

11 November, 1864 Opening of the Vochriw Schoolroom as a Place of Public Worship The Chancel attached to the schoolroom at Vochriw in the parish of Gelligaer, was opened for public worship on All Saints Day at 3 o'clock when litany was sung in Welsh by the Rev. J. Rosser, curate of Rhymney, and the sermon was preached by the Rev. Rees Price, rector of Llanvirinach. The chancel, which was occupied by the choir, is separated from the schoolroom and will be closed during weekdays by low doors and a curtain. It is very suitably fitted up with an altar table etc. raised on steps, and the floor is tastefully inlaid with tessellated pavement. The seats are temporary, it being proposed to place stalls as soon as a sufficiency of funds can be collected. A very large congregation was gathered together, and a great many of the clergy from the immediate neighbourhood was present, amongst whom we noticed the Rev. J. Griffiths, rector of Merthyr; Davies & Rowlands, Dowlais; Green, Pentrebach; Thomas, Lewis and Dr. Jones, Pontlottyn; Rogers, Rhymney; and Rev. G.C.F. Harries, Rector of Gellygaer, to whose writing exertions the erection of the building is due. **14 October 1865** Vochriw Independent Chapel A tea party was held here on Monday last, and received very good support. Several local ministers addressed the assembly. The proceeds of the evening are intended for the erection of a new Independent Chapel for this increasing neighbourhood.

21 October, 1865 Vochriw Thanksgiving Service The Rev. H. Lewis, Pontlottyn intoned and the Rev. Rowlands, Merthyr, preached the sermon. A collection was made for the National Society. Harvest Services took place at Pantywaun on the 12th inst. Rev. L. Price, Cyfarthfa, preached.

25 August, 1866 The Vochriw: Tea Party The children attending the Day and Sunday Schools at Vochriw were regaled with a good tea on Monday last by the Rector of Gellygaer. The usual games were resorted to after tea. The following ladies and gentlemen assisted with the day's arrangements: The Misses Johnson, Miss Lorianie, Miss Watson, Miss Griffith etc. The Revs. G.C.F. Harris, D. Morgan, and Townley Esq.

15 September, 1866 Burial Ground at Fochriw On Thursday last, 13 September, the Lord Bishop of the diocese consecrated the burying ground belonging to the Church at Vochriw. Several of the local clergy were present. A drenching rain was pouring down throughout the ceremony.

12 January 1867 Ecclesiastical Appointment The Rev. D. Morgan, late curate-in-charge of Vochriw, has now entered upon his duties as curate of Pontlottyn.

19 October, 1867 Pantywaun School Chapel On Monday evening last, a thanksgiving service for the harvest was held at the School Chapel, Pantywaun, when the Rev. F. Hughes, vicar of Aberavon, read the service in a most impressive manner, and the Rev. W. Evans, incumbent of Rhymney, preached, as usual, a most appropriate sermon on the Parable of the Tares. Every seat was occupied by an apparently very thoughtful and devout congregation who listened with eager attention to the soul-stirring remarks of the eloquent and truly practical preacher. The hymns selected were very appropriate for the occasion. The congregational singing was most hearty, as also were the responses in the service, which prove how well the services are appreciated by the people. We are glad to learn that a good collection for the Llandaff Diocesan Church Extension Society was made after the sermon.

19 August 1871 School Treat On Thursday last, a treat was given to the pupils of the Vochriw National School by Rev. T. Theophilus and his congregation.

16 September 1871 Vochriw An entertainment will be held at the National School Room on Monday evening next. The Rev. T. Theophilus, the much respected curate, is about to leave the village, and this will be a farewell concert.

23 September 1871 Presentation to Rev. T. Theophilus On Tuesday week, a very interesting meeting was held at the National School, Vochriw, for the purpose of presenting a testimonial of respect to Rev. T. Theophilus, who has been but a short time curate in charge of the place, and who is about leaving for a similar capacity at Blackwood. The chair was taken by the Rev. J. Hughes, vicar of Pontlottyn. He called upon Mr. Harris to speak. The substance of his address was the great respect and love of which the reverend gentleman was held by the inhabitants of Vochriw generally. Mr. Turner, surgeon of Pontlottyn, next presented Mr. Theophilus with a purse containing £11. Mrs. Turner presented the tea and coffee service, after which Mr. William Rees of Vochriw, presented Mrs. Theophilus with a pair of silver

candlesticks. Each present was accompanied by a short address, highly eulogistic to the reverend gentleman and his excellent lady. In reply, the Rev. T. Theophilus said: "I can assure you that the numerous kindnesses that I have received since the day of my coming amongst you to the very day I leave, are quite sufficient to leave in my mind a lasting recollection of the inhabitants of Vochriw. That memory would, however, have perished with myself, but these handsome presents of yours will, when you and I have been laid down under the green sod, serve to recall to the mind of someone or other to whom they will have been left, the existence in times gone by of a valuable affection on the part of the inhabitants of Vochriw towards a very humble member of the Church of England. It is gratifying for me to learn from you tonight that the non-conformist ministers of the neighbourhood, including their members, have cheerfully subscribed towards this substantial token of regard. Please accept my heartfelt thanks for this handsome token of your affection, and I only hope you will not measure the depth of my gratitude by my feeling words. My wife wishes me to express her thanks to you for having thought her humble service in connection with the harmonium and choir. It must have been very gratifying to Mr. Hames, choir master, as well as every member of the choir, that so eminent a musician as "Eos Llechyd" should have made such an honourable mention of the Vochriw choir in connection with the late church testimonial at Llandaff. The reverend gentleman resumed his seat amidst hearty applause. The proceedings were enlivened at intervals by some very excellent song given by Mrs. Harris and Mr. T. Hoskins. A vote of thanks to the chairman, and the singing of the National Anthem brought the proceedings to a close. The articles presented were supplied by Mr. J.D. Williams, jeweller, Merthyr. After the meeting, Mr. Theophilus and a few friends partook of an excellent supper provided by Mr. David Morgan, Rising Sun Inn, Vochriw.

16 August 1873 Laying Of Memorial Stones For The Primitive Methodist Chapel At Fochriw

The ceremony of laying the memorial stones for the new Primitive Methodist Chapel at Fochriw took place on Monday 11th August. Seven years ago, the Primitives began English speaking services at this place and have continued to do so in a small inconvenient dwelling room. Because of increasing demand for houses, they moved into the open air. Because of the coming winter, the Rev. J. Dinnick has entered into responsibilities of over £165 so as to accommodate over 100 persons. The building will be neat and substantial. It was commenced in faith because there were only eight regular members, working people, who had paid towards the undertaking £6.3s. The services of Monday were as follows: Mrs. W. L. Daniel of Merthyr laid the first memorial stone with her name inscribed upon it and placed thereon a cheque for £5 for herself and friends. Then eight purses were laid on the stone - Mrs. Norman £2-2-6, Mrs. Peadon £2, Mr. & Mrs. Brice £2-2-6, Mr. Worman £1-10-0, Simeon Worman £1-3-0, James Brice £1, James & Ann Glanville £1-16-0. The Rev. Dinnick placed on stones contributions from: G. T. Clark Esq. £5; Mrs. Williams, Vaynor £3; Mrs. Phillips, Fochriw £2-10-0; Mr. J. Davies £2-2-6; D. E. Williams Esq., Hirwain £2-2-0; T. Williams Esq., Goitre £1; Mr. J. D. Williams, jeweller £1-1-0; Mr. Morgan the Rising Sun, £1; Mr. Jones, Caeglas, £1 and several sums under one pound. The Rev. J. P. Bellingham, author of "Entemology & Christianity" spoke ably on the day we live in. He gave an exposition of the rise and progress of the Connexion. The Rev. J. Dinnick presented Mrs Daniel and Mrs. Thomas with two bound histories of the Connexion. The Rev. D. Jones, B.A., Merthyr, spoke in Welsh and English, and Rev. J. Griffith spoke in Welsh. Then 150 friends took tea. Mrs. Morgan Thomas laid the other memorial stone with her name on it and gave a sovereign to the chapel funds with a promise of more at the opening. The services were brought to a close and the total amount promised and given amounts to £50-7-7. The workmen engaged on the building were supplied with cake and tea on Tuesday morning.

4 July 1874 Farewell Meeting The Rev. J. Dinnick who has been in charge of the Primitive Methodist Mission in Merthyr and district for the past three years is leaving for Dover. A special service will take place in the Temperance Hall on Sunday and there will be a farewell meeting on Monday.

"Merthyr Express" 12 December 1874

Anniversary On Sunday and Monday last, the anniversary services connected with the Nazareth Congregational Chapel of this place were held, when most impressive and eloquent sermons were delivered for the occasion by the Revs. D. Thomas, Llangynidr; W. G. Williams,

Rhymney; J. E. Griffiths, Vochriw; and T. Rees, D.D., Swansea. The Revs. J. R. Davies, New Tredegar; R. Herbert (C.M.); J. P. Williams, Baptist, Pontlottyn; D. S. Evans and W. Griffiths, Rhymney; and Mr. J. John, Sirhowy, were also present, and took part in the introductory services. At the conclusion of each service, liberal collections were made towards the liquidation of the chapel debt, the handsome sum of upwards of £60 having been realised on this occasion. We are gratified to learn that the church and congregation assembled in this chapel under the ministry of the Rev. J. R. Williams, are at present in a progressive and satisfactory condition; and strenuous efforts are constantly being made to remove the burthen of debt now remaining on the chapel.

