watkins, Mary Lewis and Blodwen Williams. Mrs. Lewis and Mr. J. Wood adjudicated the singing.

Carmel Literary and Mutual Improvement Society The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Wednesday evening week, when an excellent debate took place on the subject 'Is Literature Decadent?' Rev. Rhys D. Jones took the affirmative, and Mrs. E. Cole Jones the negative. Both papers dealt with both English and Welsh literature, and were exceptionally good. The following took part in the debate: Messrs. Evan Morgan Davies, Thomas Thomas and James Williams. The meeting decided that literature was not decadent. Rev. D. Hughes Jones presided.

Entertainment A very successful entertainment was given at St. Mary's Institute on Tuesday evening when an excellent programme was contributed to as follows: recitations - Miss Ruth Griffiths, Masters Charlie Edwards, Brinley Sibley, Miss Gwladys Williams, Miss S. G. Williams, Miss Doris Davies, Master W. T. Williams, Miss May James, Miss Lydia Cumpstone, Master J. A. Garrett and Master Willie Way; songs - Miss Maggie Gough, Mr. Nicholas Cumpstone, Willie R. Evans, Octavius Richards, James Sheady, Miss Mary Tyler, Miss Jane Llewellyn, Mr. Albert Tyler and Master Gilbert Harris; duet - Misses Mary Tyler and Maggie Gough, who had to respond to an encore. A laughable sketch was given entitled 'The Midnight Train,' and was played by Messrs. W. J. Payne, Watkin Williams and W. J. Jones. It was enjoyed greatly. Mr. Charles Payne presided over the evening's programme.

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Entertainment Another in the series of popular entertainments was held at Pentwyn Church Vestry on Monday evening, and was presided over by Mr. W. J. Payne. The following contributed to the programme: songs - Misses Bronwen Williams, Sarah J. Williams, Mary Watkins, Mary Lewis, Mary Taylor, Maggie Gough, Jane Llewellyn, Ceridwen Jones, Messrs. Tom Jones, Bert Taylor, Octavius Richards; duets - Messrs. W. Angell and W. J. Jones; recitations - Misses Maggie Gough, Sarah Williams and Master Thomas Jones. Mr. Parry also gave a few selections on the gramophone.

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Carmel Literary and Mutual Improvement Society The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Wednesday evening last, when a paper on 'An Estimation of Life' was read by Mr. T. H. Llewellyn. Messrs. Thomas Lewis, Evan M. Davies and Mrs. Cole Jones also spoke. Rev. D. H. Jones presided.

Entertainment Another in the series of popular entertainments was held at Pentwyn Church Vestry on Monday evening. Mr. W. J. Payne presided and the programme was contributed to by the following: songs - Misses Maggie S. Martin, Blodwen Williams, Sarah Evans, Mary Tyler, Alice M. Tyler, Maggie Gough, Mr. Tom Jones and Mr. Bert Tyler; recitations - Misses C. Jones, E. A. Davies, Sarah Williams, Sarah J. Williams, Irene Davies and Master Tom Jones; reading - Mr. W. J. Jones. There was also a whistling competition, the winners being Masters Samuel Gough and Leonard Angell. Selections were given on the phonograph, which was manipulated by Mr. Wm. Parry.

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

Wedding: Jones - Jones The wedding was solemnised at Merthyr on Wednesday morning of Mr. Edward Jones and Miss Esther Mary Jones, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Evan Jones, Guest-street. The bride was attired in a dove crepoline dress trimmed with silver fringe, and hat to match. The bridesmaid, Miss Etie Evans, Merthyr (cousin), was dressed in white silk, with hat to match. The wedding breakfast was served at the bride's home, when a large number of guests were present. The presents were both numerous and costly.

Appointment: Bandmaster The numerous friends of Mr. William Mantle, Pentwyn, will be pleased to hear of his appointment as bandmaster of Pontlottyn Brass Band. He joined the

Fochriw Prize Band in 1891, and has been an enthusiastic bandsman ever since. His first contest was at Cardiff, and his second at Blaina (this contest being the first ever held under the Association rules), when the Fochriw band won the first prize. He has played with the old Fochriw band in all their contests, and thereby helped to win all their prizes. He was appointed solo cornet player for Fochriw, within the first eighteen months of his career, and continued in this capacity to 1900, when he was appointed solo euphonium player for the Lewis-Merthyr band. In a contest with this band at Pontypridd, he was awarded a medal for the best soloist by Mr. J. Orde Hume, the adjudicator. There were nine competitors. Mr. Mantle has also won medals and money prizes under Mr. S. Radcliffe. In addition to his duties as bandmaster at Pontlottyn, he is also solo euphonium player for the Rhymney band.

Entertainment A pleasant entertainment was held at St. Mary's Institute on Tuesday evening when a splendid programme was produced. The following contributed: solos - Misses Nan Prosser, Mary Tyler, Mrs. Lewis, Master Charlie Edwards; duetts - Mrs. Lewis & Miss M. Tyler; Misses N. Prosser and M. Tyler; songs - Mr. Tom Jones, Mr. W. J. Payne; recitations - Misses S. J. Williams, Irene Davies, May James, Lettie M. Jones, Masters Freddy Lewis and Eddie Jones. A prize was given for the best impromptu speech on 'A Clock,' and this was divided between Misses Irene Davies, S. J. Williams and Master Eddie Jones. Several selections were given on the gramophone, which was manipulated by Mr. W. J. Payne. Mr. Charles Payne presided.

Advertisement Gomer's Balm "Cures Everybody." It is a salve for every wound with marvellous properties for curing all kinds of Skin Rash Eczema Scalds Gout Bad Legs Sores Burns Erysipelas Excoriations Scabby Heads Piles Irritations Ringworm Chapped Hands Scurvy Itchings Gallings in Women and Children. Marvellous for Bad Legs Gomer's Balm: A Great Sensation Read what people say. J. Snooks, Llanharan, says:- "Eleven years ago, I had fever. The effect of the fever settled down in my legs and feet, and baffled all the doctors to cure it. My feet were black until the fall of last year, when they broke out, and they have been in the most frightful mess ever since. My left foot was a complete mess of holes and scabs, full of corruption. No one knows but myself what I have suffered. When I heard of your Salve, viz. Gomer's Balm and Hughes's Blood Pills, I at once used them, and in a fortnight, the change was something wonderful. After continuing with them for a while, I am glad to say that I am now entirely cured. The effect is something marvellous. Never heard of anything like it. I am very thankful." Thousands are cured of all manner of afflictions of SKIN FLESH and BONE. It is harmless and most effective. It should be in your house.

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Coal Returns Coal worked in Gellygaer: Return for 1910 Fochriw Pits: Large Coal - 202,044 tons (5,161 increase); Small Coal - 44,277 tons (4,441 increase)

Carmel Literary and Mutual Improvement Society The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Wednesday evening last, when a lecture was delivered by Professor Joseph Jones of Brecon College, on 'Sut y gawson y Testament Newydd.' Rev. D. H. Jones presided.

Entertainment An entertainment was held at St. Mary's Institute on Tuesday evening, when a splendid programme was produced. The following contributed: songs - Misses Nan Prosser, Maggie Gough, Masters Bertie Cumpstone, Gilbert Harris, Freddie Lewis, Eddie Jones, Mr. Bert Tyler; recitations - Miss Nana Prosser, Masters J. A. Garrett, Bob White, W. T. Williams. A prize was given for the best account of St. Paul. This was divided between Mrs. Lewis and Miss Irene Davies. A whistling competition created a great deal of laughter, the best whistler being Master George Evans. A dressing competition brought the entertainment to a close, Master T. B. Edwards winning the prize. Mr. Charles Payne presided.

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

Entertainment Another in the series of popular entertainments was held at Pentwyn Church Vestry on Monday evening. Mr. J. C. Payne presided and the programme was contributed to

by the following: recitations - Misses M. S. Martin, Sarah Evans, Sarah Williams, Masters Willie Davies, Wm. Thomas Williams; solos - Mr. Tom Jones, Mr. J. C. Payne, Masters W. T. Morgan, Mr. Albert Tyler; duett - Mrs. Lewis & Miss Mary Tyler. There was also a 'Dressing Competition' for boys, which caused roars of laughter. About a dozen boys competed, the prizes being awarded as follows: 1. Johnny Williams; 2. Bertie Pugh; 3. Willie Jones. A most enjoyable evening was spent.

Nazareth: Lecture by Archdruid Dyfed Archdruid Dyfed lectured at Nazareth on Monday evening, his subject being 'Education and Character.' The evening was a rare treat. The lecturer pointed out that the people of Wales had made great strides during the past 40 years in establishing a system of education for the training of all children, without discretion of class. There was a time when the church and the eisteddfod were the only institutions in the land to educate the people, but now we have a complete system of free education. We must remember that education without a good character is worthless. The best weapon was the weapon of knowledge, but like other weapons, it was dangerous if a man did not know the right way to use it. Education without a good character was almost more of a curse than a blessing, because the wicked man of knowledge could devise things that the ignorant man would never dream of. A good name was far better than knowledge, but education and a good name possessed by the same person was the finest sight on earth. Education trained the mind: a good name was from the heart. Only men of this type could truly uplift humanity. He trusted that everyone would strive to possess education and character. Mr. J. D. Jones presided.

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Gellygaer Urban District Council Tenders are invited for the supply of groceries and meat to the Penybank Hospital for the year ending 25th March 1912. Frank T. James, Council Offices, Hengoed.

Carmel Literary and Mutual Improvement Society The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Wednesday evening last, when papers were read on 'Should women have votes?' The affirmative was taken by Miss Judith A. Jenkin, and the negative by Miss M. A. Lewis, Pentwyn. In the discussion which followed, Miss Elizabeth Jones, Mrs. Edith Cole Jones, Rev. Rhys D. Jenkins, Mr. George Thomas and Mr. Rees Rees took part. Mr. T. H. Llewellyn presided.

Entertainment Another in the series of popular entertainments was held at Pentwyn Church Vestry on Monday evening. Mr. Morgan Parry presided and a capital programme was contributed to by the following: recitations - Misses Sarah G. Williams, Mary Morgan, Sarah Evans, Ceridwen Jones, Maggie S. Martin, and Mrs. Wm. Gwynne; solos - Messrs. Morgan Parry, Albert Tyler, John Wood, Miss Mary Tyler, Mrs. F. Morgan, Mrs. Tyler and Mrs. Lewis; duetts - Messrs. David and J. Purcell. Selections were played on the gramophone, manipulated by Mr. Parry. A singing competition took place, the test piece being a verse - 'Own Choice.' Mrs. F. Morgan was the winner.

Pentwyn 'Degrees of Glory' was the subject of a lecture read at Pentwyn Church on Wednesday evening by Mr. J. C. Payne, lay reader. He stated that the duration of the new life to which those who sleep in Jesus will no doubt be raised, would be eternal to all; but he was disposed to think that there would be a difference in degree. He conceived that at the great resurrection day, all the bodies of the righteous would not be released from the grave under circumstances precisely similar. All would be raised in glory, but not equal glory. All sown in weakness, will be raised in power, but not equal power. A good discussion followed in which Messrs. Tom Baldwin, Earnest Jones, Albert Tyler, Tom Jones, Percy Mantle, Wm. J. Jones and John Mantle took part.

Entertainment A very successful entertainment was held at St. Mary's Institute on Tuesday evening. An excellent programme was contributed to by the following: solos - Masters Gilbert Harris, Eddie Jones, Vincent Sibley, Willie White, Misses Ivy Jones, Nan Prosser, Messrs. Tom Jones and W. J. Payne; duett - Misses Maggie Gough and Nan Prosser. A mouth organ solo was given by Mr. Percy Pike, accompanied on the bones by Mr. Willie Curtis. A drawing competition took place, in which there were 24 competitors, Master Willie White securing the prize. Recitations were given by Misses Maggie Gough, Ruth Griffiths, Rowena Harris, Masters Robert White, Dd. J. Davies and Willie Way. A pleasant evening was brought

to a close by a laughable sketch entitled 'Peter the Pedlar,' Messrs. W. J. Payne, Wat. Williams and S. A. Evans playing the characters. Mr. Charles Payne presided.

Aladdin Performances of the school operetta 'Aladdin' were given at the Council School on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings by Mr. W. J. Angell and his party. The main performers were: Mr. Harry Hughes, Miss Blodwen Williams (Dowlais), Mr. T. George Davies, Miss Mary Rees, Mr. James Jones, Miss Gwennie Rees, Miss Elsie Davies, Mr. John Davies and Mr. Howell Thomas. The choral singing and action songs were excellent. The orchestra was composed of the following: organ - D. Cole Jones; piano - Miss Hilda Phillips; violinists - Miss Irene Phillips and Mr. Sydney Phillips. The stage managers were Messrs. Dd. Harris and John Phillips. Mr. Haggart lent the scenery and dresses for several of the artistes. The following also rendered assistance: Mrs. Cole Jones, Messrs. Charles Payne, Walter Jones, Thomas Jones. The conductor, Mr. Wm. J. Angell worked hard and unceasingly to bring the performances to a successful issue.

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High-Class Tailoring T. Fine and Co., Pontlottyn, are making suits to measure from 27/6; trousers to measure from 7/6; ladies costumes from 45/- ; ladies coats from 30/-. New patterns just arrived.

Carmel Literary and Mutual Improvement Society The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening last, when Rev. F. Jones, Rhymney, gave a lecture on 'Goronwy Owen.' Rev. D. H. Jones and Messrs. Rhys Jenkins and William Walters took part in the discussion. Miss E. Jones sang a solo.

Entertainment The last in the series of popular entertainments was held at Pentwyn Church Vestry on Monday evening. Mr. Morgan Parry presided and the programme was contributed to by the following: solos - Messrs. A. Tyler, J. Payne, T. Jones, M. Parry, Mrs. F. Morgan; recitations - Masters T. Jones, W. T. Williams, Misses S. Evans, R. Davies, S. Williams, B. Williams; mouth organ solo - Mr. F. Attwell. Selections were given on the gramophone, manipulated by Mr. Parry. There was a whistling competition. The prize winners were: 1. Leonard Attwell; 2. Willie Davies; 3. Johnny Williams.

