

### **“Merthyr Express” 6 January 1912**

Pulpit Mrs. E. Glyn Price occupied the pulpit at Noddfa on Sunday.

Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. Bros. T. Lewis, S. Ballard and T. Thomas, and Sisters Ballard, C. Thomas and Mag. Griffiths gave an interesting account of the ‘Mari Lwyd Lawen.’

Obituary We have to record the death of Miss Olive May Harris, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Harris, 2, Aelybryn, Fochriw. The deceased, who was just seventeen, had only been ill for nine days, and her death has cast a gloom over the whole village. She was a faithful member of St. Mary’s Church, and also of the Sunday School. The interment took place at Pentwyn Churchyard, and was very well attended. The Vicar officiated at a service in the house, and at Pentwyn. The ‘Dead March in Saul’ was played. The chief mourners were: Mr. Tom Harris (father); Masters Gilbert and Harold Harris (brothers); Messrs. John E. Jones and J. H. Harris (uncles).

### **“Merthyr Express” 13 January 1912**

Carmel Last Wednesday evening, the Rev. E. S. Jenkins, Abertysswg, gave a lecture on ‘Buddha,’ at the meeting of the Literary and Debating Society. A detailed account of his life was given, and the superiority of Christianity over Buddhism was clearly shown, in that, as the lecturer declared, Buddha was a pessimist, and Christ an optimist. To complete the evening, Miss C. Thomas gave a fine rendering of ‘Silver Lining.’

Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening, when short addresses were given on ‘My Watchword for 1912.’ The Brothers were responsible, the following taking part: Bros. Jones, Lewis, Ballard and Payne. Bro T. Lewis presided.

Nazareth The Young People’s Guild met on Thursday evening. Councillor John Jones presided and Rev. I. Roderick adjudicated. After the Chairman’s address, the following took part: song - Doris Davies; recitation - Johnny Edgar; reading competition - winner Edith Maud Davies; dialogue - Katie Jones-Davies and Maggie Davies; competition for the best wit - winner, Roderick Jones; recitations - Doris Davies, Griffith Jones; song - Johnny Slimmons; recitations - Mattie Jones, Muriel Jones; impromptu speech competition - winner, Idris Jones; trio - Mattie Jones, Hettie Edgar, E. M. Davies. The singing of a Welsh hymn brought the evening to a close.

### **“Merthyr Express” 20 January 1912**

Personal Mr. Fred. J. Wotten who has been spending a holiday in Fochriw has returned to the University of London. His numerous friends wish him every success.

Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. The evening was set apart for vocal music, Bro. T. Walters being responsible. Solos were given by Bros. T. Walters, Wm. Jones, Payne and Griffiths, and by Sister Thomas. Sisters Martha and Ceridwen Thomas then sang a duet, followed by a recitation from Sister Ceridwen Thomas.

Carmel On Wednesday evening last, the members of the Literary and Debating Society had an intellectual treat, when Rev. D. Rowland Jones, Merthyr, delivered a lecture on ‘Beirdd Cymreig a Dyngarwch.’ Mr. W. O. Jones, precentor of Zoar Congregational Church, Merthyr, who is a well-known penillion singer, sang several popular Welsh airs, which made the evening one of the most enjoyable during the session. Mr. Thomas Thomas presided.

Entertainment Another in the series of popular entertainments was held at the Pentwyn Church Schoolroom on Monday evening. Mr. J. C. Payne presided. The programme was as follows: solo - Mr. Tom Jones; recitation - Master W. T. Morgan; solo - Mr. J. C. Payne; reading - Mrs. Wm. Gwynne; recitation - Miss Mary Morgan; solo - Mr. Ernest Jones; recitation - Master Edward J. Morgan; solo - Mr. Crad Ballard; solo - Master Thomas Rees Lewis; solo - Mrs. Morgan; unpunctuated reading competition - winner Mrs. Wm. Gwynne.

Funeral The funeral of the late Mr. William Angell took place on Saturday last at Pentwyn Churchyard. The deceased had been ill for about two years, and was 72 years of age. He came to Rhymney from Bath about 60 years ago, where he lived for about 16 years, before

settling in Fochriw, where he has lived up to his death. He worked at the Fochriw Collieries for the whole of his life, up to two years ago. He was also gardener to Dr. Kent Jones for 10 years, and to Dr. Davies for 30 years. Deceased and his wife celebrated their golden wedding on March 12<sup>th</sup>, 1908. He leaves a widow, nine children, 41 grandchildren, and 10 great grandchildren. A short service was held in the house, and then the solemn cortege wended its way to the churchyard singing well-known funeral hymns en route. There were 83 mourners present. He left in all, over 150 relatives. Rev. D. Hughes Jones officiated, assisted by Rev. I. Roderick and Rev. Rhys Jenkins.

Funeral The funeral of David Athos Jenkins took place on Thursday afternoon. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Jenkins, Martin-street. Rev. D. Hughes Jones officiated.

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#### **"Merthyr Express" 27 January 1912**

Carmel Literary Society On Wednesday evening last, a splendid paper was read by Mr. W. Walters on 'The Disestablishment of the Church in Wales.' Rev. D. Hughes Jones was in the chair.

Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the installation of the new officers, Bro. T. Lewis read a paper on 'Is Life Worth Living.'

Nazareth The Young People's Guild meeting was held on Thursday evening. Mr. Idris Jones presided, and Rev. I. Roderick adjudicated. The following programme was gone through: song - Doris Davies; Welsh dialogue (Croesaw) - Edith Parry, Hettie Edgar, Annie Maud Jones, Laurie Ann Davies, Doris Davies, Mattie Jones, Hilda Davies; recitation - May Davies; song - Hilda Davies; dialogue - Katie Jones, Maggie Davies; answering six questions about Wales - out of 22 competitors, six were equal - Willie Adams Jones, Roderick Jones, Katie Jones-Davies, W. J. Angell, Willie Jones & Johnny Davies; recitation - Doris Davies; Welsh reading - divided between Maggie Davies and Katie Jones-Davies; recitation - Wm. Jones; song - Muriel Jones; trio - Edith Parry, Annie Maud and Mattie Jones; song - Johnny Slimmons; recitation - Johnny Edgar; song - Griffith Jones. A children's hymn concluded an excellent programme.

Interesting Presentation at Fochriw On Wednesday evening at St. Mary's Institute, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Payne were presented with a massive, inscribed, marble clock, the gift of the people of Fochriw and Pentwyn Church, to mark the occasion of their recent wedding. The Vicar made the presentation, after which there was a short concert, which included a laughable sketch given by members of the Dramatic Society of which Mr. and Mrs. Payne are very active members.

#### **"Merthyr Express" 3 February 1912**

Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. Bro W. Jones occupied the chair. A pianoforte solo was given by Miss Olwen Hughes, after which Rev. Rhys Jenkins read a paper entitled 'The Strong Young Man.' The reader dealt with physical, intellectual, moral and spiritual strength, and attached the greatest importance to the latter. A recitation and song from Miss Blodwen Watkins, Pentwyn, concluded the evening.

Entertainment Another in the series of popular entertainments was given at Pentwyn Church Schoolroom on Monday evening. Mr. J. C. Payne presided, and there were a good number present. There were recitations and songs, as well as an impromptu speech competition, won by Miss S. J. Williams. A laughable sketch from Mr. Watkin and sons, 'An awkward servant,' brought roars of laughter.

#### **"Merthyr Express" 10 February 1912**

It Occasionally Happens that a person wishes to make a purchase of some special article or small property. Sometimes bargains in this way are offered to people, but owing to lack of the necessary capital, it is impossible to take advantage of the offer. If you should at any

time require temporary financial assistance, the Merthyr Mutual Investment and Loan Society will lend you the necessary money quickly, privately, and at a small cost. Write to the Secretary at Post Office Chambers, Merthyr Tydfil, for a prospectus, which will be sent free of charge.

Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. Bro. T. Lewis presided. The following contributed to a musical programme: Sister Maggie Morgan - pianoforte solo; Mr. Harry Hughes - pianoforte solo; Bro. Howell Thomas - cornet solo; Mr. Harry Hughes and Sister Olwen Hughes - piano duet; bone clapping accompanied by piano - Bro. Healy and Mr. Harry Hughes; pianoforte solo - Bro. T. Walters.

Wedding: Davies-James The wedding was celebrated at Adulum Congregational Chapel on Sunday of Mr. Thomas George Davies of Fochriw, and Miss Elizabeth James, Dowlais, uncertificated mistress at Brecon Road Infants' School. The ceremony was performed by Rev. D. Hughes Jones, Fochriw. The bride wore a cream costume with matching hat.

Nazareth The Young People's Guild meeting was held on Thursday evening. Mr. Willie John Angell presided. Mr. J. D. Jones, the Council School, adjudicated the drawing competition, and Rev. I. Roderick the literature. The programme was as follows: solo, 'Aelwyd fy Nhad' - Wm. Jones; best essay on the Bible - Mary Jane Jones; solo, 'Lean on his Arms' - Hilda Davies; song, 'Pe bawn yn Rhosyn' - Willie John Angell and party; duet, 'A Friend in the Homeland' - Hilda and Martha Davies; solo, 'Somebody' - Willie Davies; recitation, 'Yr Eneth Ddall' - Edith Maude Davies; song, 'Starlight' - Wm. Morris and party; impromptu speech, 'Bread' - first prize divided between Wm. Morris and Roderick Jones; drawing, 'A Cat on a Wall' - Doris Davies; solo, 'Gweddi Hwyrrol' - Hilda Davies.

#### **"Merthyr Express" 17 February 1912**

Nazareth An excellent lecture was delivered on Monday evening by Rev. D. Davies, Maesteg, on 'The late Ieuan Gwyllt.' Rev. Davies said that it was mainly due to Ieuan Gwyllt's efforts that singing festivals were established in Wales, and by his untiring work as a conductor at these festivals, he brought Welsh people into prominence as a nation of singers. He was a man of great literary attainments, and devoted his musical talent to elevating and purifying congregational singing in Wales.

Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. The officers for the coming quarter were installed by Bro. Payne. This was followed by a 'fruit banquet,' for which the brothers were responsible. There were also solos and readings from Sisters Maggie Morgan and Bronwen Ballard, and Bro. T. Walters.

Entertainment A splendid entertainment was given at the Pentwyn Schoolroom on Monday evening, being the last of the present series. Mr. J. C. Payne presided and opened with a short address. There was a large attendance for the excellent programme which was as follows: recitation and solo, 'The Pilgrim's Dream' - Miss Blodwen Watkins; speech - Mr. W. J. Jones; solo - Mr. H. Brown; instrumental duet - Messrs. H. Brown and F. Attwell; step dance - Master Cristy Brown; solo - Mr. Albert Tyler; duet - Miss Elsie and Master Cristy Brown; recitation, 'Man the Lifeboat' - Mrs. W. Gwynne; solo - Mr. Tom Jones. Several splendid selections were given on a concert gramophone, manipulated by Mr. David Davies, Brook Cottage. The Chairman thanked all who had patronised the entertainments, and also the artistes who had always willingly contributed. The singing of the National Anthem brought the season to a close.