"Merthyr Express" 19 December 1874

Carmel Chapel On Sunday last anniversary services were held in the chapel, when the Rev. D. H. Rees of Bathania, Dowlais, preached eloquent and powerful sermons. All the services were very numerous attended, and liberal collections towards the chapel funds were made at the conclusion. The Rev. J. E. Griffiths, minister, and other reverend gentlemen were present, and took part in the introductory portion of the meetings.

"Merthyr Express" 12 June 1875

An Open-Air Baptism at Pontlottyn Last Sunday afternoon, the Rev. A. Tovey, English Baptist Minister, baptised two persons in the River Rhymney.

"Merthyr Express" 17 July 1875

Demonstration of the Non-Conformist Sunday Schools of Rhymney & Pontlottyn Since eight years ago, when the Rector of Gelligaer misrepresented the state of education in the parish, these schools have united in a general procession. A total of 1,985 scholars were in the procession which was one mile long.

"Merthyr Express" 8 January 1876

Vochriw - Christmas Tree On Monday, December 27th, the Primitive Methodists held a Christmas tree, tea, and concert in aid of the chapel fund. The Vochriw society and other friends worked hard and contributed to their substance to make the effort a success. When the tree was laden, it presented a pretty and attractive appearance. Friends in the neighbourhood kindly rendered help, and some at a distance were not unmindful in that respect. And although we cannot mention every one's name, we would not forget Mrs. Roden, who subscribed 15s.; Mr. Deacon, 10s.6d.; a friend in Somerset, 5s.; and others 2s.6d. each, and other smaller donations. A public tea was prepared in the afternoon, and over 100 persons partook of the good things provided. The concert was held in the evening, and the chapel was literally crammed, and many said "We never saw it in this fashion before." The Rev. H. Jones presided, and a very lengthy programme was gone through, consisting of songs, solos, choruses, readings and recitations. The audience showed their appreciation and delight of the performance by their frequent bursts of applause. The usual votes of thanks were given, and the meeting terminated about half past nine with the Doxology and Benediction. By the proceedings of the day the chapel will realise £10 for the reduction of the chapel debt, and we hereby tender our thanks to all who assisted.

"Merthyr Express" 11 August 1877

Presentation at Carmel Congregational Chapel The Rev. J. E. Griffiths is leaving for the English Congregational Church at Blaenavon after 7 years of great labour and service. A presentation of an illuminated address and a purse was made by Mr. T. Jones. Many ministers from surrounding districts were present.

"Merthyr Express" 28 December 1878

Fochriw: Testimonial On Monday evening a meeting was held in Carmel Congregational Chapel to present the minister, the Rev. W. Tibbot, with numerous volumes of books worth between £12 and £13. Mr. Thos. Jones presided. The ministers present were Revs. J. R. Williams, Pontlottyn; R. O. Jones, Nelson; and J. Jones, Deri. Also present were Messrs. J. Lewis, Brynrhe; D. Evans, Aberdare; and J. Evans (Ioan Gwent). After remarks from the chairman, the children's choir sang, under the leadership of Mr. H. M. Williams. The meeting was then addressed by Messrs. Williams, testimonial treasurer; D. Evans; Rev. J. Jones; Mr. J. Lewis; and Mr. W. Harris, testimonial secretary, who also gave statements of accounts. The books were presented by Misses Hannah Evans and Elizabeth Harris. After an address on the

contents of the books given by Rev. J. R. Williams, Mr. J. Evans (Ioan Gwent) made a few remarks and read some verses he had composed for the occasion. Thanks were accorded to everyone that gave anything to the testimonial fund, and especially to the ladies that collected the money. The meeting terminated with prayer by the Rev. J. R. Williams.

“Merthyr Express” 15 November 1879

In Memoriam: The Rev Gilbert C.F. Harries, Rector of Gelligaer We have this week the painful duty of chronicling the decease of one of the most prominent figures in the clergy of this part of the diocese of Llandaff, in the person of the Rev. G. C. F. Harries, M.A., Rector of Gelligaer, and Canon of Llandaff. He was 51 years old at the time of his death. He was ordained deacon in 1851, and was appointed Rector of Gelligaer in 1862. The Marquis of Bute is the patron of this living, which is represented to be worth £669 a year by the tithe rent charge, yielding a net income of £485 with house and glebe. Mr. Harries was appointed to Gelligaer when many complaints were heard on all sides of the indifference of the previous holders of the living to the spiritual wants of the parish, although they were careful enough in its emoluments. The parish was undergoing a gradual but sensible transition from one of pure agriculture to a mixed condition of agriculture and mining, leading to an increase of population which settled in clusters around the various seats of mining industry. The ancient parish church was in a ruinous plight, so he commenced with the work of restoring the nave and chancel which were carried to completion a few years ago. Concurrently, churches and school churches - buildings which partook of the double character of being places of worship on Sunday and seats of education in the week, were opened at all the chief centres of population in the parish - Pontlottyn, Newton, Pantywain, Vochriw, Deri, Bargoed, and Cwmfelin. In this great work he obtained valuable assistance from wealthy friends, notably Mr. G. T. Clark, but the labour and the responsibility and anxiety all fell upon him - the fag ends of debts incurred here and there having at the last to be expunged out of his own private resources. Until the advent of the School Boards he conducted the National Schools without any very serious loss; but when the time came which threw these voluntary schools into competition with schools backed by all the resources of the parish, it was too arduous a task, an one after another he relinquished the charges into the hands of the School Board He was at one time a member of the Gelligaer School Board, but for the past four or five years withdrew from participation of the affairs of the parish on this Board - though he continued his connection with the Gelligaer Educational Charity, in the reformation of which, under the recent Act of Parliament, he took a deep interest. He was a fine example of the aggressive, combative, clergyman burning with zeal for the church whose faith he had vowed to disseminate It was impossible to do this and not stir up hostile feelings from some quarters, for in striking out right and left for the church to which he belonged it did sometimes happen that the zeal of the Rector stightly overstepped his direction; but errors of judgement are always overlooked, and certin it is that in the parish of Gelligaer, today, there are more deep and sincere mourners over the loss which the parish has sustained than the dissenters, with whom he has held hot argument so frequently, for they one and all recognised in him a clergyman faithful to his call and zealous for his Master's work, though far from infallible in the ways by which he sought to promote it. Mr. Harries was a widower. He married a daughter of the late David Evans, Esq., of the Brecon Old Bank, Merthyr, by whom he had numerous family, and who died some half dozen years ago.

“Merthyr Express” 17 January 1880

Vacant Living of Gelligaer The Rev J. L. Meredith of Rhyl has accepted the vacant living of Gelligaer in succession to Rev. Harries.

“Merthyr Express” 5 June 1880

Fochriw Art Union Prize Drawing In Aid of the Building Fund of Carmel Congregational Chapel, Fochriw, will take place at the above chapel, On Thursday, November 25, 1880, under the distinguished patronage and supervision of the following gentlemen: H Richard, Esq., M. P.; W. Beddoe, Esq., Nelson; J. Mathews, Esq., Rhymney; D. Kent Jones, Esq., Fochriw; W. Griffiths, Esq., Merthyr; and J. Evans, Esq., Dowlais.

FIRST PRIZE - £50 CASH

2. Any article or articles to the value of	£25	17. Eight pounds of good tea	£1-4s.
3. A handsome pony	£16	18. A rosewood writing desk	£1-1s.
4. A handsome cow	£12	19. A pair of pictures	£1-1s.
5. A Welsh or English Encyclopaedia	£8	20. A china tea service	£1.1s.
6. A beautiful harmonium	£8	21. A good silk umbrella	£1.1s.
7. A silver lever watch	£6.6s.	22. A handsome cruet set	£1.1s.
8. A beautiful sewing machine	£6	23. A nice set of trays	£1.1s.
9. The works of Dr. Owen, 24 vols.	£4.4s	24. A lady's silver neck chain	£1.1s.
10. A superior piece of cloth	£3.10s.	25. A fine-toned accordian	£1.1s.
11. A mahogany couch	£3.3s.	26. An elegant swing looking glass	£1.1s.
12. A rich Paisley shawl	£3.3s.	27. A good meerscham pipe	£1.1s.
13. An elegant chimney glass	£2	28. A waterproof overcoat	£1.1s.
14. A prime American cheese	£2	29. A gentleman's travelling bag	£1.1s.
15. A pair of good blankets	£1.10s.	30. The Oxford Bible for teachers	£1.1s.
16. A handsome 8-day timepiece	£1-10s.	31. A prime home-cured ham	15s.

In addition to the above there will be TWO HUNDRED PRIZES, consisting of Useful Articles, Music, Historical Books, Hams, Cheese, Knives, etc., etc., etc.

TICKETS SIXPENCE EACH, OR A BOOK OF TWELVE FOR 5 SHILLINGS

The Drawing will be on the principle of the Art Union and the successful numbers will be published in the *Merthyr Express*, *South Wales Daily News*, *Tarian y Gweithiwr*, *Baner ac Amser Cymru*. A list of winning numbers will be forwarded to any address on receipt of a stamped envelope for the same.

Treasurer, Mr. L. Evans, Penybanc, Gelligaer; Auditors, Mr. W. O. Morgan, schoolmaster, Fochriw, and Rev. J. R. Williams, Pontllytyn; Hon. Secretary, Rees Morgan, under Chapel; Corresponding Secretaries, Thomas Jones, grocer, Fochriw, via Cardiff; George Phillips, grocer, Fochriw; William Harris, assurance agent, Fochriw. All prizes will be sent to any destination, but the winner must pay carriage of the same.