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

Entertainment The last in the series of popular entertainments was held at St. Mary's Institute on Tuesday, and was presided over by Mr. Charles Payne. The following contributed to the programme: songs - Misses Maggie Gough, Violet Curtis, Maggie Morgan, Nan Prosser, Masters T. H. Morgan, Bob White, T. B. Edwards, Lloyd Davies, Berkley Angel, Mr. W. J. Payne; recitations - B. Angell, Tom Angell, Nellie M. Angell, Laurie A. Davies; song - Mr. W. Curtis; concertina solo - Mr. P. Pike. A prize was given for the best drawing of a daffodil, and was won by Nellie M. Angell, with Bob Rees second. a very laughable sketch entitled 'How he managed,' was presented by Messrs. W. Curtis, W. Thomas and Misses M. Curtis and Nan Prosser.

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Gellygaer District Council: Complaint from Fochriw Mr. John Jones protested against the delay in erecting a convenience. A resolution was passed some time ago. Mr. Rhys Jenkins said it was high time the Council saw that their officials did their work. The Clerk explained that the thing was on its way. The Chairman said that the resolution, if passed in June, would have to wait to July for confirmation, and then some time would elapse before the thing was acted upon. The Rector then added, 'And then some time would be taken in looking for a spade and other tools. (laughter)

Pentwyn 'Hereditry' was the subject of a paper read at Pentwyn Church on St. David's Night by Mr. J. C. Payne. A good number attended.

Smoking Concert Held at the Constitutional Club on Monday evening, and presided over by Mr. H. Edgar. Mr. J. Littlejohns gave an address dealing principally, and at great length, with Tariff Reform. The audience was attentive and appreciative. Songs were rendered by Mr. Crad Shankland and Mr. T. G. Davies.

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

St. David's Festival: Nazareth A bachelor's tea and competitive concert was held at the chapel on St. David's Night, to commemorate the Patron Saint. The following served at the tables: Messrs. Roderick Jones, Robt. Wm. Parry, Evan Davies, Tom Lawrence, Robert Tudor, Richard Ellis Davies, Willie John Angell, Willie Adams-Jones, Idris Jones, Willie Davies, Berkley Davies. After the tea, the competitive concert followed. The adjudicators were: music - Messrs. John Jones and Wm. Morris; literature - Rev. Isaac Roderick. The chair was occupied by Mr. J. D. Jones. The programme was as follows: an opening solo, 'Cadair Idris,' by William Morris; recitation, 'Dan y faner wen,' Evan Davies; an impromptu speech, 'Clock' - winners W. A. Jones and R. Ellis Davies; duet, 'Dewi Sant' Annie Maud Jones and Doris Davies; recitation, 'A Word of Advice,' Mary Jane Jones; solo for children, 'Even Me,' Annie Maud Jones; recitation, 'Mynd yn Mlaen,' Edith Parry; speech - Coun. John Jones; singing at first sight - Roderick Jones; unpunctuated reading - Edward Jones; englynion on 'Dewi Sant,' Rev. I. Roderick. The success of the festival is due to the untiring work of the committee - Roderick Jones (secretary), Edward Parry (treasurer), William Jones (president). A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded a most enjoyable evening.

St. David's Day Festival: Noddfa On St. David's Night, a large number attended the Vestry, and after partaking of the good things provided, Mr. D. Thomas and Mr. J. Williams had a heated debate on 'Should Women have the Vote?' This was followed by an address on 'The Inpriority of Women.' Recitations and solos were rendered by Misses Enid & E. A. Evans, Phyllis Williams, Mr. John Evans and Mr. Tom Evans. The entertainment was conducted entirely in Welsh, several being fined for a breach of the law - 'Dim Saesneg,' while others were mute, fearing the imposed fine of 1d. per word. Miss M. Morgan assisted at the piano.

St. David's Festival: Carmel A large number of members and friends met at Carmel on St. David's Night. Dr. Eleazer Davies took the chair. The programme was contributed to by the following: solo, 'Gwlad y Debyn,' Miss Ceredwen Thomas; Ladies' Choir, conductress Miss Elizabeth Jones - 'Gagomant I Gymru,' solo, 'Sirch Hiudol,' Miss Nelly Roberts (Anglesea); paper on 'Ben Bowen fel Gwladgarwr,' by Mr. George Thomas, words composed by Rev. D. Hughes's brother; Mixed Choir, conducted by Mr. D. John Thomas - 'Anywh-yw-Cymru,' penillion singing - Mr. D. J. Thomas and Miss E. Jones; paper on the late Mr. Tom Ellis by Mrs. Edith Cole Jones; sketch entitled 'Rhys Lewis,' the following taking part: Miss Rachel Walters, Mr. James Williams, Mr. Arthur Ballard, Mrs. Howell Thomas, Mr. Tom Jones, Miss Mariah Rees, Mr. James Jones, Mr. D. Lewis, Miss A. G. Williams, Mr. Samuel Lewis. The accompanists were Mr. Thomas Walters and Miss Hannah Evans.

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

Half-Yearly Meetings On Sunday last, the pulpit of Noddfa was occupied by Rev. W. Morris, Treorchy, and his sermons were evangelic, edifying and most inspiring.

Noddfa Last Wednesday evening, a lecture was delivered under the auspices of the Noddfa Young People's meeting by Mrs. E. Glyn Price, Gelli, on 'Brenin Pulpudau y Bud.' Mrs. Price is well known throughout the principality as a lecturer and elocutionist.

Lecture On Monday night, a large number assembled to hear Dr. Morris lecture on 'Athrofa Bywyd.' This was primarily intended for young men, with wiser counsels, earnest appeals, and inspiring examples of great and good men who had fought and conquered life's battle. Dr. Davies presided.

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

Pentwyn An excellent paper was read at Pentwyn Church by Mr. Albert Evans, Penydarren, on 'Are the Clergy Underpaid?' There was a large attendance, and the paper was greatly appreciated.

Constitutional Club On Friday night last, St. Patrick's Day, an excellent spread, which took the form of a 'cold lunch,' was provided for the members at the Club Room. The tables having been cleared, an excellent concert and lecture took place, the chair being occupied by Mr. T. Williams, who was supported by Mr. H. Edgar, Messrs. H. Wilcox and W. Evans and others. Mr. C. Shankland gave some splendid turns.

"Merthyr Express" 1 April, 1911

Gellygaer School Managers At a meeting of Gellygaer School Managers, a letter was read from the solicitor of the proprietors of a piece of land adjoining the site of Fochriw School. His client was willing to convey her interest in the half acre of land required for a sum of £40 per acre. It was decided to inform of the Education Committee that the Managers approved the terms.

Select your Easter suit at T. Fine & Co., Pontlottyn. Our new stock of Men's and Boy's clothing just arrived. Men's suits are ready to wear from 26s. 11d. to 45s. Youth's suits ready-to-wear from 14s. 6d. to 35s. The latest style and fashion.

Personal Mr. James Williams, late of Brynawel, Fochriw, who recently moved to Dowlais to become the licensee of the Patriot Hotel, was one of the most prominent personages in the village. He was a native of Dowlais, but came to Fochriw about twenty years ago, and has closely identified himself with every good movement in the village.

Wedding A pretty wedding was solemnized at St. Tyfaelog's Church, Pontlottyn, on Thursday last, the contracting parties being Mr. William J. Parry and Miss Mary G. Davies. The bride was neatly attired in a mole-coloured costume, and wore a cream crinoline hat to match. Mr. George Price was best man. The bridesmaid was Miss Edith Way, Aelybryn, who wore a crushed strawberry costume, with hat to match. Rev. B. Jones, Pontlottyn, officiated, assisted by Rev. B. Glover.

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

"Merthyr Express" 8 April, 1911

Noddfa: Lecture A large number were present at Noddfa Vestry on Wednesday evening week, to listen to an excellent lecture delivered by the Rev. D. P. Evans, Merthyr Vale. The subject of the lecture was, 'The Message of the Church of the First Century to the Church of the Present Day.' The subject was dealt with in a very able manner by the reverend gentleman, and was much appreciated by all present. The chair was occupied by the Rev. M. S. Young. The usual votes of thanks brought an enjoyable evening to a close.

Accident: Motor-car and Trap On Thursday, as a large motor-car was passing through Pentwyn, going in the direction of Bargoed, it crashed into the trap of Mr. Watkins, Ysgwyddgwyn Farm. Mrs. Watkins, who has been in delicate health for some time, was thrown out on to the roadway, and received a severe shaking and injuries. She was carried into one of the houses near. The car stopped within a few feet of the lady. After the impact, the horse turned round, and dashed down the road, but was stopped by some men below the White Horse Inn. One of the shafts of the trap was broken, and the horse received a large cut on one of its legs. Mr. Watkins was on his way to Merthyr, but had to return home.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week, and was presided over

by Bro. William Jones. It was open session, and a good many were present. An excellent paper was read by the Rev. D Hughes Jones on the great and noble American character, Emerson. The paper was most interesting and edifying, and the remarks of the reverend gentleman will certainly prove an incentive to the Temperance workers of Fochriw. Bro. Octavius Richards presided at the pianoforte, and added greatly to the evening's enjoyment by his playing of a solo, etc.. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the reverend gentleman for his paper, on the motion of Bro. Charles Payne, seconded by Sister B. Ballard.

Noddfa Bazaar The result of the bazaar and sale of work held some time ago in aid of Noddfa Church was given on Sunday night. The handsome sum of £157 was realised. Credit is due to all who worked hard and unceasingly for the success of the effort. Over £800 has been cleared off the debt on the building in a little over six years, which speaks well for the zeal of the members, who number only 100.

There was great joy amongst the members on Sunday night when the pastor, the Rev. M. S. Young, stated that he had decided to remain with them. About three weeks ago, Rev. Young received an unanimous call from the members of Tonyfelin Baptist Church, Caerphilly, to become their pastor, which he declined to accept. It should be stated that in refusing the call to Caerphilly, and remaining at Fochriw, the reverend gentleman has made a great financial sacrifice. He is greatly loved by all.

“Merthyr Express” 15 April 1911

The Graveyard Large numbers visited the graveyard during the day (Palm Sunday). A good number of the graves were nicely decorated with beautiful flowers.

Pentwyn Church On Sunday afternoon, a memorial service in memory of the departed was held at this Church. The service, which was very impressive, was taken by the vicar of the parish, the Rev. Thomas Rees, who preached an inspiring sermon, taking his text from Genesis 23. v. 9. The lesson, which was I Thessalonians 4. v. 13 to the end, was read by Mr. J. C. Payne, lay reader. Appropriate hymns were sung. Mr. Brown presided at the organ. There were a large number present.

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

“Merthyr Express” 22 April 1911

Fire at Pentwyn: Miraculous Escape of the Family An alarming outbreak of fire occurred early on Good Friday morning at the White Horse Inn, Pentwyn. The inmates had a very narrow escape. The household consisted of Mr. & Mrs. Price, two children, and a servant girl, all of whom were in bed. The outbreak was discovered about three o'clock, Mr. and Mrs. Price waking up the same time to find a house filled with smoke. Mr. Price immediately alarmed the next door neighbours by tapping on the wall. Scores of neighbours quickly gathered. A messenger, Mr. Ernest Jones, was dispatched for the Fochriw Fire Brigade, which was on the scene within 20 minutes of the call, under the command of Lieutenant W. J. Payne. Police Sergeant Williams accompanied them. Luckily the fire had been practically put out by the neighbours, scores of whom assisted in carrying water. Great praise is due to the neighbours, all of whom worked like heroes. A word of praise should be given to the fire brigade for acting so promptly. To get out of bed, pull the fire cart and hoses up the steep hill - about three-quarters of a mile in length, in such a short time is a remarkable feat. Luckily there was a good supply of water, otherwise the consequences would have been much more serious. The house is the property of the Taff Vale Brewery Company.

Mr. Price made two attempts to escape by way of the staircase, but failed owing to the flames having spread there. He retreated into the bedroom, and with the boy in his arms rushed to the front bedroom window, and dropped the boy into the arms of Mr. William Mantle. Afterwards, he jumped from the bedroom window to the pavement below. He then rushed round to the back, and assisted by Mr. Mantle, climbed up and got in through the window. He found the little girl, just seven years of age, and made his way through the smoke and fire and dropped her into Mr. Mantle's arms. He then jumped from the window into the back yard. He

received injuries to the hand. The servant girl made her escape from the same window by jumping out. She escaped with a few bruises on her legs. This was remarkable as she was barefoot, and had only her night attire on. It was a 16 ft drop to the ground. She then scaled a six-foot wall to arouse Mr. Mantle, who was by that time up. Mrs. Price made her escape by way of the staircase. She covered her head with some clothing. Great praise is due to Mr. Price, who by his presence of mind, promptitude and pluck, undoubtedly saved the lives of both children. Space will not admit to mention the names of those who assisted in various ways, some of whom showed daring courage. Mr. and Mrs. Price wish to thank all their neighbours, the fire brigade, and P.S. Williams for their kindness. It is not known, but it is assumed, that a spark from the steam coal fire flew on to the sofa, and thus caused the conflagration.

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

Nazareth C M. The members and the children of this Church celebrated Good Friday with a social tea and a competitive meeting, with subjects generally bearing on the Crucifixion. The following served at the tables: Misses Martha Davies, Lizzie Davies, Elizabeth Ann Parry, Mary Jane Davies, Beatrice Jones, Mrs. Elias Davies, Mrs. Captain Jones, Mrs. J. D Jones, Mrs. I Roderick, and Mrs. J Jones. After the tea, Mr. J. D. Jones presided at the very successful competitive meetings. The adjudicators were: music - Mr. W. J. Angell; literature - Rev. I. Roderick. The awards were as follows: essay - 'Pren y groes' - William Jones; recitation - 'Griddfanau'r ardd' - 1. Doris Davies, 2. Edith Parry; duet - 'A friend in the Homeland' - Martha Davis and Lizzie Davies; quartette - 'Y bwthyn ar y bryn' - R. Ellis Davies, John Davies, Annie Maude Jones, and Martha Davies; solo for children - 'Nazareth' - Hilda Davies; dialogue - 'Y goleuni a'r tywyllwch' - Edith Parry and Doris Davies; solo - 'Dagrau'r Iesu' - Mrs. Blodwen Davies; solo - "He was depressed" - Lizzie Davies; solo - 'Henryd' - Martha Davies; essay - 'Parham yr wyf yn Fethodist' - William Jones; a letter from a pupil to his master - Mary Jane Jones; trio - 'Bydd canu yn y nefoedd' - William Morris, John Davies, R Ellis Davies; children's chorus - 'Awn y Bethania' - Nazareth children; speech by Councillor John Jones. The following worked very energetically for the success of the meeting: Messrs. Roderick Jones, secretary; Edward Parry treasurer; William Jones, chairman.