#### **"Merthyr Express" 24 February 1912**

Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. Bro. S. Lewis presided. Sister Ballard read a paper entitled 'The Builder.'

The Bible Society A united meeting of this society was held at Nazareth chapel on Monday evening, when Rev. John Prys, Llanover, gave an address on the British and Foreign Bible Society and its work. He pointed out that different portions of the Bible were translated into 431 languages at present; that millions of copies are distributed annually among the different

nations, and that it is a great power for good, in the way of evangelising the world. Rev. D. Hughes Jones presided.

Carmel Literary Society At the meeting on Wednesday last, an excellent paper was read by Mr. E. M. Davies on 'Crystal Gazing.' The paper dealt with the workman of the past, the present, and as he is likely to be in the future. The reader took an optimistic view of the future. Misses Ruth Griffiths and E. A. Angell, and Master T. H. Jones sang solos, and a pianoforte duet was given by Mr. Harry Hughes and Miss Olwen Hughes.

The Insurance Act On Friday evening last, Mr. Howell E. James, solicitor, one of the official lecturers appointed by the Welsh Insurance Commissioners, addressed a meeting convened by the local friendly societies, at Nazareth C. M. Chapel. Dr. E. Davies, J. P., presided. The lecturer covered the general provisions of the Act, and dealt with the position of members of friendly societies and of small societies. Questions were asked and answered, and a vote of thanks was passed on the proposition of Mr. William James, Chief Ruler of the local Tent of Rechabites, seconded by Mr. Evan Morgan, Secretary of the local friendly society.

Nazareth The Young People's Guild met on Thursday evening. Mr. Edward Parry presided. Mr. John Davies and Mr. Roderick Jones adjudicated on the musical competition, Mr. J. D. Jones, the drawing, and Rev. Roderick, the literature. Opening solo - Annie M. Jones; recitation - Johnny Slimmons; impromptu speech - 1. Annie Maude Jones, 2. M. Jones; duet - Lizzie Mary Lawrence and Ceinwen Ballard; unpunctuated reading - 1. William Jones, 2. Edith Maude Davies; recitation - Edith Parry; song - Mrs. Jones and party; solo - Martha Davies; solo competition, 'Starlight' - Hilda Davies; recitation, 'Mynd i'r Ysgol' - Lizzie Mary Lawrence; solo, 'Looking this way' - Hilda Davies; recitation, 'Spring' - Ceinwen Ballard; drawing - W. A. Jones; song - Mrs. J. D. Jones and party.

#### **"Merthyr Express" 2 March 1912**

Noddfa A lecture was given at Noddfa vestry on Monday entitled 'In His Steps.' the lecture was splendidly illustrated with magic lantern slides. Rev. M. S. Young gave the lecture, and kept his audience highly interested throughout. A number of sacred solos were given on the gramophone manipulated by Mr. Dd. Davies, Brook Cottage.

Concert A very successful concert was given at the Council School on Thursday evening by the Penydarren Borough Minstrel Troupe. The programme was of a very high order, and included instrumental items on hornpipe, bones, tambos and banjo, as well as solos and choruses.

#### **"Merthyr Express" 9 March 1912**

Football In the fifth division, Fochriw visited Jubilee Rovers and won by three goals to one.

Gellygaer Coal Returns W. H. Harris, assistant overseer for the parish of Gellygaer, has issued a return showing the quantity of coal worked in the area during the year ended 31 December 1911. The return shows that Fochriw produced 190,821 tons of large coal, an increase of 11,227 tons on the previous year.

Gellygaer District Council Mr. Rhys Jenkins stated that there should be some change in regard to the registrar of births and deaths who attended at Deri, but did not visit Fochriw. He proposed that Fochriw would have part of the registrar's attention.

Enginemen's Meeting A meeting of the Fochriw Branch of the Enginemen, Stokers and Surface Craftsmen's Association was held at the Mount Pleasant Inn on Tuesday, and was well attended by the members for 'roll call.' The feeling of the meeting was that peace and order should be kept by the strikers in that district.

Carmel Literary Society On Wednesday evening, a paper was read by Mr. James Williams, Pentwyn, on 'Divine Discontent.' The paper was of an original character: the three heads taken were discontent in man, in nature and in God. A discussion followed and then Miss H. Jones, Brynteg, sang a solo.

Tournament The Constitutional Club was visited by Deri Club on Thursday for a return tournament. Don, crib, whist, bagatelle and other games were played. Fochriw had an easy win by 15 points to 10. Games were finished by 8.30, after which a concert took place.

St. David's Day at Fochriw: Nazareth A festival was held on Friday evening. The concert followed tea, with Mr. J. D. Jones presiding. The following took part: solo - Mr. William

Morris; song - Nazareth children, conducted by Mrs. J. D. Jones; violin solo - Mr. Beynon; recitation - Miss Lizzie Mary Lawrence; song - Mrs. J. D. Jones and party. A drama, especially composed for St. David's Day, and entitled "Pwy bia'r Gadair?" ('Whose Chair'), was then performed by the following: Messrs. Roderick Jones, Wm. Morris, Wm. Jones, Willie John Angell, Idris Jones, T. Lawrence, John Jones, Rev. I. Roderick, Misses Maggie Davies, Mary J. Davies, Katie Jones-Davies and Hilda Davies. The singing of the Welsh National Anthem brought the evening to a close.

St. David's Day: Noddfa A pleasant time was spent at Noddfa Vestry on St. David's Day evening. A tea spread was provided, and a larger number than usual attended. The tea was provided by the Misses Maggie and Janet Jones. After tea, a lecture was given by Croesgochiad Griffiths, Cardiff, on the late Rev. D. Phillips, Croesgoch, who for 46 years ministered as pastor of the church at Croesgoch. Rev. M. S. Young presided.

St. David's Day: Carmel St. David's Day was celebrated by the Carmel Literary and Debating Society, in the form of a social tea and entertainment, which also ended their winter session. In the absence of Dr. Davies, Rev. D. Hughes Jones took the chair. The opening solo was given by Mr. T. Walters. 'Dewi Sant' solos were then sung by Miss Mag. Thomas, Miss C. Thomas, Mrs. Lewis, Clydach Vale, Mr. James Jones, and pennillion singing by Mr. D. J. Thomas. The choir, under Mr. T. Walters then sang some Welsh airs - 'Deryn Du Pigfelin,' 'Dyffryn Llanberris,' 'Hob-y-deri Dando,' 'Y Gwenith Gwyn.' A pianoforte duet was then given by Mr. Harry Hughes and Miss Olwen Hughes. Food was then taken, an excellent spread being provided. About 200 attended. A portion of the drama 'Rhys Lewis,' by Daniel Owen was also performed, the following taking part: Messrs. Sam Lewis, Howell Thomas, David Lewis, James Jones, Thos. Walters, Misses A. G. Williams, Rachel Walters, M. Rees. The performance was very efficient, causing roars of laughter on many occasions. Afterwards, Mr. James Williams, Pentwyn, read a few of his own verses, written for the occasion. 'Hen Wlad fy Nhadau' brought the evening to a close, Miss C. Thomas and the choir singing the chorus.

#### **"Merthyr Express" 16 March 1912**

Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. The evening was set apart for 'Topical Talks.' Sister C. Thomas was in charge of the programme, and all members contributed. A resolution was passed thanking Bro. Rhys Jenkins and the members of the Council for protesting against the granting of a license for the New Hall, Bargoed.

Gellygaer District Council The nomination for Fochriw was Mr. Edwin Jones (Labour). He was unopposed.

#### **"Merthyr Express" 23 March 1912**

Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. It was 'A Night with Hymn Writers.' and the following took part: Bros. T. Lewis, Wm. Jones and Sister M. A. Lewis.

Nazareth The Young People's Guild was held on Thursday evening. An excellent paper was read by Mr. David Jones, headmaster of Panywaun School on 'The Welsh Language.' Afterwards, solos were given by Misses Hilda Davies, Annie Maude Jones, M. Jones, and recitations by Misses Edith Parry, Lizzie Mary Lawrence and Doris Davies. The drawing competition was won by Maggie Davies. The Maids of Nazareth sang 'A yw fenw i lawr,' to conclude the evening.

#### **"Merthyr Express" 30 March 1912**

Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. The programme was 'Prose and Poetry.' The following contributed: Welsh poetry - Bro. Sam Lewis; English Reading - Bros. Wm. Dan Jones, Thos. Walters and T. Lewis.

Enginemen, Stokers, and Surface Craftsmen's Association A most enthusiastic meeting was held in the lodge room on Monday morning. The Agent, Mr. Woosnam, addressed the gathering. The following resolution was then passed: 'That this meeting expresses its confidence in the executive Council and Officers, and pledges itself to loyally carry out their instructions.'

Fochriw Canteen Committee A general meeting of the Fochriw, Pentwyn and Pantywaun Canteen Committee was called on Thursday at Fochriw, Mr. W. Walters in the chair. The Provision of Meals Act was explained by Mr. J. D. Jones, and the advisability of forming a supplementary fund was discussed. It was unanimously decided to make preparations to meet any distress in the district, and a working committee was elected to consist of: Mr. W. Walters (chairman), Dr. Davies (treasurer), Mr. J. D. Jones (secretary), Rev. Rees Jenkins (assistant secretary), Rev. Roderick, Rev. Hughes Jones, Mr. James Williams, Mr. T. Morgan and Mr. C. Payne of Fochriw; Mr. E. Morgan Davies and Mr. J. Williams of Pentwyn; Rev. M. Young and Mr. Evans, Farm, Penybank; Mr. W. Jenkins and Mr. John Davies of Pantywaun. This committee has already been hard at work, and has already made extensive preparations to meet any distress in the district. At Fochriw and Pantywaun, no cases of real distress have yet been found, but at Penybank, about seventy children have been fed since last Friday. County Councillor Rev. Leyston Evans paid a visit to the committee and explained several technical points in the working of the Act. An appeal to the residents of the district was made in all places of worship last Sunday, and the supplementary fund is gradually improving.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 6 April 1912**

Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. There were a good number of visitors present from Merthyr and Bedlinog. Excellent and edifying papers were read by Sisters Ceridwen Thomas, Bronwen Ballard and Mrs. Jones on ‘Incidents in the Lives of Great Men.’ Bro. Rees presided.

Palm Sunday Despite the strike, there was a very fine display of flowers at Pentwyn Churchyard on Sunday. Although rain fell almost constantly throughout the day, a large number paid their annual pilgrimage to the burial ground. There was a special service at the Church at 3 p.m., when an appropriate address was delivered by Rev. T. Rees, vicar. Rev. Glover and Mr. J. C. Payne also took part. The singing was conducted by Mr. John Wood, and Mr. H. Brown presided at the organ.

Canteen Committee A general meeting was called last Thursday to hear a report of the Canteen Committee. There was a good attendance. It was reported that no kitchen had yet been opened at Fochriw, as the condition there was, so far, very good. At Penybank and Pentwyn, sixty children were fed each day on average. At Pantywaun, a large number are being fed daily. Pantywaun has a strong supplementary fund.