“Merthyr Express” 24 July 1880

Centenary Of The Sunday School Movement At Pontllytyn on Monday last, the Centenary of the Sunday School movement was celebrated by the Chapels and Church.

“Merthyr Express” 4 September 1880

Sunday School Treat On Thursday last, the 24th, the Church gave her annual Sunday school treat. The children with their teachers assembled in the mission church between two and three o'clock. A short service was said by the vicar of the parish, during which service the choir and children sang two hymns, accompanied on the piano by Miss Effie Kenty Jones. Service over, a procession was formed, headed by the clergy, and followed by the Bargoed Brass Band, and then the children, two deep, took up the rear. After having traversed some part of the neighbourhood, the procession returned to the schoolroom, when each child was satisfied with “te a bara brith.” After the juvenile feast was over, the youngsters were dismissed to their juvenile games. Now commences the “tea fight” in earnest as 120 adults partook of the cup that does not inebriate; even my lady friends were satisfied with the cake. Mr. and Mrs. G. Phillips should be proud of having obtained such celebrity. Great praise is due to the ladies presiding at the tea table, namely, Mrs. and Miss Evans, Mrs. and Miss Pryse, Misses Morgan, Thomas and Breillat, and Mrs. James and Mrs. Bradley acquitted themselves remarkably well in the “brewing department;” and James, E. Lewis, Payne and Radley discharged their “cutting duties” most satisfactorily. The following clergymen were present: The Revs. T. Theophilus, vicar of the parish; J. L. Meredith, rector of Gelligaer; H. Harris and D. J. Jones, Rhymney; E. Evans, Deri; T. L. Davies and W. Jones Evans, Pontllytyn. There were also present the Misses E. & C. Theophilus, and Master Georgie, Mrs Jones Evans, and Miss Effie Kent Jones. After the “fight” was over, hundreds, including tea drinkers and sight seers, adjourned to the Marquis of Bute's park (the mountain side) to indulge in various games, some in dancing to the time of sweet music, discoursed by the Bargoed Brass Band, others in racing and jumping, and the other class in “Kissing in the ring.” About eight o'clock the band struck up the finale, and then marched

home, and then little by little pleasure seekers began to disappear, till at nine o'clock stillness reigned on the mountainside.

“Merthyr Express” 11 September 1880

Fochriw Sunday School Treat Be good enough to put me right with my friends. The following were left out from my report of the treat: Miss M. Jane Harris who assisted Miss Morgan on No.3 table; also Messrs. Greening and Benjamin Williams. The former is the zealous, faithful and active superintendent of the Sunday School; the latter the secretary of the tea party committee, and was most indefatigable in his exertions to solicit subscriptions etc.. I must not forget Sergeant Phillips's name, who had the superintendence of the “fires” and “boiling” departments. I regret these names were missing from last week's report. CARACTACUS. Fochriw, Sept. 6th, 1880.

“Merthyr Express” 25 September 1880

The Mission Church at Vochriw The mission church is progressing; the congregation as well as the number of communicants is steadily increasing. At the request of the respected vicar of the parish, a “parochial committee” has been appointed to look after the “temporalities” of the church, and to assist the clergy in their manifold duties.

“Merthyr Express” 9 October 1880

Gelligaer Parish The minutes of the Gelligaer Parochial Committee recommended acceptance of the tender of Mr. Jacob Williams of Pontlottyn for the construction of 15 feet of culvert for £3, and also that the plan of Mr. Thomas Jones, for a stable at Vochriw, be passed. Mr. L. D. Rees moved, and Mr. J. Jenkins seconded, the adoption of these minutes.

“Merthyr Express” 16 July 1881

Church of England Sunday Schools The St. Tyfaelog Sunday Schools had their great demonstration on Monday. It being “pay” Monday, an immense number congregated together and formed into a procession. The clergy headed the rank: Rev. T. Theophilus, vicar of Pontlottyn; Rev. T. L. Davies, curate; Rev. Canon Evans, vicar of Rhymney; Rev. E. Thomas & Rev. W. Jones, curates; Rev. W. Jones-Evans, Vochriw; Rev. J. Bowen Jones, Bargoed; Rev. S. Pryse, New Tredegar; Rev. E. Evans, Deri; Rev. Arthur Jones, St. Mary's Cardiff, Rev. W. James, curate. Following them came the Pontlottyn Brass Band and the children. After parading the streets they had tea and cake at the St. Tyfaelog Board Schools. The total strength of the muster was estimated to be about 480. Flags and banners added considerably to the gay appearance of the procession.

“Merthyr Express” 13 August 1881

Vochriw Church School The Church gave its Sunday School a treat on Thursday last. There was a large crowd, natives and aliens, to witness it. At 2.30 p.m. the vicar of the parish said a short service. No sooner was this over than the children and adults were formed into a procession, headed by the clergy and the brass band from Deri and Bargoed. After making the circle of the “city,” young and old returned to the schoolroom, where ample provision was made for them. The feeding over, the ticket purchasers were allowed an innings. They partook of tea and cake from four different tables, which were served by Mrs. Richards, Mrs Morgan, Miss Kent Jones and Miss Jones-Evans, who were assisted by a staff of waitresses which was numerous and attentive. There was a grand display of flowers at each table, but not was so exquisite as that presented by Miss Harris. The greatest part of the large concourse subsequently adjourned to the Vochriw “park,” which is an extensive one, some to dance to the sweet music of the band, others to amuse themselves with “kiss in the ring.” We noticed, also, that the Vochriw Cricket Club were disporting itself, on the green sward close by. The clergy present, fewer than usual, owing to the Rhymney treat being on the same day, were Revs. T. Theophilus, vicar, J. L. Meredith, rector of Gelligaer, T. Williams, Dowlais, E. Evans, Deri, and W. Jones-Evans, curate of Vochriw. The room was tastefully decorated by Miss Kent Jones and others.

“Merthyr Express” 1 October 1881

Nazareth This chapel belongs to the Primitive Methodists. On the 22nd., a lecture was delivered by the Rev. D. Phillips, Swansea upon the subject, “The Man Jesus Christ.” The attendance, we are sorry to say, was meagre. Had the subject been one verging on the comical we should probably have had a full house. The President, the Rev. Aaron Davies, painfully

alluded to the indifference of the people. After a vote of thanks to the lecturer, proposed by the Rev. F. Thomas, the audience separated, highly pleased with the treatment of the subject.

“Merthyr Express” 8 October 1881

Chapel for Sale - To be Sold, a strongly built and well-finished Chapel, situated in Caeglas, Vochriw, known as the “Bethany Primitive Methodist.” For particulars apply at 2, Sun Road, Vochriw, or to Rev. R. Reeve, 5, Union-street, Merthyr.

“Merthyr Express” 29 October 1881

School Church On the 19th, a thanksgiving service was held at the above place. The church was neatly and chastely decorated by Mrs. Kent Jones, Miss Kent Jones, Miss Harris and Miss Jones-Evans. Mrs. Richards and Miss Morgan, the Rising Sun, gave some goodly gifts in order to carry out the decorations. The singing, especially the English, owing to the absence of the choir-master, was to say the least below par. The service was read by the Rev. T. Theophilus, and the lessons by the curates. The English sermon was preached by the Rev. J. Jones, Aberavon, and the Welsh sermon by the Rev. E. Thomas, Rhymney. The room was overcrowded. The offertory was made for the Llandaff Extension Society.

“Merthyr Express” 31 December, 1881

Mission Church The usual divine services were held on Christmas day. The room had been most chastely decorated by Miss Kent Jones and others. The evergreens etc. were provided, as usual, by Mr. W. Richards, Brook-side. Miss Kent Jones presided at the harmonium in the evening. Mr. Harris, the choir-master, was present at all the services, which is in itself, a sufficient guarantee of good singing. Our “Christmas tree” and tea party will take place on the 12th prox. The proceeds will be devoted towards wiping off a debt of upwards of £20 for repairing the church.

“Merthyr Express” 14 January 1882

School Church In the account which we gave of the services on Christmas day at this church, the name of the organist at the evening service was given. We should also have stated that Mrs. Greening presided at the harmonium at the morning service on that day, and that she had for some time been playing at the English services at Vochriw mission church.

“Merthyr Express” 21 January 1882

Christmas Tree and Tea Party On Thursday 12th., a party was held in the Mission Church to defray cost of repairs to the church. The attendance was lower than anticipated, because of the poor weather. The tree was well supplied with many various and useful articles sent by many members of the church. A brisk sale of the contents of the tree took place towards the evening. Amongst those who took a prominent part we noticed Mrs. Kent Jones, Mrs. Jones-Evans, Mrs. Richards, and the Misses Kent Jones and Evans; also Messrs. J. L. Jones-Evans and S. Kent Jones. The above mentioned ladies took trays, and also Miss Morgan of the Rising Sun Inn. Amongst those present were the Revs. T. Theophilus and T. L. Davies, and Dr. Kent Jones.

“Merthyr Express” 4 February 1882

Mission Church The proceeds of the Christmas Tree and Tea party have wiped off £15 of debt of £20 2s. 6½d. for repairing the building.