Obituary We have to record the death of Mrs. Martha Thomas, aged 78 years, an old resident of Fochriw, which took place at Abertysswg, where she had resided for the last two years with her daughter, Mrs. T. Morgan. The funeral took place on Thursday last. A short service took place at the house prior to the removal of the body. The Rev. R. D. Jenkins read a portion of the Psalms, and Rev. E. S Jenkins, Abertysswg, engaged in prayer. After this, the solemn cortege wended its way to Fochriw station, and thence by special train to Pant Cemetery. Rev. D. H. Jones conducted the service at Pant. The old lady, who had been a faithful and conscientious member for 34 years, was greatly respected by all. She came to Fochriw from Penydarren, where she was well-known as the daughter of Job Thomas - Job y Gof - foreman blacksmith at Penydarren works. The chief mourners were: Mr. & Mrs. Evan Davies (daughter and son-in-law); Mr. Thomas and Mr. D. J. Thomas (son and grandson); Mr. & Mrs. George Thomas, (son and daughter-in-law); Mr. George & Miss M. Thomas, (son and granddaughter); Mr. & Mrs. David Morgan, (daughter and son-in-law); Mr. & Mrs. J Morgan, Pontlottyn, (grandson); Mr. And Mrs. H Weeks, Abertysswg, Miss Martha Thomas, Masters David & Willie Thomas (Fochriw), grandchildren; Mr. Edmund Jones, Pontypool, nephew; Mr. and Mrs. H. Jenkins, Dowlais, Mr. And Mrs. J. Jennings, Dowlais, Mrs. C. Pugh, Cwmavon, nephews and nieces; . Letters of condolence were received from the Rhymney Valley District I.O.G.T. and the 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge.

Pentwyn Church On Easter Sunday evening, the members of the Fochriw Division of the Dowlais Corps of the St. John Ambulance attended Pentwyn Church, under the command of

Supt. W. J. Ballard. They were accompanied by their honorary surgeon, Dr. Eleazer Davies. The brigade presented a smart appearance in their ambulance dress. The pulpit was occupied by Mr. J.C. Payne, lay reader, who first preached a resurrection sermon, St Luke, 24, 34 - 'The Lord is risen indeed.' He afterwards delivered an address on the parable of the Good Samaritan, taking his text from St. Luke 10, v. 37. In the course of his address he stated that the members of the St John Ambulance were doing to their injured and wounded brethren, what the Good Samaritan did to the wounded man on the road between Jerusalem and Jericho - 'rendering first aid.' They should consider men of every nation as their brothers; and when they fell treat them as neighbours. All sprang from one stock: for God 'hath made of one blood all nations of men.' When they saw a man, they saw a brother, and should treat him with kindness. He urged them to imitate God in pity and compassion. Every one of them would do, he felt sure, risk life and limb in order to alleviate wounded and suffering humanity. Their worthy honorary surgeon, by his heroism in the Darran expulsion, proved how ready he was as to risk his own life in an effort to save others. Thank God for such good and noble characters. On Judgement Day, God would say, "I was sick and ye visited me; I was in prison and you came and to me." Mr. Payne concluded by saying, 'May we go into the walks of life, and when we meet with suffering humanity, may we copy the sweet temper and conduct of the Good Samaritan.' The singing was conducted by Mr. John Wood, and Mr. Brown presided at the organ. The Church was packed.

“Merthyr Express” 29 April 1911

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

Pentwyn Church The annual meeting in connection with this Church was held in the Vestry on Wednesday evening, a good number being present. The vicar, the Rev. T. Rees, presided. The accounts were presented by the Mr. J. C. Payne, lay reader, and adopted. The vicar thanked one and all for their good work in the Church. The following side'smen were elected: Vicar's – Messrs. Frank Attwell, Morgan Parry, and Thomas Jones. Peoples' – Messrs. Albert Tyler, Ernest Jones and Evan Watkins. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the vicar.

St. Mary's Church The annual meeting in connection with this Church was held in the Institute, on Friday evening last, and was presided over by the Rev. T. Rees, Vicar. The building and ordinary collection accounts were presented by Mr. J. C. Payne, and were adopted. The vicar thanked the Rev. R Jones, curate-in-charge, for his work in the Church, and expressed his sorrow at his impending departure from the parish. He also thanked all those who worked in and for the Church. Rev. Jones is leaving for Merthyr shortly. The following sidesmen were elected: Vicar's – Messrs. William Davies, William Sibley and Samuel Way: People's – Messrs. Josiah Richards, Charles Payne, and William Payne.

Presentation A very interesting meeting was held at Carmel vestry on Sunday last, when Mr. W. J. Angell was presented with a silver-mounted ebony baton. The Committee connected with the performances of 'Aladdin' decided to make him a little presentation for his excellent work among the children. The presentation was made by Mrs. E. C. Jones, who made reference to Mr. Angell's many good points, genial manner, and his popularity with the little ones. Mr. J. Evans, superintendent, and Mrs. David Lewis, also spoke. Songs and choruses were rendered by the children. The secretarial duties were carried out by Mr. Thomas Lewis and Mr. D. M. Davies acted as treasurer.

“Merthyr Express” 6 May, 1911

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. The Rev. M. S. Young read a paper on "Character and Wealth." The reverend gentleman pointed out that he did not

wish to disparage wealth, but while it caused much wrong doing, it could be of great use. The origin of wealth was dealt with in such a simple way that even the young children present were able to understand it. In discussion which followed, Bro. Charles Payne, Bro. T. Lewis, Sister Ballard, and Mrs. Cole Jones, contributed. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Rev. Young for his excellent address. Bro. J. Williams presided.

“Merthyr Express” 13 May 1911

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

Banquet On Thursday evening, a banquet was held at the Fochriw Council School by the teachers and scholars of the technical classes in the following subjects: practical mathematics, mining, and art-needlework. All the classes joined together for the purpose of winding up the session. The tables were laid out in artistic fashion, and were filled with plenty of varieties of the best kind. Mrs. I. Roderick superintended the banquet, and she was assisted by Miss Annie Davies, secretary, and Miss Rolands, treasurer. The following ladies served at the tables: Mrs. Samuel Evans, Mrs. Hopkins, Mrs. Alfred Evans, Mrs. J. D. Jones, Mrs. Maggie Davis, Mrs. Captain Jones, Mrs. Williams, Miss Thomas, Mrs. Mary Ann Walters. After the banquet, a competitive concert was held, with Councillor Rhys D. Jenkins in the chair. The adjudicators were: Music – Mr. David John Thomas; Literature - Rev. Isaac Roderick. The first item was a drawing competition, every competitor being blindfolded before starting. The results were most amusing, and created roars of laughter. In the sight singing competition, the prize was divided between Mary Ann Walters and T. Walters. There was an impromptu speech, the subject being "The New Woman". The prize was divided between James Williams and Mary Ann Walters. There was also an un-punctuated reading competition. Councillor John Jones spoke on the advantages of the technical classes for the rising generation. The meeting concluded with the singing of the Welsh National Anthem.

“Merthyr Express” 20 May 1911

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

Fochriw R.F.C. Supper The members of the Fochriw Rugby Club, sat down to a supper at their headquarters, Upland Stores, on Thursday evening last, to wind up their season. An excellent spread was provided which took the form of a cold luncheon. All did ample justice to the good things provided. Credit is due to be Mr. & Mrs. Cole for the excellent repast. They were assisted at the tables by Misses A. G. Williams, E A. Parry, and Martha Parry. The tables having been cleared, an excellent programme was contributed to by the following: gramophone selection - Mr. W. H. Jones; recitation - Mr. Arthur Jones; drinks and smokes by the Football Club; solo - Mr. Will Evans; song - Mr. Tom Jenkins; speech - Mr. Albert Whale; speech - Mr. Albert Mantle; song - Mr. Phil Davies; "History of His Trip to Dublin" - Mr. Tom Rees; song - Mr. David Cole; speech - Mr. E. Worman; stump speech - Mr. W. E. Jones; song - Mr. Tom Shankland; speech - Mr. D. H. Evans; song - Mr. W. H. Jones; speech – Mr. Will Witty. Drinks and sweets were passed round and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the chairman, Mr. T. H. Llewelyn, Chairman of the Rhymney Valley Rugby League. The singing of the National Anthem brought the evening to a close.

To Builders Tenders are invited for alterations at the White Horse Inn, Fochriw, for Messrs. David Williams and Co., Taff Vale Brewery, Merthyr. Plans to be seen at the 112, High Street, Merthyr, until June 1st. Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. J. P. Davies, Ebbw Vale.

Fochriw Collieries On Wednesday morning, the collier's working at the Big Pit, Fochriw, would not go down the pit to commence work, as they could not get the colliery manager's permission to finish early to attend the funeral of two men killed at the pit last Saturday morning. Instead, they went home.

“Merthyr Express” 27 May 1911

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening last. An edifying paper was read by Mr. J. D. Jones on "The influence of Education and Environment on Character." He dealt with education in the home, showing the importance of first impressions on the child, and how careful all the parents should be to set a good example. School education was the next heading. Education he said, did not mean "good scholars," but turning out boys and girls prepared to face the world, that is, men and women of sterling character. In the playground, self reliance was taught. Children were taught to govern self, and also taught to submit as well as to conquer. Social education was his third heading. The importance of the environment was clearly set forth, Mr. Jones explaining that what is generally attributed to heredity was really due to environment. A good environment was an aid to a good, pure character. Bros. J. Williams, T. Lewis, and C. Payne, also spoke. A vote of thanks was accorded to the speaker. Bro. James Williams, Chief Templar, presided.

Hotspurs A.F.C. Banquet The members of the Hotspurs A.F.C., wound up their season on Thursday evening with a banquet at the headquarters, Upland Stores, when about 30 members sat down to an excellent spread prepared by Mr. & Mrs. Cole. The tables were gaily decorated. Ample justice was done to the good things provided. The tables cleared, an excellent programme was gone through. Mr. W. J. Payne, chairman of the club, presided. Mr. Payne spoke of the rapid strides made by the team during the past season, and expressed the hope that better things were to come. He also expressed his sympathy with one of the members, Mr. W. R. Lewis, who had undergone a serious operation at Porth hospital. He wished him a speedy recovery. Mr. S Ballard, vice-chairman, also spoke in praise of the team. Others who spoke were Messrs. Albert Whale, W. J. Jones, L. Rees, D. Jenkins, P. Mantle, W. Cole, and songs were given by W. H. Davies, H Thomas, W. J. Payne, D. Cole, L. Rees, J. H. Evans, S. Lewis, and R. D. Thomas. In the funny story competition, the prize was divided between Messrs. W. Cole and D Thomas. Gramophone selections were given at intervals. The singing of the Welsh National Anthem brought the evening to a close.

"Merthyr Express" 3 June 1911

Nazareth C. M. The half yearly meetings were held on Sunday and Monday last. The preacher was the Rev. J. Wilson Roberts, Ynyshir, who preached four powerful and instructive sermons to large congregations. Substantial collections were made for the support of the Church. The singing was conducted by Mr. William Morris, and Mr. Roderick Jones presided at the organ.

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

"Merthyr Express" 10 June 1911

Cricket Fochriw v Argoed at Fochriw on Saturday. The home team won by 24 runs.

Pentwyn Church: Presentation to Mr. J. C. Payne Mr. John Mantle, being the oldest member of Pentwyn Church, was chosen to present Mr. Payne with a gold watch, albert and pendant, the inscription on the watch being as follows: "Presented to Mr. J. C. Payne by the Pentwyn Church people and his many friends in appreciation of his voluntary services as lay-reader, June 1st, 1911." In the unavoidable absence of Mr. Mantle through serious illness, the presentation was made by his daughter, Mrs. Lewis. In Mr. Mantle's address, which was read out by Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Mantle said: "It is a great and particular pleasure as a member of Pentwyn Church to have the honour conferred upon me of performing this little duty. Mr. Joseph Payne is a firm friend of mine, in personal and Christian ways. I must say that I have known him from his childhood, a period of about 30 years. As a scholar in the Sunday School, he has filled almost every branch of work, from a scholar up to a superintendent. His ministerial career commenced about 10 years ago, when he preached his first sermon at Pentwyn Church. It gave me great joy when I learnt that he had chosen the work of the Master. As a lay reader, he uses his great religious opportunities with zeal, discretion and self devotion. He is unwearied in his efforts, and is the centre of much active Christian work. He is an excellent and eloquent preacher. He works so hard amongst the people of Pentwyn. He

is a splendid visitor of the sick, and not an empty handed visitor, whether his own flock or not. He is full of vigour and loves his own flock as his own Master. May the blessings of the supreme hour be poured upon Mr. Payne to guide and strengthen him to continue the noble work which he has commenced." Mrs. Attwell then presented Mr. Payne with a purse. She said, "The saying is, 'A prophet is not respected in his own country.' In many cases this is true. In Mr. Payne, who was born and bred in Fochriw, we have the grand exception. He is more that respected: he is loved by one and all. I have great pleasure, on behalf of the members of Pentwyn Church, and his many friends, in presenting Mr. Payne with this purse, and sincere hopes that God will spare him for many years to come to labour in his vineyard, and that he will crown his humble efforts with success." Mr. Payne responded saying, "On occasions like this one feels how feeble words are to express one's great feelings. You can easily understand with what emotion I look upon these your splendid gifts, in recognition of spiritual work done in your midst. It is a joy to me to have kept the light of Christianity burning, however feebly, in Pentwyn Church. Our dear old church, situated at the top of the hill, since it sends its shadows over the dust of so many of our friends who have departed this life in the Christian faith, is a place of sacred memories. Such a place should occupy a central place in the affections of surrounding Christians. I feel deeply thankful to God, who has enabled me to advance his kingdom in this parish for so many years. I have been a lay reader for over ten years, and have been in charge of Pentwyn Church since December 1909, and during the whole time I have met with nothing but kindness and sympathy, at the hands of my flock, and my Nonconformist friends. I shall go away from this kindly and generous assembly conscious that God has blessed my humble spiritual efforts here, and if God spares me, to labour in His vineyard for another 20 or 30 years. I shall still, more than ever, need your help and co-operation, your sympathy and your prayers." Others who spoke were Mr. John Wood, Mr. Brown, Mr. Richards, Mr. John Evans, Mr. James Williams, and Brother Thomas Lewis, a fellow member, with Mr. Payne, of the Star of Fochriw branch of the I.O.G.T. During the intervals there was a full programme of solos and recitations.