The Late Mr. John Mantle The funeral of Mr. John Mantle took place on Tuesday at Pentwyn Churchyard. The deceased had been confined to bed for the past three months. He was 73 years of age, and passed away on Friday morning. He was a native of Llwynmorvil, in the parish of Llanbadarn. He had resided in Pentwyn for the past 30 years. He had been caretaker of Pentwyn for many years, and was a devout Churchman. He leaves three daughters and many other relatives. The service in the house was conducted by Mr. J. C. Payne, lay reader, and at the Church and graveside, Rev. T. Rees, vicar, officiated. The funeral was very well attended. The chief mourners were: Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Jones (son-in-law and daughter), Llandrindod; Mr. & Mrs. Morgan (son-in-law and daughter), Pentwyn; Mrs. Lewis (daughter), Pentwyn; Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Mantle (brother and sister-in-law), Pentwyn; Mr. Evan Mantle, Pontlottyn, Mr. S. Mantle, Treharris, (brothers); Mr. & Mrs. J. Jones, Pontlottyn, Mr. & Mrs. Williams, Dowlais, Mr. & Mrs. Cook, Fochriw, Mr. & Mrs. W. J. Mantle and Mr. & Mrs. T. Mantle, Argoed, Mr. & Mrs. Mantle, Pentwyn, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas, Treharris, Messrs. William, George, Percy and Albert Mantle, Pentwyn, Mr. Williams, Dowlais, Misses Mary Lewis, Rachel Lewis, Maggie Morgan, Mary Morgan, nephews and nieces; Masters Alfred Morgan and Ed. John Morgan, Pentwyn, grandchildren.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 13 April 1912**

Population in Gellygaer Dr. W. W. Hones’ Annual Report for the Year Ending 30 June 1911 : Population of Fochriw 4,022; Births 122; Deaths 11.6 per thousand.

The Retirement of Mr. Rhys Jenkins, the ex-member for Fochriw Mr. Rhys Jenkins is the son of Mr. Thomas Jenkins, who was an official at the No. 1 Colliery for 27 years. Mr. Jenkins died in August last year, but his wife, Ann, is still living. Mr. Rhys Jenkins was born

at Dowlais, but attended Fochriw Board School until he was twelve, at which time he went to work in the Fochriw Collieries. However, he attended technical classes and obtained two certificates in Mining under the Science and Art Department. In 1895, he commenced preaching in Carmel Congregational Chapel, and eventually, went in for a course of theological studies at the Gwynfryn Academy, Ammanford, and the Memorial College, Brecon. Since the completion of his college course, he has been ministering to the various Welsh and English churches of his denomination almost every Sunday. He still holds the post of deacon and corresponding secretary at Carmel, where he is held in high esteem. In June 1910, Carmel Church honoured him by ordaining him to the full work of the ministry. He is also an active member of the Welsh Congregational North Glamorganshire Association, and a member of the executive. As a member of the Forward Movement Committee, he was selected to read a paper at the conference of the Association at Horeb, Penydarren, in October, 1908, on the subject 'Jesus of Nazareth, Social Reformer.' He also preached the missionary sermon at the meeting of the Association held at Elim, Cwmdare, in October, 1910.

Mr. Jenkins has taken an active and painstaking concern in the welfare of the Parish of Gellygaer, and was elected to represent Fochriw on the Council in 1904. On the formation of the Gellygaer Urban District Council in 1908, he was elected as one of the members of the same ward. He has held office until his recent retirement, much to the regret of his colleagues, and the public, who have observed how honestly, sincerely, and faithfully he has discharged his duties as councillor. Besides acting on various Council committees of the Sewerage Board, Mr. Jenkins has been a member of the Gellygaer School Managers for four years, and did his utmost for a new infants' school at Fochriw, and a new school at Pantywaun, which he opened in 1908. Being a good Welsh scholar, he held the position of teacher in Welsh under the Glamorgan Education Committee for several years. An ardent supporter of the good side of the national eisteddfod, Mr. Jenkins has acquired a good reputation as an essayist, and gained many prizes. In politics he is a staunch Liberal, and has been the Liberal Registration Agent for the district of Fochriw for several years. By the retirement of Mr. Rhys Jenkins, the district has lost the services of a faithful representative. Mr. Jenkins has always had the courage of his opinions - he was not a party to be bargained with. If a thing presented itself as wrong or impudent, Mr. Jenkins was dead against it. Fochriw always had one to voice its needs in him, and he deserves well of Fochriw.

Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. There were a good many visitors present. After the ordinary business of the Lodge was transacted, papers were read on 'My Favourite Bible Story.' by Sisters Jones, Rees and Griffiths. Bro. Weaver of Pengam presided.

#### **"Merthyr Express" 20 April 1912**

Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. Visitors from Bedlinog were present. Sisters Ballard and Thomas, and Bros. W. Jones, C. Payne, T. Lewis and Fisher spoke on Easter. Bro. T. Lewis presided.

Relief It is greatly to the credit of the inhabitants of Fochriw that it has been found unnecessary to open a kitchen here. This proves that the people are economic and thrifty. The committee decided to continue the work of relief at Penybank and Pantywaun. The work at Pantywaun is carried out by the local sub-committee which consists of Messrs. Jones, Davies, Griffith, Richards, Woods and Smith, with Mr. Jones, schoolmaster. The work at Penybank is well looked after by Rev. M. Young, Mr. James Williams and Mr. E. Morgan Davies.

St. Mary's Church The annual vestry meeting was held at St. Mary's Institute on Tuesday evening. Rev. T. Rees, vicar, presided and was supported by Rev. Williams, curate. The vicar announced that he would soon be leaving the parish, having accepted a living in Denbighshire. Mr. William Davies presented the Treasurer's report, and a healthy balance was shown. The following were elected sidesmen: Vicar's - Messrs. Charles Payne, Josiah Richards and W. J. Payne; People's - Messrs. William Davies, William Sibley and William Curtis. Mr. J. Richards was appointed lay representative to the Diocesan Conference. A

resolution was unanimously passed protesting against the Government's Bill of Disestablishment and Disendowment of the Church.

Pentwyn Church The annual vestry meeting was held on Wednesday evening, Rev. T. Rees presiding, and supported by Mr. J. C. Payne, lay reader. Mr. Payne read the financial report which showed a substantial balance in hand. The following were elected sidesmen: Vicar's - Messrs. T. Jones, J. Evans and Wm. J. Jones; People's - Messrs. C. Ballard, M. Parry and E. Jones. Mr. Payne thanked all for their services during the past year. He said that Mr. Wood and Mr. H. Brown would again fulfill the duties of choirmaster and organist respectively. The Vicar said that it was a pleasure once more to be at Pentwyn. It was like a happy family gathering at a family outing. He thanked Mr. Payne for his voluntary services. He referred to the loss sustained by the death of Mr. Robert Davies, Mr. Randall (Churchwarden), and Mr. John Mantle - all very valuable workers for the Church. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Viscount Tredegar for the gift of an acetylene lighting plant.

North Glamorgan Baptists at Fochriw The quarterly meetings of the North Glamorgan Baptist Association were held at Fochriw on Monday and Tuesday. On Monday evening, the preachers were the Rev. Daniel Davies, Penrhiwceiber, and Rev. R. Derfel Roberts, Hirwain. Mr. Roberts preached the temperance sermon of the Association. On Tuesday morning, the conference was held under the presidency of Mr. James Evans, Ynysybwll. At the afternoon service, Rev. J. Grawys Jones, Trecynon, preached on 'The Essentials of a Sacred Life.' At the evening sermon, Rev. H. P. Jenkins, Aberaman, preached. A good spread was provided at the Vestry. The catering was in the hands of Mr. Thomas Llewellyn, grocer, whilst Mrs. Llewellyn and the ladies from Carmel attended at the tables.

#### **"Merthyr Express" 27 April 1912**

'Titanic' Memorial Service A memorial service for those who lost their lives on the Titanic was held at Noddfa Baptist Chapel on Sunday evening. Rev. M. S. Young preached a touching sermon from Isaiah 24, v.14: 'They shall lift up their voice; they shall sing for the Majesty of the Lord. They shall cry aloud from the sea.' 'Nearer my God to Thee' was sung with much feeling. The Dead March was also played. Miss Hilda Phillips was at the organ, and the violinists were Miss Irene Brown and Mr. Sydney Phillips.

Pentwyn Church A memorial service was held on Sunday evening, in memory of Mr. John Mantle, and Margaret Ann, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Parry, Pentwyn. The Church was well filled. Mr. J. C. Payne took as his text 'Therefore be ye also ready,' (Matthew 24, v.44). In the course of his sermon, Mr. Payne referred in feeling terms to the victims of the Titanic disaster. He bade all present remember the text, and asked all to remember the grieving relatives in their prayers.

Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. The main business of the evening was the election of officers for the coming quarter. This was followed by a musical programme for which Sister C. Thomas was responsible. There were solos from Sister Margaret Thomas, and Bros. C. Payne, W. Jones and W. Griffiths. Sisters Maggie Morgan and Myfanwy Cole gave pianoforte solos.

#### **"Merthyr Express" 4 May 1912**

International Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. A Welsh paper 'Points in Music' was read by Mr. Wm. Walters, Brynteg. Bro. T. Lewis presided.

#### **"Merthyr Express" 11 May 1912**

Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. The Juveniles entertained. The following contributed: solos - Sisters Annie Jones, C. Thomas; duet - Sister M. Gough and Bro. D. J. Davies; recitations - Sisters Ceridwen Thomas, Lizzie Mary Lawrence and J. Slimmons. A very pretty and interesting sketch was produced by 16 juveniles, which created much amusement. Great praise is due to both Sisters M. A. Lewis, Pentwyn, and Olwen Hughes, for the admirable way in which they have prepared the juveniles for the sketch. Bro. T. Lewis presided.



Fochriw, Penybank and Pantywaun Canteen Committee The work of feeding at Penybank and Pantywaun has ceased since April 26<sup>th</sup>. No kitchen was opened in Fochriw for the whole of the strike, but the Committee had informed the inhabitants that they were prepared to open a kitchen if there was need. At Penybank, about 2,000 meals were given, and about the same number at Pantywaun. In both places the inhabitants were very involved in the preparation of food and care of the little ones. In winding up the accounts of the Fochriw Supplementary Fund, the treasurer, Dr. Davies, informed the committee that after paying all bills, he had in hand the sum of £8-0-5. It was unanimously decided by the Committee that this sum be placed in the Post Office, in the name of the Treasurer, Secretary and Chairman, for future use, if the need should arise. The lists from Penybank and Pantywaun were carefully considered, and it was decided to recommend the exemption from payment of persons mentioned in the lists.

**“Merthyr Express” 18 May 1912**

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

Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. Sister Bronwen Ballard presided. Mrs. E. Cole Jones read an excellent paper: an account of her visit to Switzerland in 1910. The places visited, and especially the mountain climbing, were excellently described. Bros. T. Lewis and J. Williams, and Sisters C. Thomas and B. Ballard took part in the discussion.

Ambulance Parade The Fochriw Division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, held their Church Parade on Sunday evening last, when they attended Carmel Congregational Chapel. Divisional Superintendent W. J. Ballard was in charge, and the Corps Surgeon, Dr. E. Davies, was also present. The Brigade turned up in full numbers. Rev. D. Huws Jones delivered an impressive sermon, stating that the healing power of Christ was the triumph of a divine, human personality. The Christian Church, when true to its mission, perpetuates this healing force in the world. Mr. D. Davies (Pencerdd Morganwg) conducted the singing, and Mr. T. Walters was at the organ. There was a large congregation.