“Merthyr Express” 22 April 1882

Sale By Auction Vochriw (Near Dowlais): Desirable Investment Messrs. Davies and Atkins are favoured with instructions by the Trustees to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on the premises on Thursday, 4th May 1882 the whole of that well-built and compact Primitive Methodist CHAPEL called “Bethany,” and situated in Cae Glas near Vochriw Railway Station, surrounded by a thickly-populated neighbourhood, and a very convenient place for a small congregation. It was built about 10 years ago. The interior is well-fitted up with moveable seats and a platform pulpit. It measures over the walls 47ft. by 36ft. more or less, and there is ample room in the rear to extend it in future time. The aforesaid chapel can be altered with a small outlay into a house and shop, or two dwelling houses. The above premises are held under a Lease of 91 years from July 1st. 1873, by Lord Wimborne and others, and subject to a Ground Rent of £1-6-9 per annum. The Sale will commence at 3.30 to 4 o'clock p.m..

Mr. Worman, 2 Sun-row, Vochriw, will show the premises, and for further particulars, apply to the Rev. R. Reeve, 5 Union Street, Merthyr, Mr. George Roberts, Pant Road, Dowlais, or to the Auctioneers, 16, Ivor Street, Dowlais. Dated 18th April, 1882.

“Merthyr Express” 29 April 1882

Concert On Monday evening the 17th inst., a concert, presided over by Rev. A. Davies, Pontlottyn, was held at Carmel Chapel. A well arranged programme was gone through, the parts being sustained by Misses Margery Lewis, U.C.W.; Beck Jenkins, Rhymney; and C. M. Thomas, Vochriw; and Messrs. S. Evans and party, Pontlottyn; S. Richards and party, Deri; Dewi Buallt, Vochriw, assisted by the Vochriw Glee Club, under the leadership of Mr. Henry Williams, who sang the “Sailor’s Chorus” and “Comrades in Arms.” Part 1 included: “Sailor’s Chorus” - Glee Party; duet, “Tell me, gentle stranger,” - Miss Lewis and Mr. S. Evans (encored); song, “Kilarney,” Miss Doyle; pianoforte solo, Miss Kent Jones; song, “I’m a merry Singara,” Miss Lewis; duet, “The flower gatherers,” Misses Philpots; song, “Y Milwr,” Mr. Richards; song, “Katie’s letter,” Miss Jenkins; chorus, “O Gymru anwylaf,” Choir. Part 2: Duet, Messrs. Richards and Owen; song, “Turnham Toll,” Miss Lewis; glee, “Comrades in Arms,” Glee Party; duet, Miss Thomas and Dewi Buallt; song, “The old cottage clock,” Miss Jenkins; quartette, Mr. S. Evans and party; song, “Tell me my heart,” Miss Thomas (encored); duet, “Howell, why dost thou loiter,” Miss Lewis and Mr. Robert Davies (encored); finale, “God Save the Queen.” Miss Kent Jones ably presided at the pianoforte, and Mr. John Harris was the conductor. The proceeds were towards supporting a workman’s daughter who succeeded in gaining a scholarship of £25 per annum, tenable for two years, at Pengam. We have no doubt that a large sum will be handed over to the part mentioned.

“Merthyr Express” 22 July 1882

Vochriw Mission Church On Monday last, the annual Sunday school treat was given. Notwithstanding the unfavourable weather, a large concourse consisting of men, women, and children came together. The Church had been decorated by the Misses Kent Jones, Harris, Williams and Mantle, and they deserve great credit for the interest they take in church work. The little ones began to assemble at 1.30 p.m., but when at the special hour of two the “German Band,” under the able and special leadership of Herr Von Nessel, discoursing sweet music, made its appearance, the place seemed alive with excitement , and tea was served under the management of Mrs. James and Miss Margaret Thomas. At 2.30 p.m. the Rev. T. Theophilus arrived, and at once proceeded to read a short service. The choir under the leadership of Mr. J. Harris did its part well, with Miss Kent Jones presiding at the harmonium. The unpropitious state of the weather prevented the usual procession. Now the onslaught on the “bara brith,” etc. commenced - upwards of 100 “grinding mills” were at work - the fires were blazing - the water was boiling - the women converting it to tea - the waitresses were conveying it - and the children were eating and drinking. The juniors satisfied, the seniors presented themselves at the different tables, when every care was taken of them by Mrs. Richards, Miss Morgan, and Miss Kent Jones, assisted by a host of waitresses. The following amateurs gave their services: Miss Margery Davies, Pontlottyn; Miss Thomas, Vochriw; Master Charley James, Mr. John Higgs, Mr. John Williams (Deri) and a friend, and Mr. Pollard. After the usual votes of thanks the National Anthem was sung, and the annual tea party of Vochriw Church was numbered with the past. Amongst the clergy present we noticed the Revs. T. Theophilus, vicar; J. L. Meredith, rector of Gelligaer; E. Evans, Deri; T. L. Davies, Pontlottyn; W. Jones, Newton; W. Jones-Evans, Vochriw. Mr. F. Thomas, an under-graduate from Cambridge, was also present. The ladies who contributed their chit-chat were Mrs. Bowen Jones and Mrs. Harrison, Bargoed; Mrs. T. L. Davies and the Misses Jones and Theophilus, Pontlottyn; Mrs. Kent Jones and Mrs. Jones-Evans, Vochriw; The committee beg to thank Messrs. A. H. Clair Jones and Josiah Richards for the active part they have taken in disposing of the tickets, etc. The cake, which weighed 290 lbs., manipulated by Mr G. Phillips, grocer, Vochriw, was excellent in taste.

“Merthyr Express” 19 May 1883

Funeral of Rev. W. Jones Evans On Wednesday afternoon, the funeral took place of the Rev. W. Jones Evans, curate-in-charge at Vochriw, who died on Saturday last at the age of 52 years, after a brief illness. He was very much esteemed and respected, and in order to attend the funeral, a number of men employed at the different collieries, went to work earlier than usual in the morning. Rev. J. Lewis Meredith, rector of Gelligaer, conducted a short service in the deceased’s house shortly before the cortege set off. As the funeral procession proceeded towards the church, the choir sang one of those funeral dirges so familiar at Welsh funerals. On

the coffin were two crosses and a wreath of choice flowers. The following clergy were present Revs. D. J. Evans, Gelligaer; J. B. Jones, Bargoed; Evan Evans, Deri; John Morgan, Bedlinog; Roberts, Dowlais; W. Thomas, Rhymney; W. Jones, Newton; T. Davies, Pontlottyn; S. Price, New Tredegar; T. Jenkins, A. T. Rees, Caerphilly; S. Johns, Bedwellty; D. Leigh, W. Williams, Llanfabon. Also in the procession were: Messrs. J. Cunningham, traffic superintendent, Brecon & Merthyr Railway; John Harris, station master; J. Randell, Rhymney; J. Jones, Pontlottyn; W. Lewis, Pontnewydd; D. Thomas, Rhos; J. Jones, Hengoed; E. Lewis, Llwyngola; T. M. Jones & L. Evans, Bargoed.

“Merthyr Express” 18 August 1883

Vochriw: Sunday School Anniversary On Sunday and Monday last, the anniversary services of the English Baptist Chapel, Vochriw, were held in conjunction with the harmonium opening. Two eloquent sermons were preached by the pastor, Rev. Isaac Cool, in the morning and evening, and in the afternoon, he also gave a very instructive address to parents, scholars and teachers. Recitations were given, and suitable pieces sung by the choir, conducted by Mr. James Morgan. The services were unusually well attended, and good collections were made towards the Sunday-school fund. On Monday, a tea meeting was held, when more than double the anticipated number partook of the tea. In the evening a public meeting was held which included addresses and recitations. The chair was ably occupied by Rev. Mr. Cool, who made some very practical remarks in the opening and during the meeting. A very cordial vote of thanks was accorded him at the close.

“Merthyr Express” 3 November 1883

Vochriw: Special Sermons at Bethany English Baptist Chapel On Sunday and Monday last, the first quarterly meetings since the Rev. Isaac Cool settled at Vochriw, were held at the English Baptist Chapel. On Sunday sermons were preached morning and evening by Mr. William Baker, of Ystrad, Rhondda, and in the afternoon a Welsh sermon was preached at Carmel Welsh Independent chapel (kindly lent for the occasion) by the Rev. J. Williams, Dowlais. On Monday, a public meeting was held, when Alderman Richard Cory of Cardiff, presided and delivered an excellent address, and called upon the respected pastor, Rev. Isaac Cool, to address them. The rev. gentleman said that three months ago they met there under a dark cloud, and that great efforts had been made in the past to establish an English cause at Vochriw, but somehow or other every attempt had failed. But he was now pleased to tell them that the dark cloud had been removed. His labours had been, upon the whole, very successful under the circumstances. He had baptised nine, and received a few by letter. The church was now well-formed, and had selected three excellent deacons, namely, Messrs. James Morgan, Charles Jones and John Davies. A good Sunday School had been established there, under Mr. David Evans, Superintendent. Alderman Cory was proud to hear such a good report given, and that he was thankful to God that such an earnest and hard-working pastor had been sent there, and that he (Mr. Cory) was exceedingly pleased that he had the honour of purchasing the chapel for the English friends at Vochriw. He hoped that the richest blessings of heaven would be poured upon them. Appropriate addresses were given by the Rev. T. Barstone, Maesycwmmwr, Rev. J. Williams, Dowlais, and Mr. H. Land, Pontlottyn. A collection was made at the close, and Alderman Cory, with his usual liberality, handsomely contributed. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the chairman, and one of the best meetings came to a close.

“Merthyr Express” 24 November 1883

The Late Rev. W. Jones Evans At the parish church, a handsome tombstone has just been placed over the grave of Rev. W. Jones Evans, the late curate of Vochriw, who died in May last. The cost of the whole has been subscribed by the working men of Vochriw, by whom the deceased was highly esteemed.