"Merthyr Express" 17 June 1911

Cricket: Fochriw v Gilfach Played at Gilfach on Sturday: Fochriw: 52; Gilfach 54

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

Carmel The anniversary services of this Church were held on Sunday and Monday last. The ministers for the occasion were of the Rev. J. Morgan Jones, Aberdare, and the Rev. D. Eurof Walters, Swansea. Very edifying and scholarly sermons were delivered, which were greatly appreciated by large congregations. The meetings were conducted by the Rev. D. Hughes Jones, pastor. Mr. Thomas Walters presided at the organ. The singing was in charge of Mr. David Davies.

"Merthyr Express" 24 June, 1911

Gellygaer Evening Classes, 1911-1912 Classes held at Fochriw School: Evening Continuation Classes include: English, Preparatory Mathematics, Elementary Science and Drawing, Ambulance, Art, Needlework, Practical Mathematics, Principles of Mining, Geology, Vocal Music, Welsh.

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

"Merthyr Express" 1 July 1911

Coronation Day at Fochriw: Making the Children Happy Coronation Day was celebrated with much enthusiastic loyalty in the little village of Fochriw. The weather was not all that

was desired, rain falling heavily through the day. Nevertheless, an elaborate programme of events was carried out, which included processions of the Sunday school children of the various denominations, teas, sports and fireworks. Luckily the weather cleared up for the processions. The village was gaily decorated with flags, bunting, etc. The three Non-conformist schools - Carmel, Nazareth, and Noddfa - paraded the streets of the village, headed by the Fochriw brass band. The procession started from Carmel chapel, picking up the other schools en route. The procession was a very large one. The children presented a brilliant spectacle, and all seemed in jovial spirit. Appropriate music was played by the band.

Noddfa After the procession, the Noddfa children returned to their chapel where an excellent spread was provided. A Coronation mug was given to each child. The tables, which were laid out in Coronation style, were presided over, and assistance rendered, by the following: Adult tables - Misses Hannah Evans, Jenny Edwards, Maria Thomas, Mary Rees, Mrs. Pugh, and Mrs. Rowena Evans; Children's tables: Misses S. E. Williams, Lydia Thomas, Mrs. Price, Mrs. M. Davies and others. The attendance was good, and the arrangements admirably carried out. Several of the Siloh (Penybank) Sunday school scholars were present.

Nazareth The Sunday school turned out in strong numbers. After the procession, they returned to their chapel, where tea was provided. The chapel was decorated very tastefully for the occasion. The following ladies served at tables: Mrs. S. A. Jones, Mrs. Maggie Davis, Mrs. J. Jones, Mrs. Elias Davies, Mrs. H. Roberts, Mrs. Edgar, Mrs. I. Roderick, Mrs. Martha Parry, Mrs. Jennie Jones, Miss Mary Laurence, Miss Beatrice Jones, Miss Gwennie Rees. Assistance was rendered by Messrs. Peter Jones, Edward Parry, J. M. Jones, William Morris, William Jones, Griffith Pugh, Janes Lawrence, J. D. Jones, Rev. Isaac Roderick. After tea, Councillor J. Jones, on behalf of the school, presented all the children with coronation mugs, which were of a very pretty design.

Carmel After the procession, Carmel children went to the chapel vestry, where a rich spread had been provided. The tables were tastefully decorated, and were loaded with good things, to which the children did ample justice. The tables were presided over, and assistance rendered, by the following: Mrs. D. Lewis, Mrs. E. Cole Jones, Misses M. A. Ballard, Catherine Jones, M. A. Lewis, Mrs. S. Ballard, Mrs. W. H. Davies, Miss E. Rowlands, Miss M. J. Davies, Mrs. Pugh, Mrs. T. Jenkins, Mrs. Walters, Mrs. Griffiths, Mrs. Ballard, Mrs. H. Jones, Mrs. H. Thomas, Mrs. T. Llewellyn, Mrs. Ann Jones, Messrs. W. Wright, J. Evans and J. Phillips. The children were presented with coronation mugs.

Pentwyn The children of Pentwyn Sunday school and Penybank Day school met together at 1:30 p.m. at Pentwyn Church, where an appropriate service was conducted by the Mr. J. C. Payne, lay reader, who also delivered a suitable address. The National anthem was sung, as well as appropriate hymns. A procession was formed, and it then paraded the village of Pentwyn, the children singing en route 'Onward, Christian Soldiers.' On their return march, a circle was formed outside the Church and the National Anthem sung once again. All then returned to the vestry, where tea was taken. The room was gaily decorated, Mr. F. Attwell and Mrs. Lewis being responsible. The tables were daintily laid out, and were filled with everything that was pleasant to the eye. The tables were presided over, and assistance rendered, by the following: Mrs. T. Jones, Mrs. F. Attwell, Mrs. T. Baldwin, Mrs. Ballard, Misses M. A. Powell, Ceredwen Davies, Maggie Jones, Mrs. Tyler, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Watkins, Mrs. M. Morgan, Mrs. W. Gwynne, Messrs. E. Jones, F. Evertt, M. Brown, F. Attwell, W. Gwynne, E. Watkins and E. Jones. The secretarial duties were carried out by Mrs. M. E. Lewis, and Mrs. F. Attwell was the treasurer. There was a good programme of sports, for which Mr. Gwynne and Mr. Attwell were responsible. The day was brought to a close by an entertainment, an excellent programme being arranged. The following contributed: address - Mr. Payne; recitation - 'Little Bessie' - Miss Blodwen Watkins; recitation - 'Going to Church' - Master W. T. Williams; song 'Come and have a drink with me' - Mr. Bert Tyler; recitation - 'Man the Lifeboat' - Mrs. W. Gwynne; solo - 'The Lord is mindful of His own' - Mrs. Lewis; selections on the mouth organ - Mr. F. Attwell; solo - 'Don't get married on a Friday' - Mr. Ernest Jones; solo - 'A flower from Mother's grave' - Mr. T. Morgan; address - Mr. John Pugh; solo - 'Father, Pray for me tonight' - Miss M. Tyler. A keen competition then took place for adults, the test piece being the first verse of 'Jesu, Lover of my Soul.' The first prize was

secured by Mrs. Morgan, and the second divided between Mrs. Lewis and Miss Mary Tyler. A similar competition for children under 14 years of age was held, the test piece being the first verse of 'Loving Shepherd of Thy sheep.' The first prize was divided between Miss Blodwen Williams and Miss Mary Lewis. The entertainment was presided over by Mrs. M. F. Morgan. The singing of the National Anthem, Mrs. Morgan taking the solo, brought to an enjoyable and ever memorable day to a close.

St. Mary's At St. Mary's Sunday School, the scholars were provided with an excellent tea. The children met in the hall where there was a grand spread. The tables were presided over, and assistance rendered, by the following: Mrs. B. Angell, Mrs. Alfred Evans, Mrs. Josiah Richards, Misses J. A. Angell, S. A. Davies, Rosina Davies, Olive Harris, Cassie Harris, Mrs. J. Davies, Mrs. Gittens, Mrs. Payne, Mrs. White, Mrs. D. R. Jones, Mr. Payne, Mr. B. Angell, Mr. J. Richards. Mr. William Lewis, superintendent of the Sunday school, worked hard and unceasingly, from the very first, to bring the tea to a successful issue. Sweets were given to all the scholars.

Coronation Sports Excellent sports were arranged by the the Fochriw Ambulance Brigade, the following Committee being responsible: Messrs. George Thomas (chairman), Simon Cole, David Cole, Thomas Jenkins, Harry Hughes. The secretarial duties were carried out by Mr. Joshua Evans, and the treasurer was Mr. James Jones. The Committee also had charge of the fireworks, there being a very fine display. They were fired by Messrs. Tom Jones, Edward Lewis and Daniel Jenkins. Some of the fireworks were set off on Friday evening. Balloons were also sent up. The heats of the chief races were set off at 10 o'clock in the morning. The following is a list of the events and winners: Half-mile cycle handicap - 1. Daniel Jones; 2. Sydney Wright. 120 yards foot handicap: 1. Jenkin Williams; 2. Llewellyn Rees. Quarter-mile cycle scratch: 1. D. Jenkins; 2. Herbert White. 440 yards foot handicap: 1. W. Thomas; 2. W. J. Thomas. 100 yards foot race, boys under 16: 1. W. A. Jones; 2. E. Prosser. Football competitions: Distance kicking with Soccer ball - Wm. Evans; Goal kicking with Rugby ball - Llewellyn Jones; Cricket ball throwing - Llew Rees. Skipping competitions: girls under 16: 1. E. M. Thomas; 2. Myfanwy Evans. Officials: handicappers:- Messrs. Aneurin Jenkins and W. J. Payne; starter: Mr. Joseph Shankland; judges: racing - Messrs. A. Jones and Jesse Williams; football - Messrs. T. H. Llewellyn and Evan Jones; cricket ball throwing - Messrs. J. D. Jones and D. L. Evans; skipping - Mr. Harry Hughes. Dr. Davies and Mr. David Cole had charge of all items for children under 9 years of age. The Ambulance Brigade and Committee deserve praise for the excellent programme arranged, and the very able manner in which it was carried out.

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

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

“Merthyr Express” 15 July 1911

The Palace, Bargoed Hidden things brought to light. Charming pictures of - Christmas story, ghost stories, legend, the love and war - the heights and the depths in pictures. Endless amusement nightly - 7 to 10.30p.m.. 3d., 6d., and 1s.

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

Independent Labour Party A meeting was held at Fochriw Council Schools on Wednesday evening last. Several Bedlinog friends were present. The chair was taken by Mr. E. M. Davies, and an address was delivered by Mr. Trainer of Yorkshire.

“Merthyr Express” 22 July, 1911

Cricket Rhymney v Fochriw Played at Rhymney on Monday, the home team winning in the last over sent down, as time was nearly up.

Ambulance Division The Fochriw Division was well represented at the Investiture of HRH the Prince of Wales at Caernarvon, one officer and ten men having volunteered for duty. They also attended for duty at Bangor and Aberystwyth, and they were able to render first aid to many who were in sore need. They were given the most responsible station at the investiture - the Castle Square - in conjunction with Troedyrhiw and Cefn sections, along with six nursing sisters, all under the superintendence of Mr. W. J. Ballard. The place was very crowded, and several people fainted, the heat being terrific. This was also the case at Bangor and Aberystwyth. The arrangements for the camp were excellent. The men thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and there was a plentiful supply of food. The probability is that the Fochriw brigade will have their own camp next year.

Investiture Sports Very successful sports were held at Fochriw on Investiture Day. The weather was excellent and a large number were present. Everything passed off without a hitch. The committee was: Messrs. Evan Jones, Jesse Williams, W. Payne, A. Jenkins, Rod Jones and A. Mantle. The chairman was Mr. J. D. Jones, schoolmaster, and the treasurer Mr. George Sibley. Mr. William Evans was secretary. The programme included foot races, cycle races, an 80 yards race for veterans, a human wheel-barrow race, cricket ball throwing for ladies, long jump, and a three legged race.

Pentwyn Church The Pentwyn Church Sunday School tea took place on Investiture Day. The scholars met in Church at 1:30 for a short service. After this, the scholars formed a procession, and headed by the Pontllytyn Brass Band, under the conductorship of Mr. William Mantle, paraded the streets of the villages of Fochriw and Pentwyn, the band playing appropriate music en route. The procession was large, and was also a very pretty sight with all the children in their nice dresses. After the procession, tea was taken, the tables being laid out to perfection. After tea, an excellent programme of sports was held.

“Merthyr Express” 29 July 1911

Cricket: Fochriw v Sirhowy Played at Fochriw. The visitors arrived a little late, but the light did not interfere with the game, and a very pleasant and enjoyable evening was spent. Sirhowy batted first, and scored 41. D. Evans took six wickets for 11 runs, and J. D. Jones 4 for 22. J. D. Jones and Tim Jones (captain and vice-captain of Fochriw) batted well, scoring 35 between them. Fochriw were winners by 20 runs.

Presentation At Carmel vestry on Monday evening, Mrs. Elizabeth Lewis of Clydach Vale was presented with a marble clock by her Fochriw friends, on the occasion of her marriage and departure from Fochriw. Mrs. Lewis has taken a very active part in the public life of Fochriw and surrounding area, especially as a public singer of a high order. She will be greatly missed. Rev. D. Hughes Jones, Rev. R. D. Jenkins, and Mr. James Williams, spoke highly of her ability and willingness at all times to serve all good causes in the district. Mrs. Lewis very suitably thanked her friends for this token of respect towards her.

Pits Idle The Fochriw, South Tunnel and Cwmbargoed pits were idle on Thursday, owing to a shortage of waggons, as a result of the seamen's strike. This is the first stop at these collieries since the seaman's fight began.

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

“Merthyr Express” 5 August, 1911

Meeting of the Gellygaer District Council On the report of the Surveyor concerning the issue of sewerage at Fochriw, it was resolved that the villages of Fochriw and Deri be included in the Rhymney Valley Sewerage Scheme.