**“Merthyr Express” 25 May 1912**

Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. The programme for the evening was ‘Translation from Welsh into English and vice versa.’ All present took part.

**“Merthyr Express” 1 June 1912**

Hotspur Football Club A supper in connection with the Club was held at the Station Restaurant on Friday evening, to wind up the season. A large number were present, and they did ample justice to the excellent spread prepared by Mr. and Mrs. George Sibley. After food, Mr. W. J. Payne presided over an excellent concert. First, however, he congratulated the team on an excellent season, and hoped for greater success in the coming year. Speeches were also given by Messrs. Percy Mantle (secretary), Stephen Ballard (treasurer), and Llewellyn Rees (captain). Many members gave songs, and gramophone selections were given by Mr. E. M. Roberts.

Cantata Performances: Fochriw Juvenile Good Templars Two performances of the sacred cantata, ‘Christ the Redeemer,’ illustrated with lantern views, were given at the Carmel Chapel on Thursday and Friday evenings last by the Fochriw Juvenile Good Templars. Bro. R. O. Jenkins presided at the Thursday performance, and Bro. Dr. E. Davies on Friday. Mr. D. J. Thomas was the conductor, and Mr. Thomas Walters the organist. The choir was very strong in numbers and quality, and presented a brilliant spectacle in their attractive dresses. The artistes were the Misses M. A. Walters, Hannah Jones, Martha Thomas, Maggie Thomas, Sarah Cole and Maggie Morgans. Much trouble and care must have been taken to bring the choir and artistes to such a state of perfection. Mr. Charles Payne, on behalf of the Lodge, thanked the Noddfa friends for the loan of the lantern, Messrs. H. Williams and J. Evans for manipulating it, Carmel friends for the loan of the chapel and piano, the Ambulance and Library officials for curtains and papers, as well as the artistes, choir, conductor and organist.

**“Merthyr Express” 8 June 1912**

Carmel The annual preaching meetings took place on Sunday and Monday last. All the services were well attended. The pulpit was occupied on both days by Revs. Thomas George, Tredegar, and D. Lloyd Williams, Beaufort.

Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. The evening was set apart for a spelling bee. Sister Ceridwen Thomas was responsible for the programme. Sister B. Ballard presided.

**“Merthyr Express” 15 June 1912**

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

Bandsmen at Church The Pontlottyn Silver Band under the conductorship of Mr. Wm. Mantle, attended Pentwyn Church on Sunday morning. Mr. J. C. Payne preached an appropriate sermon, taking as his text Psalm 98, v.6 - ‘With trumpets and sound of cornet make a joyful noise before the Lord.’ The hymns were accompanied by the band. The responses were intoned by the organ played by Mr. H. Brown. Mr. John Wood conducted the singing. Appropriate music was played by the band en route to and from the Church.

Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. Sister B. Ballard presided. The evening was set apart for ‘Ode Practice,’ Bro. T. Walters being responsible.

Noddfa Tea Party The annual tea in connection with Noddfa took place on Monday last. A very large number sat down to the excellent spread. The tray-holders were: Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Albert Walters, Mrs. D. J. Evans, Mrs. Davies, Mrs. Jenkin Pugh, Mrs. May Matthews, Misses Maggie Evans, Mary Rees, Lydia Thomas, Annie M. Thomas; and the cutters were Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Williams, and Mrs. Davies. Messrs. Richard Davies, John Jones and Evan Jones also rendered assistance.

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**“Merthyr Express” 22 June 1912**

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

Cricket: Bedlinog v Fochriw Bedlinog beat Fochriw for the first time in 18 years in the match played at Bedlinog last Saturday.

Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. The evening was set apart for ‘Quotations from Favourite Poets.’ Nearly all members took part. Seven members from Bedlinog visited the Lodge, and Bros. Benson and Fisher gave addresses. Sister Bronwen Ballard presided.

Ambulance Inspection at Fochriw: Opening of the Ambulance Station The annual inspection of the Dowlais corps of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, comprising Dowlais, Bedlinog and Fochriw, took place on the mountainside on Thursday evening, last week. The inspecting officer was Mr. Herbert Lewis, Cardiff, Deputy Commissioner, No. 11 District. The Fochriw Division was in the charge Supt. W. J. Ballard. The surgeons were also present. Prior to the inspection, the Dowlais and Fochriw Divisions marched from the Ambulance Station to Pentwyn, where they were joined by the Bedlinog Division. Headed by the Pontlottyn Silver Band, under Mr. Wm. Mantle’s conductorship, they paraded the streets of the village, and from thence marched to the mountainside, appropriate march tunes being played en route. After the inspection, a procession was formed, and headed by the Band, marched to the new Ambulance Station. The Station is situated in a convenient place near the colliery. It is very commodious and excellently built. It consists of a coach-house, and a

first-aid dressing room, containing all the requisites for dressing any injury. It is beautifully fitted out with baths, bowls and hot and cold supply. The rooms are well finished and furnished with table, chairs and forms for the convenience of those who accompany the injured. The room has been built to afford the greatest amount of light possible, which is essential for treating injuries. A very large number of people congregated which shows the keen interest taken in the proceedings.

The opening ceremony was presided over by Dr. E. Davies. He welcomed Mr. J. H. Jones who was to open the Ambulance Station. Mr. J. Bevan, manager, Fochriw, in presenting Mr. J. H. Jones with a key to open the Station, stated that in looking at the new ambulance car, it reminded him of the contrivances used in the past for carrying the injured to his home. He remembered a time when a wooden door was used, then came the stretcher, then the litter, and now the beautiful car, which meant greater comfort to the injured on the journey home. Today, accidents were less serious and less frequent as in the past, but still, his desire was to see them diminish. Even greater care, by workman and officials, was essential. It gave him great pleasure to hand over to Mr. Jones the beautiful silver key, suitably inscribed, with which to open the station.

At this juncture, the rain descended in torrents, which greatly marred the proceedings, but notwithstanding the terrific downpour, Mr. J. H. Jones delivered an excellent address. He said that it was a great pleasure to see so many of his Fochriw friends again, friends with whom he had lived for so many years. He could remember the time when the ambulance members carried on their drill on the railway siding beside the coal-weighing machine. Things had improved since then, for now they had an excellent hall. Nine tenths had been subscribed by the workmen towards the purchase of one of the cars. In speaking of the Station, he said that the directors had ordered it to be built at once, and, to be built well. He then descended from the platform, and amidst rounds of cheering, opened the Station.

The huge crowd then resorted to the Ambulance Hall, where a very good programme was provided. Mr. Herbert Lewis, Deputy Commissioner, said that he was very pleased to be present at such a pleasant ceremony. The masters and men should work for the good of one another. He congratulated the people of Fochriw on having such a large number of ambulance men amongst them. He urged the women to start an ambulance nursing brigade.

A solo, "Bachgen Drwr," was rendered in fine style by Mr. James Jones, after which the Rev. Rhys Jenkins spoke. Miss Ceridwen Thomas then sang "In Mellow Autumntide," followed by short addresses by Mr. William Walters (in Welsh), and Mr. E. P. Thomas, colliery manager, Bedlinog. A duet, "Bydd bur I Gymru Fad," was rendered by Messrs. C. Shankland and W. Morris, and thanks were accorded to the Chairman and all who had taken part in the proceedings.

#### **"Merthyr Express" 29 June 1912**

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

Fire Brigade The Fochriw Fire Brigade in the charge of Lieut. W. J. Payne, attended at Caerphilly on Wednesday to line the route on the occasion of the King's visit. The men looked very smart and fit.

Scholastic Success The following have been successful in passing the preliminary examination for the certificate:- Mr. John Francis, Pentwyn, and Mr. Tom Walters, Fochriw. The examination took place at Pengam last March.

Royal Review at Windsor The Fochriw Division of the Dowlais Corps of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, under the command of Supt. W. J. Ballard, left for Windsor on Friday night for the Royal Review. They returned home on Saturday morning. The men had a most enjoyable time.

Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. Sister Ballard presided. Several members spoke on books. Bro. Henry Thomas gave a summary of 'Who Shall Judge,' by Silas Hocking; Sister Ballard, 'The Blue Bird;' and Sister N. A. Lewis, 'The Treasures of Heaven,' by Marie Corelli.

Tea and Sports The annual tea and sports in connection with Pentwyn Church Sunday School was held on Thursday last. A short service was held in the church prior to the parade,

Rev. Glover, Rev. Williams, and Mr. J. C. Payne, licensed lay reader, taking part. Then the children paraded the streets of Fochriw and Pentwyn, headed by the Pontlottyn Silver Band under the conductorship of Mr. Wm. North. The parade over, the scholars and some hundreds more, partook of a hearty meal. During the afternoon, an excellent programme of sports took place. The secretarial duties were carried out by Mr. H. Seaborne, and Mr. Morgan Parry acted as treasurer.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 6 July 1912**

Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the ordinary business had been completed, Bro. Charles Payne instructed all young members in the initiation ceremony and in the under-written work.

Sunday School Treats The Carmel, Noddfa and Nazareth Sunday School Treats took place on Monday last. The weather was very favourable. The scholars met at their chapels before the parade. The Carmel scholars marched to the Station gate. Here they were joined by the Nazareth scholars. Proceeding on their march, they were joined on the top of Aelybryn by the Noddfa scholars. They then paraded the streets of Fochriw and Pentwyn, singing appropriate hymn tunes en route. The parade over, the scholars returned to their chapels, a sumptuous spread having been prepared at each. After tea, the scholars resorted to the mountain for games.

Ambulance The Fochriw Division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade was on public duty at Dowlais on Thursday last, on the occasion of the King's visit. Before going on duty, Mrs. Dr. Davies presented two of their number with the medals issued by the Order of St. John on the occasion of the Coronation of His Majesty King George. The two members were Corporals H. Thomas and T. A. Jones, who represented the Fochriw Division at the Coronation in London.

A Fochriw Building Line: Deputation to District Council At a meeting of the Gellygaer District Council on Tuesday, a deputation from Fochriw was received in reference to a road to some cottages at Fochriw. A letter was read from the architect giving the widths of the road at various points of its length, and expressing the hope that it would be allowed to remain as it was. The Surveyor reported that there had been an encroachment on the road, and that the bye-laws should be observed. Mr. Payne, of the Fochriw deputation, said that the fact that a certificate of habitation was withheld for these houses was a hardship, as the owners were only working men. There was much overcrowding which caused them to build the houses, and they had come to urge the Council to grant the certificates of habitation, since many had given notice to leave their present homes, and such notices were about to terminate. A second member of the deputation, Mr. Davies, said that in his house there were only three rooms wherein six persons slept. His elder girl had to sleep out. Mr. Payne stated that the members of the building club were not responsible for the encroachment. The Clerk stated that the Council's remedy was to prosecute for a breach of the bye-laws, but they could not withhold the certificate of habitation. Council members were divided on the action necessary, five supporting a resolution to enforce the bye-laws, and seven supporting a proposal that the Council take no action in the matter. It was decided that the matter should go before the Local Government Board.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 13 July 1912**

Cricket: Fochriw v Bedlinog On Monday, Fochriw were at home to Bedlinog, the champions of the Merthyr and District Cricket League. A keen tussle was expected, and the spectators were given plenty of excitement towards the close of the game. Fochriw were the winners by a margin of just seven runs. For Fochriw, Llew Rees batted well for 19 runs, and W. Evans took five wickets for two runs. Scores: Bedlinog 48; Fochriw 55. The Fochriw team was J. D. Jones, D. Jones, E. Jones, T. Rees, D. Evans, R. Jones, L. Rees, D. Davies, J. Griffiths, W. Jones, W. Evans.