“Merthyr Express” 27 September 1884

Fochriw: Cantata Performance On Monday evening a meeting was held at Carmel Congregational Chapel, when the cantata “Elijah” was performed by the Sunday School children of the chapel, under the conductorship of Mr. H. M. Williams. The chair was occupied by Dr. Davies, The following are the names of those who took part in the proceedings: Misses E. Shankland, M. J. Davies, A. Williams, E. Harris, G. Wright, L. Williams, A. Jones, M. Jones, J. Angell, M. J. Thomas, E. Thomas and D. Davies; Messrs B. Angell, R. Jenkins, A. M.

Williams and G. W. McArthur. Between the different parts, and address was given by Mr. J. Williams, and recitations by Messrs. J. Harris and H. Davies. Mr. Jas. Griffiths presided at the harmonium. Mr. Henry M. Williams is deserving of the highest praise for the excellent manner in which the cantata was rendered.

“Merthyr Express” 25 October 1884

Harvest Thanksgiving Services The annual harvest thanksgiving services were held at the School Church on Tuesday the 21st.. The afternoon service commenced at 3 p.m., when Evensong was read in Welsh by the Rev. J. M. Williams, curate (Vochriw) at 3 p.m., and a Welsh sermon was preached by the Rev. J. L. Meredith, Rector of Gelligaer. At 7.30 p.m., the evening service commenced. Evensong was intoned by the Rev. J. L. Davies, curate, Pontlottyn. The lessons were read by Rev. Ll. M. Williams, vicar of Pontlottyn, and the preacher was the Rev. Mr. Meredith. The room presented a very pleasing appearance, having been decorated with great skill and good taste by the Misses Breillat, Misses Harries, Miss Morgan, Miss Evans and others. The services were well attended, the room being quite inadequate to contain the congregation at the evening service. The services were both very hearty; the singing is much improved under the leadership of Mr. Harris. The offertories, which were collected towards the Llandaff Church Extension Society, were also very good. Besides the above mentioned clergymen, there were also present the Rev. E. Evans, Deri; Rev. D. J. Evans, curate, Gelligaer; and Rev. W. Edwards, curate, Pontlottyn.

“Merthyr Express” 29 August 1885

Church Sunday School Annual Treat The Church Sunday School held their annual treat on Thursday afternoon, the 20th. At 3 o'clock the children were formed in procession, and, accompanied by their teachers and a few adult members, marched through the village carrying banners and headed by the Pontypool Brass Band. On their return they found everything ready, and were soon busily engaged in discussing the good things provided for them. Tea over, some friends took the children to the mountain, and there delighted them by organising games, and awarding prizes in money and toys, the band playing frequently during the evening. As well as the children, a large number of adults occupied the tea tables. By 7 o'clock there were several hundred people on the mountain indulging in various innocent amusements. The tables were presided over by the following:- Mrs. Richards, assisted by Misses S. A. Williams and S. Jones; Miss Morgan assisted by Misses S. A. Morgan and A. R. Morgan; Miss Evans assisted by Misses M. A. and G. Mantle; and Miss Harries assisted by Misses Ela Harris and Ann Mantle. Valuable assistance was also rendered by Mr. and Mrs. Evans, Pleasant View; Mrs. Geo. Lewis, Mr. T. Greening (superintendent), Mr. D. Phillips and family, Messrs. J. Richards and J. Wood. The afternoon was fine and the treat altogether quite a success.

“Merthyr Express” 21 November 1885

Ordination An interesting ceremony was observed at Vochriw on Thursday the 12th, being the occasion of the ordination of a young divinity student, Mr. James Jones of Llangeler, recently of Carmarthen College, who in future, will be the pastor of the Welsh Congregational Church at Vochriw. The ministers who took part were the following: Rev. Mr. Griffiths, Cefn; Rev. Jonah Morgan, Aberdar; Professor Jones, Carmarthen College; Rev. Mr. Jeffreys, Llangeler, who spoke of the fitness of Mr. Jones for the ministry. After the morning service, the various ministers and students who had come to witness the ordination lunched together at Pentwyn in the dining hall of Mr. Llewellyn Davies, who is becoming an adept at providing lunch for large numbers in a satisfactory manner.

“Merthyr Express” 17 April 1886

Entertainment On Tuesday evening last, the usual fortnightly entertainment was given by the Baptist friends at Zoar Hall, Pontlottyn. On this occasion, the Fochriw friends, in return for services rendered them some time back, came over and carried out a very successful programme. Their pastor Rev. D. Evans presided. After a few pithy remarks by way of introduction, he called upon the party to come forward to sing “Blodeuyn bach.” Next came a recitation entitled, “Washing Day,” by Miss Eleanor Ellis, after which Messrs. Thomas Evans and Dan Evans gave a duet, “The Tonic Solfa lesson.” Mr. James Davies recited in splendid manner “Y Gweddelod a'r lleuad,” and a duet, “Home, sweet home,” by Misses Mary and Ada Jones was very wekk rendered. “The tower of Babel,” by Mr. Ellis and friends, elicited mudh

applause, while the duet by Dewi Buallt and Miss Thomas was also loudly encored, in response to which Miss Thomas sang "Paham mae Dai mor hyr yn dod?" A recitation by Me. Rees Thomas, "A ydyw dy galon yn teimlo?" was highly appreciated. The party then sang "May morn," after which the catch by Messrs. J. Bevan and friends, caused mudh laughter. Mr. Thomas Evans's rendering of the song "Gwraig y meddwyn" was very touching, while the recitation "The ship on fire" by Mr. James Davies was all that could be desired. The party then sang "Mi a godaf," which was sung in good style and becoming spirit. Mr. W. Jones (Morgrugyn) moved a hearty vote of thanks to all, and when put to the meeting, the vote was carried amid loud applause. Miss Thomas then led the National Anthem, and the meeting terminated.

"Merthyr Express" 5 June 1886

School Church A very pleasant evening was spent in the unconsecrated part of the above church on Friday se'nnight. The proceedings generally consisted of songs, recitations and instrumental music, but the chief interest was the presentation to Miss Harris, Pleasant View, of a testimonial of a handsome floral album, with illuminated address, paid for by a few of the church friends, and also of another token of regard, a beautiful lady's workbox, the gift of Mrs. T. Greening, head mistress of Vochriw infant school. Miss Harris, who has lately left the neighbourhood to occupy the post of assistant mistress at the Hay National Schools, was for many years a most useful member of the church at Vochriw. For nearly three years, she diligently and ably presided at the harmonium, and her willing help in other directions could always be relied upon. Rev. J. M. Phillips and Mrs. Greening spoke. The miscellaneous part of the proceedings caused great satisfaction, and our hearty thanks are due to the many friends who so kindly and successfully contributed to the harmony of the evening. The chair was occupied by Rev. J. M. Williams, curate. Miss Harris accompanied the singers.

"Merthyr Express" 26 March 1887

Vochriw: Cantata Performance On Tuesday evening se'nnight, a grand performance of the beautiful school cantata entitled "The Indian Summer," was given by the choir of Carmel Chapel, under the able leadership of Mr. Burkley Angel, who also played the accompaniments. The cantata was performed in the following manner:- First part: Recitation, "Voices of the early morn," 1st part, Master W. J. Angel; 2nd part, Miss L. Williams; 3rd part, Master W. J. Ballard. Recitation, "The voices of past, present and future," 1st part, Miss E. Ballard; 2nd W.J. Angel; 3rd, the whole choir. Chorus, "The day awakes," the choir, "Song of the reapers," boys choir. Soprano solo, "The Skylark," Miss E. Ballard; chorus, the choir; soprano solo, "The flower girl," Miss E. Thomas in full character; chorus, the choir; soprano solo, "The Clarion." Miss Jessie J. Angel (exceedingly well rendered); chorus, the choir. This concluded the first part. The second part began with a chorus from the choir, followed by a semi-chorus, "O, ye Maidens," Misses M. J. Davies, J. Angel and J. J. Angel and Messrs. D. Jenkins, A. M. Williams, and W. J. Angel (excellently given). Solo, "The Forest Queen," Miss M. J. Williams was most exquisitely rendered. Chorus and quartet, "The autumn time." The quartet was taken up by W. J. Angel, E. Angel, E. Thomas, and E. Williams, the chorus being sung by the choir. The foresters then appeared upon the stage, when the solo was sung by Mr. A. M. Williams in first class style. "Echo" song by Miss Lucretia Williams was very well rendered. Chorus, "Let not grief and pain annoy," the choir; duet "Sweet sister Fay," E. Thomas and J. J. Angel; fairy glee trio, "Aelus singeth so lusty and loud," Miss M. J. Davies, Master W. J. Angel and Mr. D. Jenkins. It was also concluded by a full chorus of the choir. Soprano solo, "Come ye fairies all," Miss E. Harris joined in a duet by Master W. J. Angel; chorus, "Closing hymn," the whole choir, the contralto solo being sung by Master W. J. Angel, and the duet further on by W. J. Angel and E. Thomas, concluding with a final chorus by the whole choir. The whole rendering of the cantata was a treat for the audience and a well-merited success to Mr. Burkley AngelThe greatest credit is due to the different artistes who so efficiently maintained their parts, an also the whole choir for the attention paid by them to their young conductor. The choir presented a very picturesque spectacle, the ladies being dressed in white muslin dresses, tied with knots of red ribbon. We are glad to hear that it is intended to perform this cantata in the same place at some future date. We understand there is some talk of a performance at

Pontlottyn. We would strongly urge them to do, as it would certainly be a great pity for such labour to be thrown away on one performance.