Cricket Fochriw v Beaufort United: Fochriw 54; Beaufort United 204; Fochriw v Tredegar Lillies: Fochriw 40; Tredegar Lillies 24

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

Wedding: Meredith-Jones The wedding took place on Wednesday of Mr. David J. Meredith, Deri, and Miss Hannah Jones, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Jones, Pentwyn. The marriage was solemnized at Gellygaer, the Reverend T. Jesse Jones officiating. The bride was attired in a smart mole costume with hat to match. The bridesmaid was Miss M. A. Davies, cousin of the bride, and daughter of Mr. E. M. Davies, checkweigher, who also wore a mole costume with hat to match. The wedding party left the bride's house amid showers of rice and confetti. A hearty reception was given to the bride and bridegroom by the Pentwyn people. After the ceremony, the happy couple left for Cardiff. Numerous and costly presents were received by the young couple.

Land Dispute at Fochriw At Glamorgan Assizes last Friday, Mr. Dd. Thomas claimed possession of a piece of land which, with other land and a dwelling house, No. 8, Williams-row, Fochriw, had, he alleged, been demised to him by a lease for 99 years, dated 1897, and which land on the 2nd July was, he alleged, taken possession of unlawfully by the defendants, John Benjamin Lewis and Mary Lewis, his wife. Mr. R. Vaughan Williams appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. Ivor Brown for the defendant, and Mr. Lincoln Reed for a third party, Mrs. Cecilia Davies. His Lordship, after hearing the legal argument, reserved judgment till Saturday, when his Lordship awarded the palintiff half the land, and the defendant the other half.

“Merthyr Express” 12 August, 1911

Wedding at Fochriw: Payne - Evans The wedding took place at St. Mary's Church, Fochriw, on Monday last, of Mr. W. J. Payne, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Payne, 7 Railway-terrace, Fochriw, and Miss Sarah Anne Evans, eldest daughter of Mr. William Evans, Pit-row, Fochriw. Both are held in the highest esteem by the residents. Both are active Church workers, Mr. Payne being the leader of the Fochriw Dramatics Society, Miss Evans also being a member. The dramatic society has handed over to the St. Mary Church building fund a sum of nearly £200, the proceeds of their recent performances. Mr. Payne is also lieutenant of the Fochriw Fire Brigade, and president of the Fochriw Soccer football club. Miss Evans has been a teacher in the Fochriw Council Schools for the past 11 years, and is loved by staff and scholars. It is only recently that the Church was licensed for marriages, and this was the first wedding to be solemnized there. The Church was beautifully decorated with flowers and palms, the altar being decorated by Mrs. J. Richards, Mrs. Curtis, and Miss M. M. Jones.

There is accommodation for 300, and the Church was packed to overflowing. The officiating clergyman was the Reverend T. Rees, vicar. Mr. J. C. Payne, brother of the bridegroom, was best man, and the bridesmaids were Miss Myfanwy Evans, sister of the bride, and Miss M. S. Edwards, cousin of the bride. The page boy was Master Charles James Lawrence, nephew of the bridegroom. Mr. Charles Payne, father of the bridegroom, was also present. The bride, who was given away by her father, was prettily attired in a robe of cream silk, trimmed with cream satin and cream silk lace. She wore a bridal veil of cream chiffon and orange blossoms. The bridesmaids wore cream silk robes, with cream picture hats to match. The page boy wore a cream serge suit, with cream cap to match. The service was fully choral, and the choir (surpliced and mixed) were present, under the conductorship of Mr. John Williams, and they sang 'The voice that breached o'er Eden,' and 'How welcome was the call.' Psalm 67 was also chanted. On the arrival of the bridal party at the Church, the organist played appropriate wedding music, and at close of the service played Mendelssohn's Wedding March. After the ceremony, the wedding breakfast was partaken of at the residence of the bridegroom's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Lawrence. About 70 guests, in addition to the bridal party, were present. Afterwards, the happy couple left by coach for Merthyr, and from there by train to Llanstephan, Carmarthenshire, where the honeymoon is being spent. The bride was attired in a mole travelling dress, trimmed with silk braid and cream lace. They departed amidst showers of rice and confetti, and with the good wishes of a host of friends. They were the recipients of the very large number of presents. The Vicar presented them with a Bible, in commemoration of the first wedding solemnized at St. Mary's Church.

Independent Labour Party Meeting A meeting was held last Thursday, the chief speakers being Councillor Bolwell, in English, and Councillor Jones, in Welsh. They spoke on 'The Minimum Wage.' Mr. Bolwell asked, "Why should the collier be refused a minimum wage more than any other class of workmen?" He pointed out a well-known fact: the collier, though he risks his life perhaps more than any other workmen, he is the one refused a living right. Mr. Jones pointed out a few more rights of the workmen to a living wage, and also, the practical side of religion in the Independent Labour Party's programme. The meeting was presided over by Mr. George Thomas, Fochriw.

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

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

St Mary's The annual tea in connection with St. Mary's Sunday School was held at the Institute on Tuesday last. The day was delightfully fine. The children met in Church. A short service was conducted by the Rev. A. E. Snow. After the service, a procession was formed, and, headed by the Fochriw Brass Band, the streets of the villages of Pentwyn and Fochriw were paraded. The band played appropriate music under its conductor Mr. William Powell. The procession was marshalled by the Vicar, Rev. Snow, Mr. Charles Payne, Mr. Williams, and Mr. William Davis. Later, tea was provided in the Institute. After tea, there were sports in the field near the Church, which was lent by Mr. Robert Slimmon, Fochriw Farm. The events included foot races, marathon races, tug-of-war, etc. The officials were Messrs. William Davis, (Manager), T. Williams, (Mechanic), T. Harris, Morgan Jones, and A. E. Evans. Messrs. Morgan Parry and Arthur Coggan also worked well, and collected a good sum towards the sports. Sweets were given to the scholars and helpers.

"Merthyr Express" 19 August, 1911

Socialism and its Faults A well-attended meeting was held near the Constitutional Club on Monday evening last, under the auspices of the East Glamorgan Conservative Association.

An address was delivered by D. Thomas, Barrister-at-law, Cardiff, on 'Socialism and its faults.' Questions were put and admirably answered by the Speaker. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Speaker. The meeting was presided over by Mr. Snowdon of Pontlottyn.

Discontent A meeting was held on Tuesday evening below the railway station, when Mr. Charles Griffiths and Mr. John Evans, of Dowlais, spoke on Socialism. Mr. Griffiths referred to the universal discontent among the labouring classes, due probably to the unceasing efforts of Socialists. Socialism, he said, provoked discontent. He also pointed out the many Acts of Parliament which had of late been put on the Statute Book, through the influence of the Labour Party, such as the Feeding of School Children Act, the Trades Disputes Act, etc. Mr. John Evans spoke on the injustice, waste, and cruelty of the present system of competition. He urged his hearers to abolish this system and accept co-operation and socialism. Mr. George Thomas presided.

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

“Merthyr Express” 2 September, 1911

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

Death of Mr. T. Jenkins, Fochriw We have to announce the death and funeral of the late Mr. Thomas Jenkins, Dynevor-street, one of the oldest inhabitants of Fochriw. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rees Jenkins, and was born at Penybont Farm, Tregaron, Cardiganshire. He came to Dowlais when he was 21 years of age. He married Miss Ann Davies, a native of Newcastle Emlyn, who still survives, having been married for 54 years. They moved to Fochriw about 37 years ago. The deceased was a fireman and overman in Fochriw Colliery, No.1 Pit, for a period of over 25 years. He was a deacon at Carmel Congregational Chapel, also for over 25 years, and a trustee of the Philanthropic Benefit Society for over 20 years. He was a staunch teetotaler, and in politics a strong Liberal. He was very keen on matters pertaining to religion and politics. The deceased gentleman's pleasant countenance will be greatly missed by his family, and by his large circle of friends. He had been ill for a number of years, and was able to go about a little until very lately. He had borne his suffering patiently. The interment took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Monday. A service was conducted at the house by the Rev. D Hughes Jones, and afterwards at Carmel Chapel. The 'Dead March' in Saul was played by the organist Mr. Thomas Walters. At the graveside the Rev. E.S Jenkins, Abertysswg, officiated. The mourners were: Mrs. Ann Jenkins, widow; Rev. R. D. & Mr. Daniel Jenkins, sons; Mr. and Mrs. Berkley and Eleanor Angell, son-in-law and daughter; Mr. and Mrs. David and Eleanor Jenkins, son and daughter-in-law; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas John and Mary Ann Jenkins, son and daughter-in-law; Mr. & Mrs. William and Rachel Jenkins, Senghenydd, brother and sister-in-law; Mr. and Mrs. Morgan and Mary Jenkins, brother and sister in law; Messrs. David Jenkins and Thomas Jenkins, Abercarn, brother and nephew; Mrs. Stannett, Slough,, sister; Miss Mary Jenkins, Bawtry, sister; Messrs. Aneurin Jenkins, Thomas, Jenkins, Daniel Jenkins, Thomas Jenkins, Rees Jenkins, Master Sylvanus Jenkins, Master Henry Jones Jenkins, Masters Willie, Burkley and Thomas Angell, Misses Judith Ann Jenkins, Tegwen Jenkins, Misses Nellie and Annie Jenkins, Misses May Jane and Judith Ann and Nellie Maud Angell, grand children; Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin and Laurie Ann Shankland, grandson-in-law and daughter; Mr. & Mrs. James Budd, Penybank, and Charles Rees Budd; Eleanor Jones, Abercynon; Thomas Jenkins, Cwmaman; Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Davies, Renrhiwceiber; Sergt. & Mrs. Jones, Ystrad Mynach; M. & Mrs. Rees Jenkins, Pontlottyn; Mr. Thos. Roblins and Mrs. Eliz. Christopher, Gwaelodyagrth; Mrs. Wm. Davies, Splott, Cardiff; Mr. & Mrs. John Williams, Dowlais; Mr. Enoch Davies; Miss Sarah Davies, Dowlais; Mrs. Davies and Miss Davies, Rhymney,

nephews and nieces. A very large number of letters of sympathy were received, many from clergyman close to the family. The family wish to thank all friends for their kind and sincere sympathy.

“Merthyr Express” 9 September, 1911

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

Obituary Much sympathy will be felt with Mr. and Mrs. A Tyler, on the death of their daughter Emily, which took place on Saturday last. The funeral took place on Tuesday and was very well attended. The Reverend B. Glover officiated, assisted by Mr. J. C. Payne, lay reader. Mr. H. Hughes presided at the organ, and Mr. J. Wood conducted the singing. The chief mourners were: Mr. A. Tyler, father; Masters Charles and David Tyler, brothers; Messrs. Arthur Tyler, C. Tyler, Lewis Williams and William Griffiths, uncles. Mr. David Davies, Fochriw, carried out of the funeral arrangements.

Independent Labour Party On Thursday evening, a meeting was held in the open air, under the auspices of the Bedlinog branch of the Independent Labour Party. The chair was taken by Mr. James Williams, Pentwyn. Mr. Joseph Sparks, Bedlinog, was the speaker. Mr. Sparks spoke from the tradesman's point of view. Mr. Thomas Evans, Deri, spoke next, commenting on the present unrest in the world of industry. He said that socialism was not out to turn the world upside-down, as some of their opponents wished them to believe: it was that already. They were out to turn it downside up.

Fire An outbreak of fire occurred at No. 10, Aelybryn, about 4:15p.m. on Tuesday last. The Fochriw Fire Brigade was called out, and was promptly on the scene, under the command of Lieutenant W. J. Payne. Damage was done to bedding, table and several other things. Police Constable Perrot, who lives opposite, was the first on the scene, and with the help of others quickly got the fire under control.

Football On Saturday last, the Fochriw Hotspurs opened their season with a match against Dowlais Top. After a fast and exciting game, the home team won by 4 goals to 2. Dan Jenkins, two goals, Llewelyn Rees and Tom Jenkins, were the Fochriw scorers.

Gellygaer District Council The vote of sympathy was passed with Councillor Rhys Jenkins on the recent death of his father.

“Merthyr Express” 16 September 1911

Scholastic Successes Great credit is due to the following, who have been successful in passing the Senior Welsh Board Examination : Senior – Messrs. Daniel Jones, Howell Jones, Idris Jones, and Miss Hannah Evans; Junior – Mr. Willie A. Jones. All were students Pengam and Hengoed County Schools.

Independent Labour Party On Thursday, the Reverend George Neighbour of Mountain Ash, addressed an open-air meeting at Fochriw, under the auspices of the newly-formed branch of the Independent Labour Party. Mr. Evan M. Davies presided. Mr. Neighbour's subject was "The Independent Labour Party: its past, present and future." The future, said Mr. Neighbour, is ours. While this country never possessed so much riches, yet never had we so much poverty. The privileged few possessed the millions, but the millions possessed very little. The present system of competition was most injurious to the best interests of democracy. The few friends of Labour had done yeoman service this summer, their fruit being the establishment of the present branch of the Independent Labour Party.

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

Thomas Lewis presided over the business of the lodge, and Sister B. Ballard over the entertainment.

Ambulance Inspection The annual inspection of the Dowlais Corps of the St. John Ambulance Brigade was held at Fochriw. There was a good muster of the three divisions - Fochriw, Bedlinog, and Dowlais. They marched to the field in charge of their respective superintendents, and were then taken over by Chief Superintendent Jenkins. The Corps officers were all represented, and all did their work well. The inspecting officer congratulated the men on their smartness and efficiency. He noticed that there was a great improvement in carrying out their respective drills, and called the attention of officers and men to the First-aid Voluntary Detachment, and hoped that every man present would do his best to join that particular service. The weather was favourable, and one and all enjoyed the parade.

Trade Unionism The annual meeting of the Fochriw Lodge of Miners was held on Tuesday evening at the Fochriw Council School. Mr. Evan M. Davies presided. The Rev. T. E. Nicholas, Glais, delivered an address. Referring to a man's right to live, he pictured the difference between man - God's crowning piece of creation - and the freedom of the birds of the air. While the whole of creation - from the animal kingdom to the vegetable kingdom - was free, with no limitation to their actions as the Creator intended, Man was fettered with shackles and limitations of a type worse than the material shackles of old. The shackles of landlordism and capitalism, by which the workmen of today were bound, made it impossible for democracy to live the full, free, and moral life demanded of man. Having shown what trade unionism had done in the past for the working men of this country - the shortening of hours, raising of wages, the solidarity of workers when united - he strongly urged all workmen to join their trade unions, and fight the present landlordism and the capitalist system. They were absolutely un-Christian and un-scriptural. The Labour movement was Christianity making for a new heaven and a new earth: yea, the making of the Kingdom of God upon earth. Mr. John Davies, miners' agent, then dealt with the coming M.F.G.B. conference, and explained the different items on the agenda.