Teachers' Meeting The quarterly meeting of the Gellygaer N.U.T. Associations was held at Fochriw Infant School on Saturday, when the president, Mr. J. D. Jones, presided. There was an excellent attendance, and several important matters were discussed including National

Insurance. An excellent tea was provided by Mrs. Cole Jones, headmistress, Mrs. J. D. Jones and Mrs. Captain Edwards.

Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the ordinary business was completed, all sat down to a fruit banquet provided by the sisters. Readings, solos and recitations were also given by Fochriw members, and visitors from Aberbargoed Lodge.

Wedding: Rev. M. S. Young and Miss G. M. Williams The wedding was solemnised at Zoar Baptist Chapel, Pontlottyn, on Monday of the Rev. M. S. Young, the respected minister of Noddfa Baptist Chapel, Fochriw, and Miss G. M. Williams, certificated mistress at Fochriw Schools, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Williams, Brynawel. The officiating ministers were Rev. D. R. Beynon, cousin of the bride, and Rev. Hughes and Rev. Baker, Pontlottyn. The bride, who was prettily attired, was given away by her father, who is Chief Clerk at the Fochriw Collieries. The bridesmaid was Miss E. A. Williams, sister of the bride, and the best man, Rev. R. Richards, Porth. After the ceremony, a large number of friends, including Rev. and Mrs. D. H. Jones (Carmel), and Rev. and Mrs. Roderick (Nazareth), were entertained to breakfast at the home of the bride's parents. Afterwards, the happy couple left for Torquay where the honeymoon is being spent.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 20 July 1912**

Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. The topic for the evening was ‘In Praise of Books and Friends.’ The following spoke: Sisters C. Thomas, B. Griffiths and M. M. Lewis; Bros. W. Jones, W. Griffiths, S. Lewis, T. Lewis and C. Payne. Bro. T. Lewis presided.

Miners' Meeting A meeting of the miners employed at Fochriw Collieries was held at Carmel Hall on Monday night, and was addressed by Mr. Kirkhouse Jenkins, solicitor, who advised the miners to form themselves into an approved society for the working of the Insurance Act. Mr. George Thomas, chairman of the district, presided, and he was supported by Mr. John Davies, miners' agent, and Mr. Tom Jenkins, sub-agent.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 27 July 1912**

Gellygaer Evening Classes: Fochriw Classes English, Preparatory Mathematics, Elementary Science, Drawing (forming a Preparatory Technical Course), Ambulance, Art, Needlework, Geology, Practical Mathematics Stages 1 and 2, Principles of Mining, Welsh.

Sudden Death Mr. David Phillips, who has lived at Bedlinog for 40 years working at his trade of boot and shoe maker, came to Fochriw last Saturday intending to spend a week recuperating with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. John Williams, Martin-street. He was found dead in bed at 8.30 on Sunday morning. He has been ailing for about four months. He was 56 years of age. The interment took place at Quaker's Yard on Thursday.

Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. Elections for officers for the coming quarter were held, and afterwards ‘Short Stories’ were told. A detailed report of the Grand Lodge session was given by Bro. Payne.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 3 August 1912**

Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the ordinary business had been transacted, the evening was given over to entertainment from the juveniles. Solos were given by Sisters Doris Davies, Mattie Jones, Bessie Ballard, Hilda Davies; recitations by Sisters Ruth Griffiths, Annie Jones, Lizzie M. Lawrence, Ceinwen Ballard, Edna Burrows, Morfydd Thomas, Bros. T. J. Evans, Emrys Evans and R. White. A sketch was played by 17 juveniles, which was greatly enjoyed.

Tea Party The annual treat in connection with St. Mary's Sunday School, took place on Thursday afternoon. A short service was held in the Church, Rev. Glover addressing parents, teachers and scholars. The procession through Fochriw and Pentwyn was headed by the Pontlottyn Silver Band under Mr. Wm. Mantle. An excellent tea followed.

Gellygaer School Managers Held at the Council Offices, Hengoed on Tuesday. Mrs. Edwards applied to be transferred from Penybank to Fochriw. This was deferred pending a vacancy. Mrs. Jesse Davies, Merthyr, was transferred from Fochriw to Trelewis.

Resignations were received from Brinley Jones, Pontlottyn, and Miss E. Cole-Jones, Fochriw, who are about to enter college. The Clerk said that he thought it was important for the Managers to get teachers to reside in the village in which they worked. The vice-chairman said that this matter had already been discussed and decided against. Dr. E. W. S. Martin drew attention to the need of a waste supply at Pantywaun school, and also the heating apparatus, which had been promised for such a long time. The vice-chairman said that men were now working on Fochriw school, and Pantywaun would be next.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 10 August 1912**

Merthyr Crown Court On Friday, Margaret Davies, milk vendor, Fochriw, was summoned for selling milk to Sergt. Nicholas which was found to be 6% deficient in butter fat upon analysis. Mr. F. P. Charles, who defended, said that the milk was sold as it came from the cow. The case was dismissed on payment of costs.

Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. The officers for the coming quarter were installed by Bro. Payne, assisted by Bro. W. Jones. Bro. Payne was appointed representative at the Grand Lodge. The rest of the evening was devoted to ‘Topical Temperance Talks.’ All members took part.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 17 August 1912**

Musical Success At the recent examination held in Cardiff, Mr. Tom Walters succeeded in gaining an Associateship of the London College of Musicians. Our young townsman, who has already had a successful career, both as organist and composer, is the organist at Carmel Chapel. We heartily congratulate Mr. Walters, A.L.C.M.

Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. Short addresses were given on ‘The Poets.’ Contributions were made by Sisters B. Ballard and Myfanwy Cole; also Bros. T. Lewis, S. Lewis, Wm. Griffiths, C. Payne.

Outing The members of the Morning Star Juvenile Temple had their annual outing on Wednesday. About 300 members and friends left the station at 8.30 a.m. for Barry Island. The weather was excellent. The party returned by the 7.30 train from Barry after a most enjoyable day.

Wedding: Jones-Jones The wedding was solemnised at Merthyr last Tuesday of Mr. Richard Jones, second son of Councillor and Mrs. John Jones, grocer, Fochriw, and Miss Jennie Jones, Abercwmboi. The bride wore a silver grey dress with matching hat. The bridegroom is an enthusiastic cricketer and footballer, and a member of the village teams. He is also the respected organist of Nazareth C. M. Chapel. The honeymoon is being spent at Aberystwyth.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 24 August 1912**

Lighting of Gellygaer Parish: Fochriw The electricity company states that it is impracticable to light Fochriw with electricity because of its distance from any power station, and also, because of the small number of people who would be likely to take the light.

Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. A musical programme arranged by Bro. T. Walters was gone through, the following taking part:- pianoforte solos - Bros. J. E. Davies, T. Walters, A. Lird, Miss Katie Jones-Davies; solos - Bros. D. Thomas, T. Walters, W. Jones, C. Payne, sister Thomas; duet - Misses Maggie and Doris Davies. Sister Ballard presided.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 31 August 1912**

Half-Holiday The Gellygaer Council has decided to make orders fixing Thursday, at 1 p.m., as the half-holiday for grocers, drapers, boot and shoe dealers, hairdressers, ironmongers and china dealers.

Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. The evening was set apart for reading of newspaper cuttings. Sister Ballard presided.

Wedding: Mantle-Edwards The wedding was solemnised at the Parish Church, Pontlottyn on Saturday of Mr. Albert Mantle, son of Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Mantle, Pentwyn, and Miss Maggie Sarah Edwards, eldest daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Edwards, Brooklyn House, Fochriw. The vicar, Rev. Gilbert Williams, officiated. The bride wore a French grey costume with white hat to match. She was attended by her sister, Miss Jennie Edwards, as bridesmaid. She was attired in a beautiful costume of French grey with matching hat in white. The wedding breakfast was at the bride's home.

Presentation to Mr. Thomas Mantle On Saturday last, a meeting took place at the Rising Sun Inn, the headquarters of the Lily of Fochriw Philanthropic Society, at which Mr. Thomas Mantle was presented with an illuminated address by members of the Society, in token of their appreciation of his services as secretary, which he has capably filled for 35 years. Mr. Mantle has lived in the village for about 50 years, and is an official at Fochriw Colliery. He is a faithful member of Carmel Chapel. Mr. James Lawrence, senior, who presided over the meeting, spoke in praise of Mr. Mantle, as did Mr. J. M. Evans, the newly-appointed secretary, and Mr. W. J. Powell, bandmaster. The address, which bore photos of Mr. and Mrs. Mantle, was presented by the two oldest members of the lodge, Mr. T. J. Morgan, landlord of the Rising Sun, and Mr. Edwin Evans, with the address being read by Mr. Thomas Thomas, Guest-street. Solos were rendered by Messrs. Wm. H. Jones, sd. Henry Evans, Charles Payne and Wm. Evans. A solo was also sung by Mr. Myall Williams, Dowlais, the words of which were composed by himself for the occasion. The meeting was brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem by Mrs. Williams.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 7 September 1912**

Concert A concert took place at the Constitutional Club on Monday last, during which Mr. Jarman delivered a long and appropriate speech. Mr. C. Shankland presided.

Noddfa On Sunday evening, Rev. B. Pennar Evans, late of Aberdeen, preached in English to a large congregation.

Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. Sister Ballard presided. Bro. T. Walters read a paper on ‘Wagner.’ The meeting congratulated Bro. Walters on his recent examination success, and on his excellent paper.

Departures to America On Thursday morning, a large circle of friends congregated to wish Rev. and Mrs. M. S. Young God-speed on their sudden departure to America. The news has created much excitement in the village. Rev. Young received a sudden call to preach in various chapels in the Welsh Colony in Pennsylvania. The neighbourhood is very enthusiastic in wishing Rev. and Mrs. Young a prosperous voyage and a speedy return to the village where they are both held in the highest esteem.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 14 September 1912**

Football In the fifth division match between Fochriw and Rhymney Rovers, the game ended in a draw.

Noddfa The annual preaching meetings were held on Sunday and Monday last. The pulpit was occupied by Rev. W. R. Lewis, Aberdare.

Mining Successes The following have been successful in passing the examinations held under the Glamorgan Education Committee: Stage I: (1st Class) Mr. Edward Wellings; (2nd Class) Mr. Howell Thomas; (3rd Class) Mr. Tom Jenkins; Stage III: (3rd Class) Mr. Evan Henry Davies, Mr. Llewellyn Rees. The classes were held at Fochriw. The class teacher is Mr. Wm. Davies, Dowlais.

Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. Sister Ballard presided. Short addresses were given on ‘Holiday Impressions.’

#### **“Merthyr Express” 21 September 1912**

Fochriw Welsh Class The success of the above class at the County Council Examinations, 1911-12, are as follows: Jane Edwards, Katie Jones-Davies, Margaret Davies, Aneurin Jenkins, Daniel Jenkins. Rev. Rhys Jenkins is the class teacher.

Scholastic Success Higher C.W.B. and Senior French: Mr. Howell Thomas; Senior C.W.B.: Miss Sarah Ann Sibley, Station Restaurant; Miss Judith Angell, Dynevor-street; Junior C.W.B.: Miss Hilda Phillips, Miss Margaret Jones, Brynteg.

Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. Sister Ballard presided. The Bedlinog Lodge entertained.

Gruesome Find On Tuesday morning, Mr. Thomas Morgan, colliery overman, Martin-street, discovered the body of an unknown man floating in the colliery feeder pond. P.S. Williams was soon on the scene, and the body was taken to the Ambulance Station. The body was later identified as that of Mr. Thomas Jones, Twynyrodyn.

Funeral The funeral of the late Mrs. Miriam Thomas, wife of Mr. Thomas Thomas, Guest-street, took place on Wednesday, at Pentwyn Churchyard. Deceased had been ill for a long time, and passed away on Friday. She had been totally blind for the passed four years, but previously had been caretaker of Carmel Chapel. Rev. D. Hughes Jones, assisted by Rev. Rhys Jenkins, officiated.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 28 September 1912**

Meeting of the Gellygaer School Managers Mr. Ben Hughes drew attention to the state of Fochriw school, saying that there was a terrible stench, and he did not see how children could exist in such an atmosphere. On the motion of Rev. D. Leyshon Evans, the Clerk was instructed to write to the building committee of the County Council recommending that a new school be built.

Miss Sydney was appointed as an assistant at Fochriw. It was decided to advertise for another assistant. Mr. Idris Jones was appointed to Fochriw Mixed School.

Supper At the Mount Pleasant Inn, Fochriw, the annual Clothing Club supper was given by Mrs. Lewis Davies (tailor), Bedlinog. Messrs. Roger Vaughan and George Davies were the caterers. The rest of the evening was spent in song, the accompanist being Mr. Geo. James, Fochriw. A few selections on the gramophone were given by Mr. John Redrick, Fochriw. Mr. John Williams sang ‘Mae hen Wlad fy Nhadau.’

Inquest An inquest on the body of the late Mr. Thomas Jones, Twynyrodyn, found drowned in the Fochriw Colliery Feeder Pond, was held at the Rising Sun Inn on Thursday by Mr. Rhys, coroner. P.S. Williams and Mr. Thomas Morgan, overman, gave evidence of finding and taking the body out of the water. Dr. E. Davies said that the body had been in the water for seven to eight days. The jury returned a verdict of ‘Found-drowned.’ Deceased was interred at Pentwyn Churchyard on Thursday, the officiating clergyman being Rev. Williams, curate, Pontlottyn.

Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. Many brothers from Bedlinog were present. Sister Ballard presided. Mrs. Dr. Davies read an excellent paper entitled ‘The Home.’ The ideal home was depicted, and afterwards, the home where intemperance prevailed, the two being contrasted most vividly.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 5 October 1912**

Pentwyn Church On Sunday evening last, Mr. J. C. Payne (lay reader), preached a sermon in memory of Mrs. John Prosser, Deri, taking as his text Matt. 24, 42. The Church was filled. Mr. H. Brown was at the organ and Mr. John Wood conducted the singing.

Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. Bro. W. Griffiths presided. After the ordinary business of the lodge, Sister B. Ballard, Chief Templar, who is leaving the neighbourhood, was presented with a breakfast cruet as a token of respect and appreciation of the good work done in connection with the lodge. Bro. T. Lewis made the presentation and gave very valuable advice, after which Sister Ballard responded. A very good programme had been prepared, the following contributing: pianoforte solos - Bros. J. E. Davies and T. Walters; reading - Bro. H. Thoams; solos - Sister C. Thomas and Bro. W. Griffiths; paper by Bro. D. James - ‘Temperance and its Influence.’ Verses of their own composition were read by Bros. W. Jones and Sam Lewis which were well-suited to the occasion. Bros. H. Thomas, W. Jones, S. Lewis, T. Walters, D. James and Sisters Thomas



and Rees also spoke, and expressed their regret at losing Sister Ballard, but wished her every happiness in her new sphere. After an enjoyable evening, the meeting concluded with the singing of 'For All Eternity,' by Sister C. Thomas.

Presentation A meeting was held at Nazareth on Thursday evening last to present Mr. and Mrs. Roderick Jones with a handsome marble timepiece on the occasion of their marriage. Mr. Jones has been organist at the Chapel for many years, and the timepiece was given by members of the chapel as a small token of respect for his faithful and valuable services. During the first part of the evening, tea was provided. The following ladies presided at the tables: Mrs. J. Jones, Mrs. D. Lawrence, Mrs. Maggie Davies, Nurse Jones, Mrs. T. Roberts, Mrs. Captain Jones, Mrs. T. Pugh, Mrs. E. Jones. Valuable assistance was rendered by Mrs. J. D. Jones, Mrs. I. Roderick, Mrs. R. Jones, Miss Edith Parry, Miss Annie Maud Jones, Mr. Wm. Jones, Mr. Edward Parry, Mr. Wm. Morris, Mr. Thomas Pugh. After tea, a concert was held, Mr. J. D. Jones presiding. Mr. Griffith Jones made a speech and presented the clock. Rev. I. Roderick spoke and read some verses he had composed for the occasion. The concert programme was as follows: pianoforte solo - Miss Katie Jones-Davies; solo - Mr. Wm. Morris; recitation - Miss Lizzie Mary Lawrence; solo - Miss Hannah Jones; solo - Mr. James Jones; address - Mr. T. Roberts; poetry - Mr. Wm. Jones; solo - Miss M. A. Walters; recitation - Mr. Edward Jones; duett - Mr. Wm. Morris and Mr. C. Shankland; address - Mr. Edward Parry. The singing of the National Anthem brought the evening to a close.

#### **"Merthyr Express" 12 October 1912**

Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. Bro. E. Jones presided. Short addresses were given 'In Praise of Town and Country,' the sisters taking country and the brothers town. The Grand Lodge report was given by Bro. Charles Payne.

In Memoriam A service was held at Carmel last Sunday in memory of Mrs. Miriam Thomas, wife of Mr. Thomas Thomas, Guest-street, and the mother of Mr. D. J. Thomas, Fochriw. The Rev. D. H. Jones officiated. He based his sermon on Revelations 7, verse 14: 'The great Tribulations.' Touching references were made to the deceased, who had been a faithful member and caretaker of the chapel for a number of years, until she became blind. Mr. Thomas Walters played the 'Dead March' in Saul. Mr. David Davies (Pencerdd Morganwg) conducted the singing.

Pentwyn Church Harvest Thanksgiving services were held at Pentwyn Church on Wednesday and Sunday, the Church having been beautifully decorated by the flock. On Wednesday, Rev. G. Williams, Vicar, preached, and on Sunday, Mr. J. C. Payne, lay reader was the preacher. An anthem, 'Great is the Lord,' was rendered on both days. The Church was crowded at all services.

Entertainment The first in the winter series of popular entertainments was held on Monday at Pentwyn Church school room, Mr. J. C. Payne presiding. Solos were rendered by Miss Blodwen Watkins, Mr. Albert Tyler, Master T. R. Lewis and Miss Mary Tyler, after which the harvest offerings were disposed of. The fruit was sent to the sick and aged of the district, and also to Merthyr Infirmary. Mr. Tom Jones was unanimously elected to act as entertainment secretary during the season.

St. Mary's Church The harvest festival was held at St. Mary's on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. On Sunday, the Vicar celebrated Holy Communion at 8 a.m. At 11 a.m., the Rev. R. E. Williams officiated, and preached an excellent sermon. The Vicar officiated at the 6 p.m. service. On Monday, a sermon in Welsh was given Rev. D. E. Jacob, Vicar of Bedlinog, and on Tuesday, Rev. J. Davies, Rhymney, preached in English. At the Sunday and Tuesday services, an anthem was excellently sung by the choir. Also, the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis were sung to music composed by the choirmaster Mr. J. Williams.

Technical Classes A meeting was held at Fochriw Council School on Monday evening, when certificates were presented to successful students at the various technical examinations last April and May. Councillor Rev. Leyshon Evans, Bargoed, presented the certificates, congratulating all, both students and teachers, on their achievements. In two classes, Welsh and practical mathematics, all who entered had passed, the teachers being Mr. J. D. Jones and Rev. Rees Jenkins. There were further speeches, followed by a short concert. Mr. J. D.

Jones, the organising teacher, then called attention to the classes for the coming session. Councillor John Jones, Fochriw, presided.

Personal: Rev. M. S. Young The many friends of the Rev. M. S. Young will be pleased to hear of his very successful tour in the States. The following is taken from 'The Druid,' the Welsh-American paper: "Nesquehoning Notes: Chance to hear a good preacher at Nesquehoning this evening. The Rev. Moses Young and his wife of South Wales, who arrived in New York on Saturday for a tour of the Baptist Churches of America, are at Nesquehoning, the guests of Rev. and Mrs. Clifford Joshua. Rev. Young preached at Slatington on Sunday to large congregations, and met with a great reception from the many Welsh people of that town. Rev. Young will preach in the First Baptist Church, Nesquehoning, this evening at 7.30 p.m. There will also be great singing, and all are invited. Rev. Young preaches in both languages. Slatington P. A. - Rev. M. S. young, pastor of the Baptist Church at Fochriw, South Wales, supplied the pulpit at the Baptist Church, the last two Sundays. Rev. Young is a young man, a fine orator, and an excellent preacher. The next two Sundays, he will be at St. Clair and Mahoney City, and the following two Sundays in Plymouth, and in Slatington, once more, on Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Pierce, accompanied by Rev. and Mrs. Young, visited Allentown on Tuesday. Lansford P. A.: Rev. Moses Young is on a preaching tour of this part of the States. He is enjoying great success. He was born in Pentre, Cwm Rhondda. He is an excellent preacher.

Luncheon Members of the Bristol and West of England and South Wales Operatives Trade and Provident Society (Lodge No. 3 of the District of Pontlottyn), whose place of meeting is the White Horse Inn, Pentwyn, were provided with a spread at the White Horse on Saturday evening last. The branch is very strong for a small district, the members numbering 144. Before the supper, a procession was formed, and headed by the Pontlottyn Silver Band playing appropriate music, under their conductor, Mr. Wm. Mantle, the members paraded the streets of Pentwyn and Fochriw. After supper, a capital programme was gone through. The Chairman, Mr. Edwin Beddoe, Pontlottyn, said that he was vice-president of the district, which comprised 54 lodges. He had always taken a great interest in the society, and was the founder of the No. 3 lodge. The society was second to none. They belonged to a society which was one of the best in South Wales for the working man. The society was one of the best in South Wales for the working man. He complimented the local secretary, Mr. David John Thomas, on the quality of the books kept, which were in every way excellent. The programme which followed was as follows: solo, "The White Squall," Mr. Isaac Martin, Pontlottyn; piano overture, Mr. Robert Williams; comic song, "My Husband left me again," Mr. O. A. Beddoe, Rhymney Bridge, encore, "Bazoon Song," song, "Volunteer Organist," Mr. Griffith Griffiths, Rhymney; euphonium solo, "The Village Blacksmith," Mr. Ben Hughes, Pontlottyn; comic songs, "Macnamara's Band" and "I wish you a merry Christmas," Mr. Howell Thomas, Fochriw; solos, "Shall I be an Angel Daddy?" "Our hands have met," and "The Veteran Song," Mr. G. Griffiths, Rhymney. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the host and hostess on the motion of Mr. Ernest Price, seconded by Mr. D. J. Thomas.