“Merthyr Express” 7 May 1887

Fochriw: Lecture The Rev. R. Allen, Bryntroedgam, delivered a lecture at Noddfa Baptist Chapel on Monday, entitled “Na ddigiwch,” (Don’t be offended). Mr. Allen is known as a talented preacher and a most able lecturer. The lecture was one of the best ever delivered in the place. The chapel was crowded with friends from Pontlottyn, Bedlinog, Brithdir etc.. Mr. Bevan, coal agent, presided.

“Merthyr Express” 28 May 1887

Presentation On Tuesday the 17th., the parishioners of the district of Fochriw met at Pentwyn Mission Church to present the Rev. J. Morgan Williams, their late curate, with an address and a writing-case as a token of the regard in which he was held by them. The church was crowded to excess, and the demeanour of everyone present indicated that the rev. gentleman had endeared himself to them, and that his departure to his new sphere at St. Bride’s Minor, will be much regretted. The address (which was most tastefully got up by Messrs. Farrant and Frost, Merthyr) was presented on behalf of the church members by Mrs. Phillips of Pentwyn, who hoped that there would be a bright future in store for Mr. Williams. He had been successful at Fochriw as the address testifies, and she hoped he would still continue to succeed and to labour, not for temporal things, but for that “eternal crown which fadeth not.” The writing case was presented by Mrs. Lewis on behalf of the Welsh congregation in the most suitable terms. Mr. Williams responded. Other speakers were: Messrs. D. Phillips, D. Greening, Josiah Richards, and the Rev. D. L. Rees. During the evening, a capital programme was gone through, but the chief feature of the music of the evening was the able manner in which the Fochriw Brass Band acquitted itself. This band, which was but lately started, is a decided acquisition to the place, and that its success is heartily wished for. Mr. Harries very ably presided during the evening; and after the usual votes of thanks, a most enjoyable evening was brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem.

“Merthyr Express” 11 June 1887

Fochriw Entertainment An entertainment was held on Wednesday night, the 1st inst, at the Vochriw Mission Church, over which the Rev. D. Lloyd Rees presided. Miss Harris was the accompanist, assisted by Mrs. Greening. The programme was as follow: recitation, “Nerth hen arferiad,” Mr. D. Phillips; song, “The Jubilee,” Mr. Hier; recitation, “The curfew must not ring tonight,” Mr. Wright; song, “I want to meet a good young girl,” Mr. Castle; recitation, “Rhowch broc i’r tan,” Mr. John Williams, Pontlottyn; song, “The hart’s visit,” Mrs. Powell; recitation, “The Zulu War,” Mr. Benjamin Summers, Pontlottyn, splendidly rendered; song, “We say one thing, and mean another,” Mr. T. Greening; recitation, “The soldier’s pardon,” Mr. Wright; song, “Ar weli di’r packman,” Mr. Hier; dialogue entitled “A chwe-cheiniog gam,” Br. B. Summers and John Williams, Pontlottyn; song, “I’ll take it home to Sarah,” Mr. Castle; recitation, “Greedy Dick,” Master Fred Radley; song, “I Blas Googerddan,” Mrs. Powell; recitation, “The ship on fire,” Mr. B. Summers, which delighted the audience; song, “Oh, Joe, do let me go,” Mr. Castle; song, “Darling, I am growing old,” Mr. T. Greening; song, “Disgynai’r gwalaw,” Mr. Hier; song (by desire) “Far, far away,” Mr. Castle. The evening terminated with the usual votes of thanks.

“Merthyr Express” 2 July 1887

Vochriw: Annual Treats Although there was not much preparation made to commemorate the Queen’s Jubilee in this village, yet the inhabitants agreed to spend a day instead, on Monday the 27th. If any strangers visited Vochriw on Monday, they would have found no-one there - everyone had gone away. It happened to be Pay Monday, and all the works were idle, so they thought it wise to have their annual tea flights. Instead of having their festivals at home, at 9.30 a special train left the station for Talybont, by which the members of Carmel and Nazareth Sunday Schools, and many more, travelled to that very pretty place, to spend a very happy day. The passengers in all numbered 500. They engaged the Vochriw Brass Band who played most excellently. The Baptist Sunday School went by the ordinary train to Pontsarn, where they enjoyed themselves thoroughly. We are glad to say that everyone returned home at night without an accident occurring.

“Merthyr Express” 6 August 1887

Vochriw: Picnic The annual tea party in connection with Nazareth Welsh Calvinistic Methodists took place on Monday last. The weather was fine and the treat a grand success. About 300 sat down to tea, the tables being presided over by the following ladies:- Mrs. Elizabeth Jones, Mrs. Eleanor Jenkins, Mrs. Matthews (butcher), and Mrs. John Mathews. The following also took a very active part in the work:- Messrs. John Matthews (sen.), John Matthews (butcher), Edward Parry, Griffith Pugh, Hugh Jones, William Adams, Evan Evans and Mrs. Susannah Llewelyn. The C.M. are rather weak in this place, and a little help is needful.

“Merthyr Express” 20 August 1887

Sunday School Treat On Thursday last the annual Sunday School treat of the Vochriw Church was held. At 2 o'clock there was a service, the Rev. D. Rees, Pontlottyn officiating, and before they proceeded, Mr. T. Greening, superintendent of the school, gave a short address. At 3 o'clock the procession started, headed by the school banner, and the Revs. D. Ll. Rees, Vochriw; D. Rees and W. Pritchard, Pontlottyn; and Mr. Greening, superintendent, Mr. Radley and Mr. Wood. Then followed the Vochriw Brass Band under the conductorship of Mr. David Williams. This band plays exceedingly well considering that they have had only about twelve months' practice. Tea was prepared in the schoolroom, and the following ladies presided at the tables, viz., Mrs. Richards, Miss Morgan, Mrs. Radley, Mrs. Wey and Miss Castle. Everything passed off quietly, and all thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The Rev. T. J. Jones, vicar, joined them at tea, and had his surpliced choir there.

“Merthyr Express” 9 September 1887

Tea Party Noddfa Welsh Baptist Church had a tea party on Saturday evening. Although the weather was wet, they had a large attendance. The following ladies assisted at the tables:- Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Davies, Mrs. C. M. Jones, Mrs. D. Davies and Miss E. Thomas. The following also took a very active part:- Messrs. Thomas Moore, Thomas Jones, D. Davies, Daniel Evans, T. Evans. A prize of 10 shillings was drawn for and won by Mrs. Rachel Higgon of Pontlottyn who returned it to the chapel funds.

“Merthyr Express” 29 October 1887

Harvest Festival Thanksgiving services were held at the Pentwyn Mission Church on Monday and Tuesday the 17th and 18th October. The services were well attended throughout, and the church was very tastefully decorated by the following ladies: Miss Morgan, Miss Harries, Mrs. Greening, Miss S. A. Morgans, Miss Ann Mantle and Miss M. A. Mantle, to whom great praise is due. The services on Monday were in Welsh, the preacher being the Rev. J. D. Evans, Treherbert, who delivered a powerful and practical sermon, and on Tuesday in English, when the preacher was the Rev. T. Rees, St. Mary's, Cardiff. The offertories were devoted towards the Llandaff Church Extension Society.

“Merthyr Express” 5 November 1887

Concert An evening concert was given at the Vochriw Board School on Saturday last, the proceeds being devoted in aid of Noddfa Baptist Church. Mr. T. Bevan, manager, ably presided, and Ap Myrddin, Dowlais, accompanied. The following programme was gone through:- Selection from “The Messiah” by the Vochriw Brass Band, conducted by Mr David Phillips, Pontlottyn (bandmaster). The playing of this Band deserves special mention. Song, “Bird-in-hand,” Mr. C. M. Jones; song, “Y siethiwr ai gu,” rendered in good style by Mr. James Powell (Ap Dewi); song, “My love is a rover,” sung in very effective manner by Miss Margery Lewis, U. C. W., Pontlottyn; song, “Tar's farewell,” rendered with taste by Mr. F. Hill and Mr. Robert Davies, Pontlottyn, followed in excellent style with “Till the breaking of the day.” Mr. Davies is a tenor of repute, and as usual, acquitted himself with honours. Next came Mr. George Harding, New Tredegar, who favoured the audience with a selection on the concertina “Bells of Aberdovey” (loudly applauded). The comic song, “Oh! What a mug,” sung in character by Mr. D. Tasker, Merthyr, was encored. The band then played a selection “Infant Saviour” very ably. Part II commenced with an excellent piano solo by Ap Myrddin. Trio, “Duw bydd trugarog,” Mrs. Jones, Messrs. R. Davies and J. Powell, was given in splendid style. The comic song, “You should never marry if you have no cash,” was given by Mr. D. Tasker, followed by a concertina solo by Mr. G. Harding, which was encored. Then followed:

Song, "Alone on the raft," Mr. R. Davies; song, "Honour in arms," Mr. J. Powell; song, "Daddy," Miss M. Lewis; song, "The first in wisdom," Mr. S. Hier; comic song, "Your always sure to find her with a -," Mr. Tasker, who was encored, and sung "Good Tidings.," Mr. C. M. Jones sang the National Anthem, and after the usual votes of thanks, the meeting terminated.