“Merthyr Express” 23 September, 1911

Anniversary The anniversary services in connection with Noddfa Baptist Chapel were held on Saturday evening, Sunday and Monday, when excellent and inspiring sermons were preached by Professor M. B. Owen, Carmarthen, and Rev. R. Jones, Tabernacle, Merthyr. All the services were well-attended.

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

Pentwyn Church A service was held at Pentwyn Church on Sunday evening in memory of the late Mr. Prosser, landlord of the Penybank hotel, and also of Emily, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Tyler, Pentwyn. The service was conducted by Mr. J. C. Payne, lay reader, who also preached the sermon, taking his text from Psalm 90, v. 9: "We spend our years as a tale that is told." Appropriate hymns were sung by the choir conducted by the Mr. John Wood. Mr. Brown presided at the organ and played the "Dead March in Saul," the congregation standing. The Church was filled.

Carmel On Sunday evening, a memorial service in commemoration of the late Thomas Jenkins, Dynevor-street, was held at the chapel. The pastor, the Rev. D. Hughes Jones, officiated. High tribute was paid the deceased as a faithful and conscientious Christian. At the close of the sermon, the "Dead March in Saul" was played by the organist, Mr. Thomas Walters.

“Merthyr Express” 30 September, 1911

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

Jones, Edith Thomas, Nellie M. Angell; stories - L. M. Lawrence, Ceinwen Ballard. During the evening, Brother and Sister Weever addressed the meeting. Brother W. Griffiths presided over the entertainment.

Clothing Club Supper The annual Clothing Club Supper held by Mrs. Lewis Davies, tailor, Bedlinog, was held at the Mount Pleasant Inn, Fochriw, on Tuesday. After the meal, the members and friends enjoyed themselves with a concert. Mr. A. F. Evans, Fochriw, presided. The programme was as follows: gramophone solo – Mr. Wm. Morgan Davies, Fochriw; songs, Mr. Truran and Mr. Morgan Jones, painters, Merthyr; song, Mr. Morgan Jones; solo, Mr. Wm. Jones; gramophone solo; piano overture, Mr. Edward Protheroe; comic, Mr. Truran; song, Mr. Morgan Jones; solo, “The Farmer’s Boy,” Mr. Slimmons, Song, Wm. Jones; song, David Prosser; imitated soprano solo, “Marguerite,” Mr. Tom Jones; comic, Mr. Truran; gramophone solo, “Treorchy Fair.” Mr. Protheroe, Bedlinog, was the accompanist.

“Merthyr Express” 7 October 1911

Harvest Festival Harvest Thanksgiving services were held at Nazareth chapel on Thursday week, and were well attended.

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

Independent Labour Party A public meeting was held on Thursday evening under the auspices of the Independent Labour Party branch, when Mr. Morgan Jones, Bargoed, gave an address. Mr. E. M. Davies presided. On Tuesday, the ordinary I.L.P. branch meeting was held, when the secretary was requested to write to the authorities asking for facilities at Fochriw to register births and deaths similar to those already granted at the neighbouring villages.

St. Mary's Church Dedication Festival Services were held on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Wednesday. The preachers were as follows: Friday - the Rev. J. Davies, Deri; Sunday - the Rev. F. Rowlands, Tredegar; Wednesday - the Rev. W. K. Urquhart, Dowlais. Holy Communion was celebrated at 8a.m. on Saturday and Sunday. The Services were very well attended, and the sermons were most inspiring. Master Octavius Richards was at the organ, and Mr. John Williams conducted the singing.

Concert A successful concert was held at St. Mary's Institute on Monday, the proceeds going towards paying off the debt on the building. The Rev. T. Rees, vicar, presided, and delivered an appropriate address. The programme was as follows: pianoforte solo – Mr. Jones, Pontlottyn; duet – Messrs. Shankland and Morris, Fochriw, “Bydd bur I Cymru Fad;” solo – Mrs. Probert, Pontlottyn, “Holy City,” encore, “Bells of Aberdovey;” violin solo - Miss L. Isaacs, “Song without words,” also encored; solo, Mr. C. Shankland, “Merch y Cadben;” solo, “Dream of Paradise,” Miss Hughes, Pontlottyn; duet, Mr. C. Sahknand and Mr. Wm. Morris, “Mae Cymru’n Barod ar Ynys;” euphonium solo - Mr. William Mantle, Pentwyn, “Happy Moments,” with variations; duet, Mrs. Probert and Miss Hughes, “A B C;” solo, Mr. Morris, “O na Byddai’n Haf o hyd;” violin solo, Miss Isaacs; solo, Miss Probert, “Alone on the Raft;” solo, Miss Hughes, “The Better Land;” solo, Mr. Morris, “Bwthyn Bach Melyn fy Nhad.” Mr. D. Ivor Jones presided at the piano.

“Merthyr Express” 14 October 1911

Football Bargoed Old Boys proved too good Fochriw, winning by two tries, six points to nil. Fochriw arrived late, and it was agreed, owing to dusk setting in, to play only 20 minutes each way. There was no commendable feature in the play, except for the unwavering aggression of the home side. The Old Boys, however, could not display that combination and cleverness of effort which usually distinguishes their play. It was apparent they felt they could win easily and did not lay themselves out as usual.

The Hospital The matron of Penybank Hospital will be pleased to accept gifts of old white linen, as the same is very useful and urgently required.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the ordinary business, short addresses were given on "The Art of Noble Living." All members took part. Brother

James Williams presided. Sister Olwen Hughes has been appointed pianist to the Juvenile Temple in succession to Master Octavius Richards.

Wedding: Williams-Bates The wedding was solemnised at Tabernacle Baptist Chapel, Merthyr, on Wednesday of the Miss Lilian Williams, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Williams, Bryn Awel, Fochriw, and Mr. Harry Bates, of Wolverhampton. The officiating minister was the Rev. M. S. Young, Fochriw, assisted by Rev. W. R. Jones, Merthyr. The bride was given away by her father, and Mr. Tom Jones, cousin of the bridegroom, was best man. The bridesmaids were the Misses J. A. Jenkins, Gertrude Williams and Edith Williams. A reception was held at the Bentley's Hotel, where an excellent spread was provided. Afterwards, the happy couple left for Torquay, where the honeymoon is being spent. Miss Williams has been a teacher at the Fochriw Council School for many years, where she was greatly loved by one and all.

Presentation to Mr. W. J. Payne On Thursday evening at the Station Restaurant, the headquarters of the Fochriw Hotspurs Soccer Club, Mr. W. J. Payne was presented with a valuable case of cutlery - 52 pieces in all - which had been subscribed for by the members of the club, of which he is President, to mark the occasion of his recent marriage. The chair was occupied by Mr. William Evans, vice-president. Mr. W. J. Jones, Pentwyn, made the presentation. In responding, Mr. Payne said that the little he had done was for the interest of sport in the place. He was proud of being a member of the Hotspurs, which had a membership of at least 60 and was still growing. He urged upon them always to play clean and honest in sport, and to conduct themselves as gentleman on and off the field of play. Then they would be sportsmen in the true sense of the word. Mr. Llewelyn Rees, captain, then spoke, followed by Messrs. Percy Mantle, secretary, Stephen Ballard, treasurer, Rod Jones, and Tom Jenkins. An excellent programme was contributed to by the following: songs - Messrs. W. H. Davies, W. J. Payne, J. H. Evans, A. Prosser, C. Edwards, S. Lewis; impromptu speech competition - subject "Bread" - the winner Mr. Llew Rees; funny story competition - prize divided between Messrs. David Thomas and Albert Prosser; selections on the gramophone.

"Merthyr Express" 21 October 1911

Orders for Printing of every description may be left with Mr. J. C. Payne, 7, Railway-terrace, the local representative of the "Merthyr Express."

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

Independent Labour Party On Tuesday, Mr. Tom Andrews, Treharris, gave an address at the Council School on, "Socialism, the product of Civilisation." The I.L.P. last week discussed the question of the Sunday postal delivery, which is a long felt want, and a facility which should have been sought long ago.

Social On Thursday evening at Nazareth chapel, the Young People's Guild was opened for the winter session by a social. A considerable number attended. The following ladies served at the tables: Misses Jennie Jones, Katie Jones-Davies, Sarah Cheeke, Edith Parry, Maggie Slimmons, Margaret Ann Jones, Sophie Slimmons, Doris Davies, Mary Lawrence, Mrs. Hopkins, Mrs. E. Davies, Mrs. J. Jones, Mrs. H. Roberts, Mrs. Roderick, Mrs. J. D. Jones, Mrs. Maggie Davis, and Mrs. S. J. Jones. They were assisted by Wm. Jones, Roderick Jones, D. J. Hopkins, Edward Parry, Evan Davies, Willie Davies, Berkley Davies, Willie John Angell and J. D. Jones. In the course of the meeting, Mr. Henry Roberts entertained the audience with sacred selections on the gramophone.

"Merthyr Express" 28 October 1911

Independent Labour Party On Tuesday, the I.L.P. branch held its weekly meeting at the Station Restaurant. The requirements of Fochriw were again discussed, and it was pointed out that the village was behind the times with regard to light, postal, and other facilities, which the branch is determined to try and remedy in the future.

Harvest Festival Thanksgiving services were held at St Mary's Church on Sunday, Monday and Wednesday, when the pulpit was occupied by the following: Sunday - Rev. B. Glover,

Pontlottyn; Monday (Welsh) - Rev. Thomas Rees, vicar; Wednesday - Rev. J. Hughes, Cyfarthfa. Mr. John Williams conducted the singing, and Mr. Octavius Richards was at the organ.

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

Labour Candidate for East Glamorgan A public meeting was held at Nazareth chapel, Fochriw, kindly lent for the occasion, last Thursday evening, when Mr. T. I. Mardy Jones, delivered an address on the Labour politics of East Glamorganshire. Three names were put to the meeting - T. Russell Williams of Bradford, Alfred Onions, and Professor Tom Jones, Rhymney. Professor Jones received the greatest number of votes, and was nominated as Labour candidate to be submitted to the coming conference at Pontypridd.

"Merthyr Express" 4 November, 1911

Football Five engagements were brought to a definite conclusion in the 5th division. Fochriw met New Tredegar Rovers at home, and succeeded in dividing the points.

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

Nazareth The Young People's Guild met on Wednesday evening, the Rev. Isaac Roderick in the chair. Councillor J. Jones read an interesting paper on "The History of Fochriw." The paper was brimful of facts and very humorous. After the paper, the following programme was gone through: solo - William Morris; an impromptu speech competition, the prize being divided between Katie Davies and Mattie Jones; recitation - Edith Parry; un-punctuated reading - prize winner, Mary Jane Jones; recitation - Muriel Jones. The meeting concluded with the singing of "Mae'n fy ngharu."

Harvest Festival Thanksgiving services were held at Pentwyn Church on Thursday, Friday and Sunday, when the pulpit was occupied by the following: Thursday - Rev. J. Davies, Deri; Friday (Welsh) - Rev. T. Rees, vicar; Sunday - Mr. J. C. Payne, lay reader. The anthem, "Fear not, the land," was sung very effectively. The Church had been beautifully decorated, much fruit having been given, and afterwards, this was distributed to the sick in the villages, and to the patients of Penybank Hospital.

Entertainment The first of the winter series of popular entertainments was given at Pentwyn Church school room on Monday evening, and was presided over by Mr. J. C. Payne. There was a large attendance. The programme was as follows: chairman's address; recitation - Master Tom Jones; solo - Mr. Thomas Jones; recitation - Master John Alban Davies; solo - Miss E. H. Davies; recitation - Master Thomas E. Rees; solo - Miss Mary Lewis; comical speech - Mr. W J Jones; solo - Mr. Albert Tyler; solo - Miss Agnes May Williams; solo - Miss Maggie Sarah Martin; solo - Miss Mary Tyler; solo - Miss Blodwen Watkins; solo - Miss Blodwen Williams; solo Miss Ceridwen Davies.

Wedding: Lewis-Evans The wedding was solemnised at the Parish Church, Merthyr on Saturday last, of Miss Margery Lewis, Fochriw, and Mr. John Evans, Merthyr. The bride, was becomingly dressed in tussore silk, with hat to match, was given away by her nephew, Mr. T L Griffiths. The bridesmaids were Miss Maggie Griffiths and Miss Nellie Evans. The Rector of Merthyr officiated. After the ceremony, cold lunch was taken at the home of the bridegroom. The happy couple were the recipients of many valuable presents.

"Merthyr Express" 11 November, 1911

Merthyr Mutual Investment and Loan Society It is essential that business of a personal financial nature should be transacted quickly, privately, and at low cost. The Society is prepared to grant loans to tradesmen, artisans, and others, at short notice and on most favourable terms, as will be seen on perusal of the prospectus which is sent post free on receipt of your request to the Secretary, at Post Office Chambers, Merthyr Tydfil.

Independent Labour Party The weekly meeting was held on Tuesday evening. After the ordinary branch work had been transacted, a musical programme was gone through.

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

Entertainment Another of this series of entertainments was given at the Pentwyn Church school room on Monday evening last, and was presided over by Mr. G. Small. The following contributed to the programme: the chairman; solos - Master W. T. Morgan, Misses Mary Tyler, Blodwen Watkins, Ivy Tyler, Blodwen Williams, Agnes Williams, Messrs. J. C. Payne, A. Tyler, E. Jones, T. Jones; comic song - Mr. Small; mouth organ solo - Mr. Attwell; recitations - Masters W. T. Williams, Johnny Williams, Miss Blodwen Watkins. The singing of the National Anthem brought an enjoyable evening to a close.

“Merthyr Express” 18 November, 1911

Football The 5th division provided five engagements. Possibly, the victory of Sebastopol Reserves at Fochriw may be described as the chief item on the programme. Fochriw on their own glades are a hard side to beat. Sebastopol succeeded where others have failed.