#### **"Merthyr Express" 19 October 1912**

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

Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. The evening was given over to 'Ode Practice,' Bro. Walters being responsible. Bro. Sam Lewis presided.

Advertisement Sale of Valuable Leasehold Dwelling-Houses by Public Auction at the Rising Sun Inn, Fochriw on Tuesday, October 22, 1912, at 7 p.m.

Lot 1: All that valuable leasehold dwelling house and premises, situate and being, No. 20, Brook Row, Fochriw, being in the possession of Mr. Albert Walters, at the rental of 19s. per lunar month. The premises are held on a lease of 99 years from 1<sup>st</sup> October, 1859, with a yearly ground rent of £1-3s-10d.

Lot 2: All that valuable leasehold dwelling house and premises, situate and being, No. 4, Rees' Row, Fochriw, being in the possession of Mr. W. Barrett, at the rental of 17s. per lunar month.

Lot 3: All that valuable leasehold dwelling house and premises, situate and being, No. 5, Rees' Row, Fochriw, being in the possession of Mr. W. Williams, at the rental of 17s. per lunar month.

Lots 2 and 3 are held on a lease of 99 years from 1<sup>st</sup> November, 1859, subject to a yearly ground rent of £1-4s-7d, which will be apportioned equally, if sold separately.

All the properties are well-built and well-situated, and always command good tenants. A portion of the purchase money may be had on mortgage of 5%, if desired. Edward T. Lewis, Solicitor, 26, Church Street, Ystrad Mynach.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 26 October 1912**

Stop Trucks Both pits were idle on Wednesday as a result of a shortage of trucks

Orders for Christmas Cards may be sent to Mr. J. C. Payne, the local correspondent of the ‘Express,’ who will be pleased to show customers specimen cards.

Carmel Harvest thanksgiving services were held at the chapel on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evening, Rev. D. H. Jones officiating.

Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. Bro. Wm. Griffiths presided. Bible stories were discussed by members, and the district lodge report was given by Bros. Payne and Griffiths.

Entertainment Another in the series was held at Pentwyn on Monday evening, Mr. W. H. Brown presiding. Songs were given by Mr. Tom Jones, Mrs. Tyler, Mr. Joe Evans, Miss Mary Tyler, Mr. J. C. Payne; recitation by Master Wm. Thomas Williams; ‘stump speech’ by Mr. Wm. J. Jones; comic song by Mr. Albert Tyler; solos by Misses Blodwen Watkins, Maggie Sarah Martin, Agnes May Williams and Sarah Williams.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 2 November 1912**

Fatal Accident at No.2 Pit A shocking accident happened on Tuesday afternoon at No. 2 Pit, Fochriw. Evan Evans, a 30-year old, single-man of Ivor Street, Dowlais, was ascending the pit after his day's work. He was about 100 yards from the pit bottom, when he fell from the cage. His body was recovered immediately and taken to his home.

Nazareth The Young People's Guild met on Wednesday evening, Rev. Isaac Roderick presiding. The adjudicators for the different competitions were: Drawing: Mr. J. D. Jones; Literature: Rev. I. Roderick. After the Chairman's address, the following programme was gone through:- overture by Mr. Roderick Jones; solo by Mr. William Morris; recitation - Miss Lizzie Mary Lawrence; paper on ‘Florence Nightingale’ - Rev. I. Roderick; duet - Miss M. Davies and Miss Jennie Jones. An unpunctuated reading competition was won by Mr. Roderick Jones: a drawing competition by Miss Martha Davies: and an impromptu speech was won by Mr. W. J. Angell.

Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. Bro. T. Lewis presided. Elections for officers for the coming quarter took place, Brother Thomas Lewis being elected Chief Templar. A resolution was unanimously passed protesting against the granting of licenses for the opening of cinemas etc. on the Sabbath Day, and also thanking those members of the Council who opposed the same, although in a minority. The brothers had provided a fruit banquet. Music and recitations were contributed by the following: pianoforte duet - Bro. T. Walters and Sister C. Thomas; solo - Bro. Harris (Brithdir); recitation - Sister Cresswell (Brithdir).

#### **“Merthyr Express” 9 November 1912**

Inquest The jury at the inquest into the death of Evan Evans returned a verdict of ‘Accidental Death,’ with the recommendation that Messrs. G.K.N. should provide the surest method of preventing accidents of this kind that officials could invent.

Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, biblical quotations were given by the following sisters on ‘Hearth Voices:’ M. Cole, M. Simmons, A. M. Jenkins and Bro. S. Lewis. Short addresses were given by the following: Bros. D. James, S. Lewis, T. Lewis, H. Thomas, C. Payne, Sisters C. Thomas and M. Griffiths.

Constitutional Club On Thursday week, Nos Calan Galaf was celebrated at the Club. All members were invited to a cold colation, and a good many attended. An excellent concert followed the spread, Mr. C. Shankland presiding. The programme was contributed to by the following: solos - the Chairman; Messrs. T. F. Harris, C. Mills, W. Jenkins, W. Evans, Price and W. Williams. Mr. Alfred Jenkins was at the piano. An address was given by Mr. W. Young of Pontypridd.

Entertainment Another in the series of popular entertainments was held on Monday evening at Pentwyn Church Schoolroom. There was a good attendance. Mr. J. C. Payne presided. The following contributed to the programme: solo- Miss Blodwen Watkins; comic song - Mr. Albert Tyler; song - Master Thomas Rees Lewis; solo - Miss Mary Tyler; recitation - Master William Thomas Williams; song - Mr. Joseph Evans; solo - Mr. Tyler; duet - Misses Ceridwen Jones and Blodwen Williams; recitation - Mr. W. J. Jones; duet - Masters C. Tyler and Willie Jones; song - Miss J. Seabourne; song - Miss Tyler; solo - Miss Sarah Williams; song - Miss Agnes May Williams; solo - Miss Maggie Sarah Martin.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 16 November 1912**

Anniversary At Nazareth C. M. Chapel on Sunday and Monday, special sermons were given to large congregations by Rev. J. Wilson Roberts, Ynyshir, and Rev. J. Vardre James, Newbridge. Mr. William Morris conducted the singing, and Mr. Roderick Jones presided at the organ.

Interesting Sale From Monday to Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> inclusive, Messrs. Edward Bros. will sell at the Oddfellows' Hall Assembly Room, Dowlais, a magnificent stock of china, both useful and ornamental.

Nazareth The Young People's Guild met on Wednesday evening, when Mr. Griffith Pugh presided, and delivered an excellent address to the young people. The adjudicators were: Music: Messrs. R. Jones and W. J. Angell; Recitations etc.: Rev. I. Roderick. The following programme was gone through: solo - Miss Maggie Davies; recitation - Miss Lizzie May Lawrence; duet- Miss Hilda Davies and Miss Martha Davies; recitation - Miss Edith Parry; solo - Miss H. Jones; solo - Mr. Wm. Jones. Competitions: solo under 16 - Master John Davies; recitation under 10 - Miss Lizzie May Lawrence; reading music at first sight - divided between Mr. Idris Jones and Miss Hannah Jones; impromptu speech - Miss Mattie Jones. Mr. D. J. Jones, Mr. Wm. Jones, Mr. W. J. Angell and Mr. Edward Parry also addressed the meeting.

Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. Bro. T. Lewis presided. Bro. Payne installed the officers for the coming quarter. This was followed by an excellent programme: recitations - Sisters A. M. Jones, Ceridwen Thomas, Leonora Jenkins, Annie Gwen Thomas, Phyllis Williams, Maggie Thomas, Annie Jones, Annie Jenkins; Bros. Latimer Evans, Thomas John Evans; solos - Sisters Doris Davies, M. Evans, Bessie Hughes, R. Griffiths, C. Thomas, Bessie Ballard; Bro. Edmund Davies; a dialogue; an action song and a sketch.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 23 November 1912**

Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. Bro. Perkins (Aberbargoed) presided and addressed the meeting. The evening was devoted to 'Translations from Welsh to English and vice versa,' all taking part.

Entertainment Another in the series of popular entertainments was held on Monday evening at Pentwyn Church Schoolroom. There was a good attendance. Mr. J. C. Payne presided. The following contributed to the programme: recitation - Master Wm. T. Williams; solo - Miss Blodwen Watkins - 'The Child's Prayer;' duet - Misses C. Jones and B. Williams; impromptu speech competition - 'The Moon' - 8 competitors - winner Master Wm. T. Williams; recitation - Miss Agnes May Williams; song - Miss Elizabeth A. Williams; solo - Mr. J. C. Payne; recitation - Miss B. Watkins; song - Miss M. S. Martin; duet - Masters E. J. Morgan and John Mantle; comic songs - Mr. Wm. J. Jones. Mr. W. J. Jones and Mr. J. Evans were the adjudicators.

Wedding: Walters-Thomas The wedding was solemnised at Zoar Congregational Chapel, Merthyr, on Sunday, of Mr. Thomas Walters, organist of Carmel Congregational Chapel, son

of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Walters, Brynteg Terrace, and Miss Ceridwen Thomas, teacher at the Fochriw Infants School, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howell Thomas, Bryntirion. The bride was dressed in a fawn dress with large black hat to match. She was attended by two bridesmaids - Miss Rachel Walters, sister of the bridegroom, who was dressed in grey, with matching black hat, and Miss Ceridwen Thomas, niece of the bride, who was dressed in terra cotta, with velvet hat and shoes. Mr. D. H. Jones officiated. The breakfast was at the home of the bride's parents, after which, the happy couple left for their honeymoon which is being spent in Surrey. The bride's travelling costume was of brown tweed with beaver hat to match. The rest of the party returned to dinner at the home of the groom's parents. Both bride and bridegroom enjoy a wide circle of friends, and they were the recipients of a large number of valuable presents.

Red lights Red lights or reflectors at the back of vehicles have been made compulsory by a new bye-law.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 30 November 1912**

Nazareth The Young People's Guild met on Wednesday evening, when Mr. James Lawrence presided, and delivered a very appropriate address to the young people. The adjudicators were Mr. Wm. Morris and Mr. D. Jones. The following programme was gone through: overture - Mr. Roderick Jones; recitations - Miss Edith Parry, Miss L. M. Lawrence, Rev. D. B. Beynon, Pontllytyn; solo - Miss Annie M. Jones, Miss Martha Davies; chorus - Nazareth Male Voice Choir conducted by Mr. R. Jones; duet - Mr. D. J. Davies and Miss Hilda Davies; solo competition for children won by D. J. Davies; drawing competition won by D. J. Davies and W. A. Jones. Rev. I. Roderick and Mr. Edward Parry also delivered addresses.