"Merthyr Express" 14 January 1888

Entertainment On Tuesday, an entertainment was held at the Mission Room, Pentwyn, being the first held this year. It was well attended. After a speech by the Rev. D. Lloyd Rees (curate), the following programme was gone through: recitations, A. Radley; song, Mr F. Hier; recitation, Tommy Greening; dialogue, Mr Roberts and party; recitation, Lizzie Wood; song, Mr Harris (station-master); recitation, M. Gwynne; recitation, Ada Young; song, Mr. F. Hier; recitation, Miss Castle; song, Flory Mantle; recitation, H. Jones; song, M. Harris. The National Anthem led by Mr. Harris, closed a very good entertainment.

"Merthyr Express" 28 January 1888

Entertainment A popular entertainment was held at the Church Schoolroom on Tuesday evening, the 24th. when the Rev. D. Rees, Pontlottyn, occupied the chair. The following programme was gone through: Song, Miss M. M. Gwynne; recitation, Mr. Fred Radley; song, Mr. T. F. Jones; recitation, Master George Radley; song, Mr. Hier; recitation, Miss E. C. Wood; song, Mr. T. Howell (encore); dialogue, Master T. and Miss A. Greening; recitation, Miss M. M Jones; song, Mr. Ryder (encore); duet, Mr. & Miss Harris; song, Mrs. Powell; recitation, Miss M. Lewis; violin solo, Rev. D. Lloyd Rees; recitation, Mr. D. Phillips; song, Mr. J. Wood; reading, Miss Castle; song, Mr. Ryder. After a short speech by the Chairman, the National Anthem brought one of the most successful entertainments ever held in the parish to a close. These entertainments will be held every alternate Tuesday throughout the season.

Presentation On Wednesday evening the 18th., the teachers and scholars of Vochriw Church Sunday School met to present Miss Ann Mantle with a slight token of their appreciation of her services to the church in the form of a lady's tourist companion. Miss Mantle who has been most energetic in the Sunday School, and will be greatly missed, has also received numerous other tokens of kindly feeling and regard from friends in the neighbourhood. She has during her short scholastic career won several scholarships, and lately took one first-class at Swansea College, which she has now entered for a further course of training.

"Merthyr Express" 4 February 1888

Temperance The usual weekly Band of Hope meeting was held at Nazareth C.M. Chapel when the following officers were elected:- Chairman, Mr. Griffith Pugh; Secretary, Mr. John Adams; Treasurer, Mr. William Adams; Conductor, Mr. Evan Jones. We are very pleased to state that the society is in a very flourishing condition, members being 90 in number.

"Merthyr Express" 11 February 1888

Band of Hope The usual weekly meeting was held on Thursday se'nnight when suitable addresses, recitations and songs were delivered.

"Merthyr Express" 11 February, 1888

Entertainment A popular entertainment was held at the Schoolroom on the 7th., when the Rev. T. J. Jones occupied the chair. The following programme was gone through: recitation, Miss M. Gwynne; song, Mr. John Davies; recitation and song, Master B. Newman; song, Mr. Ryder (encore); recitation, Miss Greening; song, Mr. P. Hennesey (encore); dialogue, Master Willie Gwynne and party; song, Miss Humphreys; reading, Miss S. Davies; song, Mr. T. Howells; recitation, Master W. Newman; song, Mrs. Powell; dramatic sketch, Messrs. Boucher and Wood, and Misses Castle, Wray, Lewis and Roberts; song, Mr. Hennesey (encore); recitation, Miss M. Lewis; song, Mr. Ryder (encore); recitation, Master T. Greening; song, Rev. T. J. Jones. After the usual votes of thanks and the singing of the National Anthem, a very successful entertainment closed.

"Merthyr Express" 21 April 1888

Eisteddfod An eisteddfod was held on the 14th, at Noddfa Baptist Chapel. Mr. Thomas Bevan presided. Vochriw winners included: Tenor solo – Mr. Burkley Angel; Quartet singing at first sight – Mr. Daniel Jenkins and party; Map of New Zealand – 1st W. J. Angel, 2nd J. Moore; Poetical composition for recitation – Mr. John Adams.

"Merthyr Express" 12 May 1888

Caerphilly Eisteddfod Two choirs have been recently formed at Vochriw to compete at the above eisteddfod on "Through the Valley" (Sankey), the conductors being: Carmel, Mr. Burkley Angel; Noddfa, Mr. Henry Jones. We wish them success on Whit Monday. Entertainments are held weekly at the above chapels in aid of a fund for the support of the children at Caerphilly.

Eisteddfod On Saturday evening the 5th, an eisteddfod was held at Carmel Independent Chapel, which was well attended. Rev. James Jones, pastor, very ably presided, and Mr. William Beddoe, Pontlottyn, who is always very ready to render help when needed, very ably played the accompaniment. The respective adjudicators were: music – Mr. J. Jones; poetry, essays, recitations – Mr. Jn. Adams. The following were the competitions, with number of competitors in brackets: - alto solo, "Yr hogyn drwg," (3), best, Miss Ann Jane Beddoe, Pontlottyn; recitation under 15, "Mam y morwr," (2), prize divided between Master Samuel Evans and Miss Elizabeth Thomas; best composition of a hymn tune, (15), the prize was divided between Mr. Phillip Morgan and Mr. John Williams, both of Pontlottyn; soprano solo, "Y deryn pur," (5), best, Miss Mary Powell, Pontlottyn; best map of Ireland, prize to "Vonvoltia," whose name did not transpire; bass solo, "Ellyll yr ystorm," (4), divided between Mr. Daniel Jenkins, Vochriw, and Mr. James Powell (Ap Dewi) Pontlottyn; essay competition, "Cwypm Babilon," the prize was withheld; song over 40's, "Aberystwyth," (4), Mr. Samuel Richards, Deri; baritone solo, "Boed yspryd ein cyndadau," (8), joint winners Mr. Evan Evans, Vochriw, and Mr. James Powell, Pontlottyn; three verses in commemoration of the late Mrs. Ruth Davies, (6), joint winners, Mr. John Jenkins, Vochriw and Mr J. C. Jones, Bargoed; best recitation, "Y bywydfad," (3), best Mr. James Davies, Vochriw; tenor solo, "Wyt ti'n cofio'r lloer yn codi," (4), best Mr Burkley Angell, Vochriw; the best love letter, (8), Mr. J. Thomas, Deri; best trio, "Fair Flora decks," (1), Daniel Jenkins, Burkley Angell and Jessie Angel, Vochriw, who were awarded the prize. Mr. James Cole proposed and Mr. Thomas Jenkins seconded, the usual votes of thanks, which brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.

"Merthyr Express" 19 May 1888

Entertainment On Monday evening last, an entertainment was held at Noddfa Welsh Baptist Chapel, which was very fairly attended. The following programme was gone through: song, "The missing boat," Miss S. A. Davies; recitation, "Hen gadair wag tad," Mr. John Davies; song, "Goleu ar y" Miss M. A. Jones; recitation, "Storom ..geu," Mr. D. Daniel Jones; song, "Drummer boy," Master George Jones; song, "Canig y ...chau," Miss A. J. Beddoe; duet, "Angry words," Misses Ada and Mary Jones; recitation, "The thatched cottage," Miss A. S. Jones; song, "I'm Simon Jenkins, the miller's boy," Master Thomas Owen, Pontlottyn; reading, "Y ddau ddarlun," Mr. John Jenkins; recitation, "The tempest," Miss A. J. Beddoe; recitation, "The little boy," Master David Evans; competition, reading music at first sight, adjudicator, Mr. Henry Jones, best, Mr. Thomas Evans; impromptu speech, adjudicator, Mr. John Jenkins, best, Mr. David Thomas; song, "The very worst girl in school," Miss A. J. Beddoe; recitation, "Y goardotes fach," Miss S. A. Davies; song, "See that my grave's kept green," Master Thomas Owens; recitation, Mr. Samuel Evans.

"Merthyr Express" 30 June 1888

Anniversary Services Anniversary services were held at Noddfa Baptist Chapel on Sunday last. The Rev. B. D. Johns was the preacher. At Carmel, Rev. Davies, Moriah, Dowlais, was the preacher.

"Merthyr Express" 21 July 1888

Sunday Schools On Monday last, the Nonconformist Sunday Schools of this place - Noddfa (Baptist), Carmel (Independent), Nazareth (Calvinistic Methodist) - paraded the principal streets together, singing popular hymns. Afterwards, at their respective places of worship, they were treated to a plentiful supply of tea and cake of a superior quality. The evening was spent in interesting diversions, physical and intellectual.

"Merthyr Express" 4 August 1888

Church Sunday Schools Church of England Sunday Schools held their annual treat on Thursday 26th. Although rain fell at first, the weather cleared later and the school turned out in demonstration. A brass band was in attendance. Great credit was due to the respected curate-in-charge, Rev. D. Lloyd Rees.

“Merthyr Express” 18 August 1888

Church Choir Annual Treat Members of the choir, together with a number of Sunday School workers, held the annual treat on Tuesday, August 7th.. They marched in procession to Pontlottyn, and thence took the train to Abergavenny. The Castle and other places of note were visited. The weather was everything that could be desired. There were abundant refreshments. The party returned safely by the last train.