The Palace, Bargoed Hidden things brought to light. Charming pictures - Christmas stories, ghost stories, legend, love and war - the heights and the depths in pictures. Endless amusement nightly .

Entertainment Another of the weekly entertainments was held at the Pentwyn Church school room on Monday evening, when a good many were present. Mr. H. Brown presided.

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

Nazareth The Young People's Guild was held on Wednesday evening. Councillor John Jones presided, and an excellent paper was read by Mr. William Jones, Brook-row, on "Ann Griffiths," the Welsh hymnist, which was most edifying and greatly appreciated by all. After the paper, there was an impromptu speech competition, and an un-punctuated reading competition. The winners were Mary Jane Jones and William Jones. The anniversary services were held at Nazareth chapel on Sunday and Monday last, when powerful sermons were preached by the Rev. William Lewis, and the Rev. William Lloyd, Bryntirion, to large congregations.

Uncle Tom's Cabin There was a large attendance at Noddfa Baptist Vestry on Tuesday evening, when a lecture was given on H. B. Stow's admirable book. On Monday evening, slides were shown and an address given on "The Life of Samuel." Rev. M. S. Young was the lecturer. It is intended to talk to the children through the history of the Old and New Testament heroes and saints, during the winter session. Sometimes, however, there will be diversion from purely religious subjects to cover biographies and histories of a moral character. So far this idea promises to prove a large success, both from a financial and educational standpoint.

“Merthyr Express” 25 November, 1911

Pits Idle Both the Fochriw pits, and the South Tunnel pit, were idle on Wednesday, owing to a shortage of waggons.

Noddfa Chapel A fine magic lantern lecture was given on Tuesday evening. The pictures shown were "The Royal Navy," and "Teddy's Buttons." The pictures were very clear and distinct, and were much enjoyed by the large number present. The operator and lecturer was Mr. Williams, who did his work in an efficient manner. A pianoforte duet by the Sisters Hilda and Irene Phillips brought an enjoyable evening to a close.

Entertainment Another of the series of popular entertainments was held at the Pentwyn Church schoolroom on Monday evening, a good number being present. Mr. John Small presided and delivered an appropriate address. The programme was contributed to by the

following: recitations - Misses Sarah Jane Williams, Ceredwen Davies, Irene Davies, Mrs. William Gwynne, Masters Johnny Williams, Richard George, George Baldwin, and William Thomas Williams; solos - Miss S. J. Williams, Mr. Thomas Jones, Miss Ceredwen Davies, Mr. Albert Tyler, Mrs. F. Morgan, Mr. H. Brown, Miss Mary Tyler, Mr. J. Small, Miss Blodwen Williams; whistle solo - Mr. Brown; tin whistle and mouth organ duet - Messrs H. Brown and F. Attwell.

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

Carmel Chapel The members of the Literary and Debating Society met on Wednesday evening. The chair was occupied by the Rev. D. H. Jones, who gave a short address, after which an inspiring paper was read by the Rev. R. D. Jenkins, on "The Influence of the mountains on the Nation." He introduced the subject by showing the influence of environment on individuals and thereupon the nation. The mountains were to some extent the cause of the independence which was so characteristic of the Welsh nation. This might be an advantage as well as a disadvantage. In politics, said the reader, this independent spirit might be plainly seen. The mountains might also account to a greater or lesser degree, for lack of enterprise and perseverance. Lastly, he dealt with the religious tendency of the Welsh, which he thought, was greatly assisted by the presence of the mountains - the solitude leading to meditation, and, consequently, to closer communion with the spiritual world. The paper was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Mrs. E. M. Davies, Mr. Thomas Lewis, and Mrs. E. Cole Jones also spoke. A duet was sung by the Misses M. A. Walters and Hannah Jones, with Miss Maggie Walters at the piano.

"Merthyr Express" 2 December, 1911

Fatal Accident at Fochriw Colliery About 3a.m. on Wednesday, a fatality happened at No. 2 Pit Fochriw, to Charles Conway, aged 30, a young married man, living at 1, Garden Street, Dowlais. He was at his work, looking down into the sump, when a stone came down and knocked him in the back of the head. He was killed, and his body was thrown into the sump. His body was conveyed home early in the morning by the collier's train.

Noddfa The pulpit at Noddfa was occupied last Sunday by Miss Davies, who preached inspiring sermons. A lantern lecture was given on Tuesday evening. The pictures showing were "Round-the-world through British territory." The pictures were very clear and distinct, and were much enjoyed by all present. The operator and lecture was the Rev. M. S. Young. A sketch was also given by Mr. Watkin Williams.

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

Funeral The funeral of the late Mrs. Catherine A. Thomas, wife of Mr. Joseph Thomas, Moore's-row, took place on Thursday last, and was well attended. The interment took place at Pentwyn Churchyard, and the Rev. D. H. Jones, Congregational minister, officiated. The chief mourners were: Mr. Joseph Thomas, husband; Mr. John Thomas, father-in-law; Mr. Drew, Mr. Thomas Jones, Mr. William Hill, Mr. D. W. Davies, uncles; Mr. and Mrs. Richards, aunt and cousin; Mrs. Powell, grandmother. Great sympathy is felt and with the relations in their bereavement.

Entertainment Another of the series of popular entertainments was held at the Pentwyn Church School-room on Monday evening, and was presided over by Mr. J. C. Payne. There was a large attendance, and a splendid programme was contributed to by the following: recitations - Master W. T. Williams, Miss Irene Davies, Master Tom Jones, Miss Mary Morgan, Master R. G. Attwell; comical story - Master W T Williams; solos - Misses Blodwen

Watkins, Mary Tyler, Sarah J. Williams, and Blodwen Williams. Competitions: un-punctuated reading - 1. Miss Catherine Jones, 2. Master W. T. Williams; impromptu speech - 10 competitors - subject "Church" - 1. Master W. T. Williams, 2. Miss S. J. Williams, 3. Master W. T. Morgan.

Nazareth Chapel The Young People's Guild was held last Thursday evening. The chair was occupied by Mr. William Jones, who gave a short address, after which an inspiring paper was read by the Rev. Isaac Roderick on "Islwyn," the greatest Welsh poet of the 19th century. He introduced the subject by describing the district of Ynysddu and Mynyddislwyn in the lower part of the Sirhowy Valley, where Islwyn at one time lived. He pointed out the influence of this environment on the poets mind. Islwyn started a new era in Welsh poetry. He departed from the old fashioned school, and led the younger poets of his day into new fields of thought. It is true that he composed many songs to the beauties of nature, but to him these were only secondary things. He sought a richer field than that of nature in the soul of man, and that great soul was always in touch with the spiritual and eternal. He studied man, and sang to the vastness of his living soul. In this sense he was a psychological poet. The speaker gave a very interesting account of his poetical works, and dealt very fully with Islwyn's masterpiece, "The Storm." Some parts of this poem, said Mr. Roderick, dealt with the natural storm, but he sang more particularly to the storm of sin and suffering in the soul of man. Suddenly, he rejoiced to see the light of the Sun of Righteousness clearing away the clouds and filling the soul with joy and peace. Islwyn died when he was 47 years of age, but his name will remain evergreen in the history of Wales. It was an excellent paper, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed it. A competitive meeting followed, in which the following children won prizes: Misses Doris Davies, Edith Parry, Maggie Davis, Mary Jane Jones, Katie Jones Davies. Mr. William Morris sang a solo, and Mr. Roderick Jones presided at the organ.

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"Merthyr Express" 9 December 1911

Carmel The half-yearly meetings were held on Saturday and Sunday. The special preacher was Mr. Emlyn McDonald, a student at the Memorial College, Brecon. Very edifying sermons were delivered, and large congregations attended.

Proposed Extension of Merthyr: Gellygaer Will Oppose Extension to Include Bedlinog and Fochriw At the meeting of the Gellygaer District Council on Tuesday, the Clerk said, in reply to a question from Mr. E. Richards concerning the proposed intention of Merthyr to seek powers for extending its boundaries to embrace Bedlinog and Fochriw, that he did not know what steps the Corporation were taking at present, but as a member of the Corporation, he would oppose it as he had always done. [Hear, hear.] A response from Merthyr might take six months, but when this happened, the Parliamentary Committee would be called to decide what action was necessary. Mr. E. Richards then proposed that legal advice be taken, so that they were prepared when the time came for action. He also proposed that Mr. Gus Jones, and

the Fochriw and Trelewis members be added to the Parliamentary Committee. This was agreed to, and it was decided to call a meeting of the committee for the 19th.

Noddfa A very interesting lantern entertainment was given on Tuesday evening. The pictures shown were "The Pilgrim's Progress," and they were both edifying and interesting. The lecturer and operator was the Rev. M. S. Young. Others who contributed to the programme were: Elvis Phillips, Phyllis M. Williams and Mary Davies, who gave recitations, and Misses Hilda and Irene Phillips, who gave a violin and pianoforte duet. A most pleasant evening was spent.

Musical Success Master Josiah Octavius Padarn Richards, son of Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Richards, Llwyn Celyn Cottage, Fochriw, has been successful in passing the examination of the Trinity College of Music, London, in the Intermediate Division in pianoforte playing, which was held at the Park Hotel, Cardiff, on November 26th, 1911. He is a pupil of Mr. W. L. Watkins, F.R.C.O., Dowlais. Master Richards is very earnest in his work and deserves great credit for his success. Although very young, he plays and has played for years, the pipe organ at St. Mary's Church.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening last. During the evening, there was a juvenile competition. The prizes were awarded to the following: recitation, under eight years of age - Brinley Sibley; over eight years of age - Myfanwy Evans; singing under eight years of age - T. H. Jones. Large numbers of the juveniles took part in the competition. The prizes were given by Bro. James Evans, Aelybryn. The meeting was presided over by Bro. Thomas Lewis.

Lecture On Monday evening, the Rev. Gwylfa Robert, Llanelli, delivered a very interesting and edifying lecture at Carmel chapel on the subject, "Pedair Briallan o Gymru." The Brialla turned out to be prominent men of the past; one a very prominent politician, another a politician, the third a musician, and the fourth a novelist. The lecture was full of interest from beginning to end. The chairman of was Dr. Eleaxer Davies, J P.

Entertainment Another of the series of popular entertainments was given at the Pentwyn Church schoolroom on Monday evening, presided over by Mr. John Small. The following contributed to the programme: address - the chairman; solos - Miss Blodwen Williams, Mr. Tom Jones, Miss Mary Tyler, Mrs. F. Morgan, the chairman, Mr. J. C. Payne, Mr. Ernest Jones; recitations - Miss Blodwen Watkins, Master W. T. Williams, Miss Morfydd Williams, Master John Roberts, Miss Catherine Ann Jones, Mrs. William Gwynne. The chairman thanked the artistes, and brought an enjoyable evening to a close.

Carmel Literary Society A meeting was held on Wednesday evening last, and the chair was occupied by the Rev. D. H. Jones. A recitation was given by Master Tom Mitchell. Miss A. G. Williams then read a paper entitled "Impressions of My Tour." It was a most instructive and edifying paper. Miss Williams has recently been on a three-month tour, during which time she visited Venice in Italy, Odessa in Russia, Khersoa and Throdosa in the Crimean peninsula, Spain, and Rotterdam in Holland. The paper was a very vivid account of the places visited. The scenery, magnificent buildings, manners and costumes of the people were dealt with in a most interesting fashion. The geography and history of the different places was connected in a most striking manner. The legends related were very amusing. Mrs. E. Cole Jones, Mr. James Williams and the Rev. D. H. Jones commented on the paper, and each complemented Miss Williams very highly on her excellent descriptive powers. There was a large number present, and the attention given proved that it was well appreciated and understood. Some splendid views were also handed round and inspected, which was a fine novelty, and added very much to the enjoyment of the evening.

Death of a Hitcher at Fochriw An inquest was held by the coroner, Mr. R. J. Rees, on Sunday morning at the Clarence Hotel, Dowlais, on George Conway, 28 years of age, who was killed early on Wednesday morning at No. 2 Pit, Fochriw. Deceased was a married man, and left a wife and two children. John Tucker, a hitcher in the same Pit as the deceased, said that he, the deceased, and others, were working nearby each other. The accident to Conway happened about 2:30a.m. but witness did not see the accident. He had just put up a tram of coal, and did not see anything fall, nor anyone else. Conway was found in the sump, and was

not dead when found. He had a wound at the back of his head: he was alive when taken up the pit to the lamp room, where he died. Bartholomew Meade said he was working not far off, but did not see Conway struck, nor did he hear a noise. The last thing put in the cage was a tram of coal, pushed on by Conway. He did not hear anything fall. They had not seen anything that would account for his being struck. John Maloney, assistant repairer, said he did not know how Conway was hit, nor what with, neither did he see a piece of wood out of its place. Mr. J. H. Jones, colliery manager, showed a plan of that part of the pit, shaft, etc. He said that a diligent search was made at the bottom of the pit, the sump, and also in the shaft, and nothing was found displaced. The pit was 435 yards deep. Coal must have fallen on Conway when he was looking down into the sump. He could not think of anything else. A verdict was returned by the jury "that Conway met his death while working at the bottom of No. 2 Pit, Fochriw, by being hit on the back of the head, but there was no evidence to show what it was."

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

Noddfa A splendid magic lantern entertainment was given at the Noddfa Baptist vestry on Tuesday evening, when the second part of the "Pilgrim's Progress" was given. It was beautifully illustrated. The lecturer and operator were Rev. M. S. Young and Mr. Williams.

Nazareth Chapel The Young People's Guild was held on Thursday evening, when Mr. William Morris presided, and delivered a short address. After this, the following programme was gone through: competition on the modulator: prize was divided between Mr. Richard Ellis Davies, and Mr. Willie John Angell; best essay on "David and Goliath" - Miss Katie Jones-Davies; a trio on the gramophone by Mr. Henry Roberts; competition for the best story - Miss Lizzie Mary Lawrence. The musical adjudicators were Mr. Roderick Jones and Mr. William Morris, and for literature, the Rev. Isaac Roderick and Mr. J. D. Jones.