Entertainment Another in the series of popular entertainments was held on Monday evening at Pentwyn Church Schoolroom. Mr. J. C. Payne presided. The following contributed to the programme: recitations - Miss Ceridwen Thomas, Miss Blodwen Watkins, Master Tom Jones, Miss E. A. Williams, Master David Tyler; solos - Mr. Tom Jones, Miss Blodwen Williams; songs - Mrs. Tyler, Mr. Joe Evans; comic song - Mr. Alfred Tyler. There was a singing competition: 1. Miss Ceridwen Thomas; 2. Miss Blodwen Watkins.

Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. Bro. T. Lewis presided, and gave an excellent paper entitled 'Ideals.'

St. Mary's Institute The first of the series of winter entertainments was held on Tuesday evening, Mr. Charles Payne presiding. The following contributed: songs - Misses Maggie Gough, Mary Jones, Addie Meredith, Elvis Phillips, Ivy Curtis, Masters Sam Gough, Eddie Jones, Attwell Woods; duets - Masters Charlie Edwards and Freddie Lewis, Misses Annie Thomas and Louisa Jones, Misses Nellie and Addie Meredith; trio - Misses Lettie Jones, Elsie Woods & Elvis Phillips; recitations - Masters Sam Gough, Tom Angell, Attwell Woods, Eddie Jones, Dan Davies, Ben Davies, Charlie Edwards, George Cole, Misses E. Phillips, A. Meredith, L. M. Lawrence, Loisa Jones, Mary Jones, Ivy Curtis. Miss E. M. Lawrence told a story.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 14 December 1912**

Nazareth The Young People's Guild met on Wednesday evening, when Councillor John Jones presided, and delivered an excellent address. The following programme was gone through: solo - Mr. Wm. Morris; recitation - Mr. Ed. Jones; duet - Mr. D. J. Davies and Miss Hilda Davies; paper by Mr. J. D. Davies on 'Martin Luther;' singing competition under 16 - winner Miss Mattie Jones; dialogue - Miss L. M. Lawrence and Miss Ceinwen Ballard; solo competition for adults - winner Mr. Roderick Jones; duet - Miss Martha Davies and Mr. D. John Davies; unpunctuated reading competition - winner Mr. W. Morris; recitation - Miss L. M. Lawrence; solo - Miss Doris Davies.

Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. There was a miscellaneous programme which had been prepared by Bro. D. James as follows: duet - Bro. & Sister Walters; pianoforte solo - Bro. C. Richards; solo - Sister M. Thomas; reading - Bro. J. Healey; humorous reading - Bro. H. Thomas. Bro. & Sister T. Walters, who were recently married,

were presented with a very prettily mounted cream jug and sugar bowl. Bro. Charles Payne made the presentation. Bros. S. Lewis and Wm. Jones read verses of their own composition suitable for the occasion, these carrying the good wishes of all members. A vote of condolence was passed with Bros. R. Thomas and John E. Davies in their recent bereavement.

Entertainment Another in the series of popular entertainments was held on Monday evening at Pentwyn Church Schoolroom. Mr. J. C. Payne presided. The following contributed to the programme: recitation - Master T. E. Davies; solo - Mr. Tom Jones; song - Miss Agnes M. Williams; trio - Mrs. Mrs. Morgan, Miss M. Tyler, Mr. J. C. Payne; song - Miss Blodwen Williams; comic song - Mr. Albert Tyler; solo - Miss Jane Seaborne; comic song - Mr. Tom. Jones; solo - Miss M. Tyler; recitation - Master W. T. Williams; song - Mr. Stephen Lewis; recitation - Miss M. S. Martin; singing competition - 'Jesus Lover of My Soul' - winner Miss Blodwen Williams; song and comic story - Mr. W. J. Jones.

Funeral The funeral of the late Mary Roberts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Roberts, Glyn-terrace, took place on Wednesday after an illness of two months. She was a faithful communicant at St. Andrew's Church, Pentwyn, and an earnest scholar in the Sunday School. Mr. J. C. Payne took a short service in the house. Rev. Gilbert Williams officiated at Pentwyn. The chief mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Roberts (father and mother); Mr. and Mrs. Edwards (sister and brother-in-law); Messrs. Tom Jones and Albion Jones (brothers); Masters John and William Roberts (brothers); Mrs. Catherine Jones, Mr. Owen Jones, Mr. & Mrs. G. Carter, Messrs. John & D. Garrett, Mr. Thomas Rees, Pentwyn, Mrs. Williams, Glynneath (aunts and uncles); Messrs. R. & D. Williams, Glynneath, Tom Phillips, Bedlinog, Mr. & Mrs. Lewis, Pentwyn (cousins).

#### **"Merthyr Express" 21 December 1912**

Independent Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. Bro. T. Lewis presided. A vote of sympathy was passed with Rev. and Mrs. D. H. Jones on their sad bereavement. An excellent paper was read by Bro. Henry Thomas on 'Where our village is at a disadvantage.' The drawbacks were dealt with in a very lucid manner, and the way in which the young men spend their leisure hours was commented upon. Comments were made by Bros. T. Lewis, C. Payne, S. Lewis, D. James, S. Ballard and J. Healy.

Entertainment Another in the series of popular entertainments was held on Friday evening at Pentwyn Church Schoolroom. Mr. J. C. Payne presided. The following contributed to the programme: songs - Mr. Tom Jones, Mr. Albert Tyler, Mr. W. J. Payne, Miss Cedidwen Jones; solos - Miss Agnes Williams, Miss M. Tyler, Miss Jane Seaborne; recitation - Miss Blodwen Williams. A sketch entitled 'The Black Justice,' was performed by Messrs. Watkin Williams, James Lawrence, W. J. Payne, Frank Attwell, Tom Jones and Master W. T. Williams.

St. Mary's An entertainment was given at the Institute on Tuesday evening, Mr. Charles Payne presiding. A splendid programme was contributed to by the following: songs - Misses Maggie Gough, Annie L. Jones, Nan Prosser, Master Noah Way, Mr. C. Payne, Master Harold Harris; recitations - Misses Ivy Curtis, Gladys Williams, Annie G. Thomas, Masters Bertie Way, H. Harris. duet - Misses Maggie Thomas and L. Jones; impromptu speech competition - 7 competitors, subject 'The Clock' - 1. Miss Maggie Gough, 2. Miss Nan Prosser and Miss Violet Curtis.

Interment The funeral of the child of Rev. and Mrs. D. Huws Jones, Carmel, took place on Monday last. A short service was held at the house when Revs. I. Roderick, Fochriw, R. E. Peregrine, Rhymney, and Gwilym Rees, Merthyr, took part. The funeral left Fochriw on the 9.41a.m. train for Llywel Church, Trecastle, where the interment took place. A short service was held at the Zoar Congregational Church, Trecastle, numerous clergy being present. A great number of the members of Carmel Chapel went all the way to Trecastle to show their respect to Rev. and Mrs. Jones. Also, a number of the members of Salem, Sennybridge, and Zoar and Cwmwysg Churches, Trecastle, met the funeral at Devynock, and journeyed to Trecastle. The inhabitants of Fochriw, of all denominations, feel great sympathy for the bereaved parents.

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St. Mary’s Church A service was held on Christmas evening, when Rev. Williams preached.

Penybank A Christmas tree was provided at Penybank Baptist Chapel on Monday evening, when the scholars were presented with their prizes. Great praise is due to Mr. Williams (senior), and also Mr. & Mrs. Williams, Ffynonau duon Farm, for the kindly interest which they have taken in the children.

In Memoriam On Sunday evening, St. Andrew’s Church, Pentwyn, was well filled. The pulpit was occupied by Mr. J. C. Payne, lay reader in charge, who preached a sermon in memory of Miss Mary Roberts, Glyn-terrace.

Entertainment Another in the series of popular entertainments was held on Friday evening at Pentwyn Church Schoolroom. Mr. J. C. Payne presided. The following contributed to the programme, which was up to the usual standard: recitations - Miss Agnes M. Williams, Mr. Harry Hughes; solo - Miss Sarah Williams; trios - Masters L. Angell, N. T. Morgan and W. T. Williams, Misses C. Davies, M. Morgan and S. Williams; songs - Miss C. Jones, Mr. Tom Jones, Mr. H. Brown, Master Tom Jones; step dancing - Master Cristy and Miss Elsie Brown.

Christmas Tree and Entertainment On Monday evening an entertainment was held at St. Andrew’s Church, Pentwyn, and a Christmas tree was also provided. The Church and tree had been prettily decorated by willing hands. Mr. J. C. Payne presided, and delivered an address to scholars and parents, a very large number being present. The following contributed to the programme: sacred solos - Mr. Tom Jones, Miss Ceridwen Davies, Miss Blodwen Williams, Miss Mary Tyler; carol - Mr. A. Tyler; recitation - Miss C. Davies. Christmas songs were then sung by Misses B. Williams, C. Davies, S. Williams, Maggie and Mary Morgan. Mr. T. Baldwin, the energetic superintendent of the Sunday School, then gave an address. Mr. W. Thomas impersonated Santa Claus. 115 scholars were presented with prizes. Mr. H. Brown presided at the organ.

Noddfa A splendid eisteddfod was held on Christmas Day. All passed off successfully. A report will appear next week.

Carmel A singing festival was held on Christmas Day. In the morning, there was a children’s service, which commenced with Master T. J. Evans reading Psalm 19. Rev. R. D. Jenkins presided. The afternoon meeting was presided over by Dr. Davies, and in the evening, Rev. D. H. Jones took the chair. An orchestra added much to the singing at the services. The anthem was ‘O’r Dyfnder y Llefais.’

Nazareth The day was celebrated with a Christmas tree for the children in the afternoon, and an eisteddfod in the evening. Mr. Thomas Roberts presided at the afternoon meeting. The tree was beautifully decorated by Mrs. I. Jones, Mrs. J. D. Jones and Mrs. I. Roderick. Father Christmas was represented by Mr. Roderick Jones who handed the presents to the children from the tree. Solos, songs and recitations followed, as well as a little drama entitled ‘Father Christmas.’ Rev. I. Roderick then spoke on the meaning of ‘Father Christmas.’ At the evening eisteddfod, Mr. Griffith Pugh presided. The adjudicators were: Mr. Samuel Evans, Fochriw - Music; Rev. I. Roderick and Mr. J. D. Jones - Literature. Competitions: solo, girls under 16 - winner Miss Hilda Davies; solo, boys under 16 - winner David John Davies; contralto solo - Mrs. Roderick Jones; verses on Christmas Day - winner ‘Conedl-ddyn;’ baritone solo - winner Mr. Tom Lawrence; essay on ‘The Value of Education’ - divided - Mr. Idris Jones and Mr. William Jones; quartett - prize divided between Mr. Richard Pugh’s party and Miss Maggie Davies’s party; unpunctuated reading - divided - Mr. Ed. Jones and Mr. Roderick Jones; best rendering of ‘Tongwynlais’ by a party of eight - Mr. Roderick Jones’ party.