Entertainment Another of the series of popular entertainments was given at the Pentwyn Church class-room on Monday evening, when a good number attended. Mr. J. C. Payne presided. The following contributed to the programme: address by the chairman; solo - Miss Mary Tyler; recitation - Master J. A. Pugh; solo - Master Johnny Roberts; recitation - Miss Blodwen Watkins; duet - Mrs. and Miss Tyler; recitation - Master Tom Jones; solo - Mr. John Small; recitation - Master W. T. Morgan; solo - Mr. B. Tyler; recitation - Master W. T. Williams; recitation - Miss Ceridwen Davies; instrumental duet - Messrs. H. Brown and F. Attwell; solo - Mr. Thomas Jones; recitation - Miss S. P. Williams; solo - Mr. H. Brown.

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

Carmel The fortnightly meeting of the Carmel Literary and Debating Society was held at the Vestry on Wednesday evening, and was presided over by the Rev. D. H. Jones. An excellent paper was read by Mrs. Dr. Davies on "Modern Civilisation and its effects on dress: is it defensible?" The reader dealt chiefly with furs - the cruelty attached to the trapping and slaughtering, and, the suffering of the poor animals, in order to satisfy the craving of ladies for personal adornment. The catching of the seal was described in the most pathetic manner. The cruel mode of trapping the beaver and ermine were also explained. The reader maintained that a better method of destroying fur-producing animals should be adopted, that death should

be instantaneous, whereas at present, skins were often stripped off when the animal was still alive. Until this was done, ladies, especially when attending places of worship, should refrain from wearing furs, as this brutality was quite contradictory to the teaching of the God of love. A splendid discussion followed, in which the following took part: Mr. Thomas Lewis, Miss Bronwen Ballard, and the Rev. R. D. Jenkins, all speakers agreeing with what had been said by Mrs. Davies, and also adding that killing animals for eating purposes was also brutal. Miss Ballard also alluded to the thoughtlessness in connection with the destruction of birds for adornment, but as a defence declared that it was done for want of thought. Mrs. Davis replied and explained that God intended the lower animals to serve man; what she objected to was the manner of doing the work. Animals for eating purposes were slaughtered in a scientific manner, sanctioned by government; but this was not the case with the fur-producing animals. They were tortured and allowed to suffer in a way painful to Christians.

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Noddfa Chapel A splendid magic lantern entertainment was given at the Baptist vestry on Tuesday evening. The pictures shown were from "Ben Hur," and were classical and interesting. The lecturer and operator was the Rev. M. S. Young. A pianoforte solo was played by Miss Irene Phillips, and solos were sung by Miss Lydia Thomas and Miss Maggie Morgan.

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

Entertainment Another of the series of popular entertainments was held at the Pentwyn Church school room on Monday evening, and was presided over by Mr. J. C. Payne. The following contributed to the programme: speech - the chairman; solo - Miss Mary Tyler; recitation - Master William Morgan; recitation - Master John Davies; solo - Mr. Tom Jones; solo - Miss Tyler; recitation - Master John Roberts; solo - Mr. Albert Tyler; recitation - Mrs. W. Gwynne; instrumental duet - Messrs. A. Tyler and F. Attwell; solo - Mrs. F. Morgan; recitation - Miss Agnes May Williams; recitation - Mrs. Tyler. There was an impromptu speech competition, the subject being "A Clock." The following secured the prizes: 1. Master Eddie Jones; 2. Miss S. J. Williams; 3. Master Johnny Williams. The adjudicator was Mr. William Jones.

Presentation A very successful smoking concert was held at the Constitutional Club on Monday evening, when Mr. C. Shankland, the chairman of the club, presided, supported by the Mr. W. Evans, and Mr. H. Edgar. The artistes were: Mr. J. Turner, Mr. C. Shankland, Mr. T. Harris, Mr. M. Jones, and Mr. C. Mills. Mr. Roberts, Pontlottyn, presided at the piano. During the evening, Mr. William Evans presented Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Phillips, steward and stewardesses of the Club, with a beautiful tea service as a token of the high esteem in which they were held by the club members. Mr. and Mrs. C. Mills were also made the recipients of a very handsome picture mirror. The presentation was made by Mr. H. Edgar, on behalf of the club, to mark the occasion of their marriage, which was solemnised a short time ago. Both presents were subscribed for by the club members. Appropriate speeches were made by several members, to which the parties suitably responded. The club premises are to be extended and renovated.

Carmel Literary Society A meeting of the society was held at Carmel vestry on Wednesday evening, and was presided over by the Rev. D. H. Jones. The Misses Margaret and Martha Thomas gave a splendid rendering of "What shall it profit a man if he gained the world and loose his own soul?" The accompaniments were played by Mr. Henry Thomas. A paper was then read by Mr. Thomas Lewis entitled, "The Church and the Home." It was an excellent and very edifying paper. The close relationship of the two was clearly shown and the influence of each on the child. He dealt exhaustively with the "Family Altar," and expressed a wish that the good old custom should once more be restored to the homes of Wales. The reader, who

took an optimistic view of the matter, firmly believed that the time was coming when religion would take the first place in the heart, in the home, and in society. He deplored the fact that such was not the case at present. All things were discussed in our homes before religious matters. The Bible, which should be conspicuous on the kitchen table and read daily, was merely an ornament kept in parlours and receiving an occasional dusting. The paper was commented upon by Mrs. Dr. Davies, Mr. Daniel Rowlands, Mr. William Walters, the Rev. R. D. Jenkins, and Rev. D. H. Jones. A solo was given by Miss Annie Evans, with Miss Hannah Evans accompanying.

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Noddfa: Christmas Tree The children of the Baptist Sunday School were presented with prizes from a Christmas tree on Thursday last, at the Vestry. They were greatly appreciated. They sang hymns, etc., before the distribution of the prizes. The presents were handed to the children by Miss E. Jones, Mrs. Williams, and Mr. G. Thomas. A magic lantern lecture was given on "Ben Hur" by the Rev. M. S. Young.

Nazareth Chapel A meeting of the Nazareth Young People's Guild was held on Thursday evening. Mr. Roderick Jones presided. There was a very interesting programme to which the following contributed: reading – Mr. William Jones; un-punctuated reading competition - winner, Mr. William Jones; recitation - Miss Mary Jane Jones; translating English words into Welsh – Mr. William Jones; recitation - Master John Edgar; recitation - Miss Hilda Davies; musicality test - winners, Mr. John Davies, Miss Maggie Davis, and Master Idris Jones; tune competition - winner, Miss Maggie Jones, second, Miss Hilda Davies; pianoforte solo - Mr. Roderick Jones.

Social A social was held at Carmel Vestry on Wednesday evening, and was presided over by the Rev. D. H. Jones. The tables were presided over, and assistance rendered, by the following: Mrs. David Davies, Miss Emma Jane Davies, Miss Maggie Davis, Miss Olwen Hughes, Mrs. Davies, Brook Cottage, Mrs. Evans, Miss J. A. Jenkins, Mrs. S. Ballard, Mrs. W. H. Davies, Mrs. Turner, Miss Beatrice Griffiths, Miss Lucy Davies, Mrs. David Jones, Miss A. G. Williams, Miss Francis Mary Jones, and Miss S Jones. Afterwards, a fine programme was contributed to by the following: pianoforte solo - Miss Hilda Phillips; solo - "Are there any Angels blind?" - Miss Hannah Jones; recitation - "Girls of today" - Miss Ceridwen Thomas; solo - "The guiding star" - Miss M. C. Walters; pianoforte solo - Miss Annie Evans; recitation – Mr. H. Thomas; solo - Miss Ceridwen Thomas - "Smile Again"; duet for violin and piano - Miss Hilda Phillips and Miss Irene Phillips - "Rowe of Alandale;" solo – Mr. Thomas Walters - "Song of Wales;" recitation - "Hodge and the vicar" – Mr. Harry Hughes; duet - "Beautiful Land" - Miss M. Walters and Miss H. Jones; recitation - Miss Bronwen Ballard; un-punctuated reading – Mrs. David Jones and Mr. Llewelyn Rees; Welsh reading - Miss Bronwen Ballard. Mr. Thomas Walters was the accompanist.

Christmas Tree and Entertainment A Christmas tree and entertainment was provided at the Pentwyn Church school room on Friday evening. The room was gaily decorated, and the tree laden with presents. Mr. J. C. Payne, lay reader, presided, and in the course of his address, referred to Sunday school work, and heartily thanked Mr. T. Baldwin, the energetic school secretary, and the teachers, for their valuable assistance. The school, he stated, was in a flourishing state. He then presented 110 scholars with Bibles, Prayer Books, story books and picture books. A large number of oranges, toys, etc., were also given, Messrs. F Attwell, and T. Baldwin, assisting in the presentations. The scholars were highly delighted with their presents. An excellent programme followed: solo – Mrs. F Morgan; recitation - Master J. A. Davies - "The African chief;" solo - Miss May Tyler; speech – Mr. T Baldwin; solo – Mr. Thomas Jones; comic singing – Mr. William Jones; solo - "Christmas Fun" – Mr. B. Tyler; recitation - "Man the lifeboat" – Mrs. William Gwynne; recitation - "Christmas Day" - Miss Blodwen Watkins; recitation - Miss Irene Davies; solo - Miss B. Watkins; recitation - Miss Mary Morgan. The Tree Committee was the following: Messrs. H. Brown, T. Baldwin, F. Attwell, W. J. Jones, and Thomas Jones. They were heartily thanked for their valuable assistance. The chairman also thanked Mr. Tyler for bringing the tree, the artistes, and all who in any way contributed to the success of the evening.

Obituary: Mrs. Ann Davies We have to record the death of Mrs. Ann Davies, Pentwyn, who passed away on Sunday night. The deceased lady was well known as "Bopa," and was highly respected by young and old in the village, where she will be greatly missed. She was born at Dowlais, 80 years ago, and lived there until the death of her husband, who was killed at the No. 1 Colliery, Fochriw, and interred at Hebron Chapel, Dowlais, forty-six years ago. The old lady then removed to Pentwyn, to her daughter and son-in-law, where she remained until the day of her death. She had been blind for the last seven years. Nevertheless, she was always contented and seemed perfectly resigned to her affliction. The funeral took place on Thursday at Pentwyn Churchyard. The cortege wended its way to the Church, hymns being sung en route. The Rev. W. Williams, Dowlais, officiated at the house, and was assisted at the graveside by the Rev. M. S. Young. The chief mourners were: Mr. Thomas Rees, son-in-law; Messrs. Albion and Thomas Jones, grandsons; Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Davies, Mr. and Mrs. S. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Edwards, Mrs. Andrew Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Duggan, Mrs. H. Meredith, Miss Emily Davies, Master Edward and Miss Gwennie Davies, Masters Johnny and Willie Roberts, grandchildren; Masters Thomas Elfed Davies and Thomas Lewis, great grandchildren; Mr. and Mrs. W. Roberts, daughter and son-in-law; Mr. and Mrs. W. Davies, son and daughter-in-law; Mrs. J. Williams, step sister; Mrs. Williams, niece. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. Tom Davies, Pontlloftyn.

Singing Festival The 12th Annual United Singing Festival was held at Carmel Chapel on Christmas Day by the three denominations - Methodists, Baptists and Congregationalists. The morning service was devoted to the children, and was presided over by the Rev. Moses S. Young, Noddfa. The following tunes were sung: "Diod Daw;" "Plant yr Ysgol Sul;" "Trefdroeth;" "Mi yarwnfod yn Angel;" "Taith yr ieuanc;" "Sw'n yr ieuanc flywir;" "I'r Ysgol Sul;" "Plant ydym ni;" and "Mae'n fy ngharu." The afternoon service was presided over by the Rev. D. Hughes Jones, Carmel, when the following tunes were sung: "Boreu Hyfryd;" "Builth;" "Hwyr-fryn;" "Fefnbrith;" "Elijah;" "Rhosfairio;" "Sancteiddrwydd;" "Iew Tirion;" "Bom Street." The evening service was presided over by the Rev. Isaac Roderick, Nazareth, and the following tunes were sung: "Caerfyrddin;" "Tany Marian;" "Dyfrdwy;" "Castle Rising;" "Ynysowen;" "Nebron;" "Hedd;" "St. Catherine;" "Darowain." The singing was of a high order throughout. The conductor was Mr. Thomas Evans, precentor of Noddfa chapel, to whom much credit is due for the admirable way he did his work. The other precentors did all they could to help him in his arduous work. The accompanists were Miss Phillips, Mr. Roderick Jones, and Mr. Thomas Walters. Large congregations assembled at all the services, and the singing was much appreciated.

Christmas Tree A Christmas tree and entertainment was provided at the Infant School on Friday morning. During the week, the school had been prettily decorated with festoons, bunting, and the usual Christmas decorations - holly, mistletoe, bells, etc. Mrs. E. Cole Jones, headmistress, and the staff, were anxious to give the little ones a really happy time, and keep up, as far as possible, the old Christian Christmas customs. Many Christmas carols were sung, and appropriate recitations were rendered relating to Santa Claus, Christmas, etc. Also various verses referring to the birth of Christ, and songs of the shepherds were recited. Then came tales regarding the real Santa Claus. The distribution of sweets, books, etc, proved very interesting, and brought gladness to the hearts of the little ones. The lucky bran tub caused much amusement. There was also a game - the central figure of which was Father Christmas, one of the boys dressed up in red cloak bound with white - and, of course, laden with toys. The singing of Christmas hymns brought a happy hour to a close. Mrs. Cole Jones and the staff, are to be complimented on their thoughtfulness for the children.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening last. Brother Charles Payne presided. After the ordinary business, an excellent paper on "A plain man's life," was read by the Rev. Isaac Roderick. The plain man, he explained, was the normal, sober and Christian Man. He spoke of the plain man's home, where, he said, there should be purity, love, confidence and unity. He advised all present to be careful in their choice of friends. The basis of a true friendship was virtue. The reverend gentleman quoted Cicero who remarked that we were far more careful in our choice of cattle than in our choice of friends. God, he stated, has

planted an instinct for worship in all human hearts, and life was incomplete without worship. It was a most edifying paper, full of valuable precept, and was much appreciated. Bros. Thomas Lewis, William Jones and Sister Bronwen Ballard also spoke.

Great Winter Sale at R. T. Jones and Co., Market Square, Merthyr, commences on Friday next. Golden opportunities to secure splendid bargains in all departments.