“Merthyr Express” 23 February 1889

Eisteddfod An eisteddfod on a small scale was held at Nazareth Chapel under the presidency of Rev. D. Morgan. The adjudicators were: music, Mr. Thomas E. Jones, Rhymney; poetry and recitation, “Twynog,” Rhymney, who also conducted the meeting. The prizes were awarded as follows:- alto solo, “Pan ddel Efe,” Wyres Fach, Deri; reading music at first sight, W. J. Angel; recitation, M. A. Ballard, Vochriw; soprano solo, “The beggar girl,” E. Jenkins, Bedlinog; religious letter to a sick person, Edward Jones, Fochriw; tenor solo, “He stood and measured the earth,” Burkley Angel; poem, “The plains of Bethlehem,” Min y Mynydd; children’s choir, Carmel Choir, “I like to tell the story,” conductor, Mr. B. Angel; bass solo, “Hen wlad y cymanfaoedd,” John Thomas, Bedlinog; quintet, “O that I had wings,” Dewi Buallt and party; recitation, “The last storm,” B. Summers, Pontlottyn, and J. David, Rhymney; choral competition, “Praise to God,” (prize £1 10s. and a chromatic pitch-pipe to the conductor). Two choirs competed, viz. Noddfa and Carmel Choirs, the former taking the prize with their conductor by Mr. Evan Jones, Fochriw.

“Merthyr Express” 27 April 1889

Eisteddfod An eisteddfod was held at Noddfa Baptist Chapel on the 19th, Mr. J. Davies, Bedlinog, presiding. The adjudicators were: music, Mr. J. Evans, Dowlais; recitations (poetry and prose), Mr. J. Adams, Vochriw; the accompanist, Master D. Jones, Rhymney. There were keen competitions for the chief prizes. In the bass solo, “The noble boy” (Dr. Parry), five competed, and the prize was awarded to Mr. Wm. J. Williams, Dowlais. The other prizes were awarded as follows: recitation, “Ymson y llofrydd,” Mr. B. Summers, Pontlottyn; quartet, “Ti wyddost beth ddywed fy nghalon,” prize divided between a party from Vochriw, and a party from Dowlais; chief choral competition, “Blodeuyn bach wyf fi mewn gardd” (Gwilym Gwent), one Dowlais choir only appeared, and was deemed worthy of the prize. Their leader was Mr. Henry Smith. The meeting terminated with the usual votes of thanks.

“Merthyr Express” 3 May 1890

Operetta An interesting and well played children’s operetta called “Golden Hair and the Three Bears,” was performed by the Vochriw Church Choir and others, and was most ably conducted by Mr. John Harris, stationmaster, Vochriw, on Wednesday, 23rd April at Deri. Leading parts were taken by Mr. Burkley Angel, Miss Roberts, Miss M. M. Jones, Miss Florie Mantle, all of Fochriw. The proceeds went to the Vochriw Working-men’s Reading-room. Due to its great success, the operetta was also performed at Fochriw and at St. Tyfaelog’s School, Pontlottyn. The general opinion was that it was the best of its kind ever performed at Pontlottyn.

“Merthyr Express” 1 November 1890

Testimonial A committee was established to organise a testimonial to the Rev. Aaron Davies.

Tithe Audit On Thursday afternoon, the yearly tithe audit was held at the Harp Hotel, Gelligaer, when the farmers attended and paid their tithes. After the business, the company sat down to one of host Jones’s capittally served dinners. Rector, Rev. T. Jesse Jones, successor to Rev. J. L. Meredith, now vicar of Llanelly, presided.

“Merthyr Express” 21 February 1891

Rev. Aaron Davies Testimonial Fund The movement in aid of this fund has met with very encouraging support from all classes of the community irrespective of creed or politics. Subscriptions have been received from many leading gentlemen of the area and Principality. All further contributions should be sent before the 28th when the list becomes closed.

“Merthyr Express” 28 February 1891

A Month in Canaan The eminent Welsh bard “Dyfed,” delivered his popular lecture on the above subject to a crowded and appreciative audience at Nazareth Chapel, Vochriw, on Monday night last. The lecturer was in the best of moods and continuously elicited the applause of the audience. He also exhibited himself in the different costumes of the Holy Land

to the great amusement of the young people assembled. The proceeds go to defray the debt of the chapel.

“Merthyr Express” 21 March 1891

Dramatic Performance On Thursday evening, the 12th, the popular drama “Jack, y bachgen drwg” by Mr. D. Evans, Hirwain, was performed to a crowded audience at the Fochriw School by a party of friends from Noddfa Baptist Chapel. The drama, which is in Welsh, seeks to demonstrate the temptations to which young persons are exposed once they leave the parental roof. The characters were taken as follows:- Historian, Mr. D. Thomas; father, Mr. T. Morgan; mother, Miss J. Edwards; daughter, Miss S. A. Davies; son, Master E. Williams; Jack, Mr. R. Thomas; Jane, Miss A. Thomas; Arthur, Mr. S. Evans; Mr. Lodwick, Mr. T. Evans; Mary, Miss C. Moore; minister, Mr. J. Davies; Mr. Jones (Full Moon), Mr. J. Thomas; Mr. Reynolds (Crown), Mr. J. Jones; waitress, Miss L. Roberts; Tom, Mr. D. J. Davies; Dai y Stag, Mr. D. Bowen; Mary Cilfryn, Miss M. G. Davies; policeman, Miss S. Edwards; postman, Mr. E. Jones. The proceeds of the drama were in aid of the Noddfa Chapel building fund, which object was fully realised, several having to go awqay fo want of room. The drama is to be performed shortly at Pontlottyn.

“Merthyr Express” 20 June 1891

Vochriw: Entertainment and Presentation On Thursday se’nnight, an entertainment was held at Carmel Chapel, under the presidency of Dr. E. Davies, who explained that the evening had two purposes: to provide a literary and musical treat for the audience, and to make presentations to three persons who well deserved them in connection with the recent dramatic performances given by the members of this chapel. The programme was as follows: overture, Mr. W. R. Beddoe; song, Mr. John Cole; recitation, Miss L. Ballard; song, Mr. B. Angell; song, Miss A. Davies; recitation, Mr. James Davies; song, Mr. E. Evans. Dr. Davies was compelled to leave at this juncture owing to a call of duty, and Mr. E. Williams was elected to the chair. Dialogue, Messrs. Jemkins & Harris; song, Mr. A. Walters; recitation, Master D. J. Thomas; song and chorus, Mr. E. Evans and party; recitation, Mr. James Davies; song and chorus, Mr E. Evans. The chairman then called upon Mr. Rees Morgan and Mr. T. Davies, two of the oldest members of Carmel, to present a Bible each to Miss G. Jones and Master D. J. Morgan, for their services in connection with the Welsh drama “Owen Llwyd.” Mr. E. Evans was then called upon to present a beautiful silver cruet stand and tea pot to Mrs. Edward Sibly. The gift was given because she had prevented postponement of two performances of the drama, by returning to take her part as ‘Lady Cadvan’ on the eve of her wedding day, instead of going away to Somersetshire, to spend her honeymoon, as originally intended. After the usual votes of thanks and the singing of “Brightly gleams our banner,” by Mr. D. J. Davies’s party, the meeting terminated. We are glad to say that the drama performances realized £40, which has been handed over to the Chapel funds.

“Merthyr Express” 27 June 1891

Presentation to Rev. Aaron Davies On Monday evening, the Rev. Aaron Davies received an illuminated address and a purse containing £220. The presentation was made at Bethlehem Methodist Chapel, Pontlottyn where Rev. Davies ministers, as his father did before him.

“Merthyr Express” 3 October 1891

Anniversary Last Sunday and Monday, 27th & 28th September, the Methodist Church at Vochriw held their anniversary services. The officiating ministers were the Revs. Thomas Rees, Cefn, and John Thickens of Aberystwyth College, whose ministry attracted most appreciative audiences. It is most gratifying to the pastor, church, and friends to know that the collections now enable them to clear £50 of debt, in addition to the £50 cleared at the start of the year, a total of £100 in on year.

“Merthyr Express” 2 July 1982

Carmel Congregational Church The above church held its anniversary recently, which was likewise its jubilee meeting, celebrating therefore its freedom from all debts, and rejoicing in the extension of its liberty to do good in a wider circle than before. The ministers officiating were the Rev. E. Richards, Tonypany; Rev. J. T. Evans, Brynmawr; and the Rev. H. Elvet Lewis, Llanelly. The meetings throughout were numerously attended and the ministers were at their very best. The debt was formally and publicly buried by the secretary and the minister of

the church in the presence of a very large congregation. In five years the church had cleared off £639. There remains in the treasury above and beyond what was necessary to clear all outstanding accounts the sum of £19-3-0 to begin life with anew.

“Merthyr Express” 9 July 1892

Bazaar at Fochriw On Wednesday and Thursday last, a grand bazaar was held at the Board Schools, Fochriw, in connection with Carmel Congregational Church. Every nook and corner of the building was put to some useful purpose. All the rooms were tastefully decorated with flags of different kinds and with pretty festoons in profusion. On the outside, from different points of the building, Union Jacks were waving in the breeze, and festoons stretched across the streets made Fochriw unusually gay. The bazaar proper was in the principal room: three large stalls of very pretty articles of all description. In addition there was a sweet stall, a toy stall, a fortune-telling booth, a lucky sack, and a table holding two electric batteries. Another room contained an exhibition kindly loaned by the Baptist Church at Fochriw for two days. In a third room was Professor Blavatsky, the phrenologist, a character very humorously sustained for the two days by Mr. Evan Evans. The two remaining rooms were for refreshments. The bazaar was liberally patronised by the residents of the locality for considerable distances around. By the end of the second day, every article had been exchanged for its value in money. The ham in the refreshment room was in great demand, and no wonder. It had been cooked to perfection by an old hand, Mrs. Davies, Brook-row. Mrs. H. W. Martin opened the bazaar, and was presented with a pretty terra cotta vase, made at Watcombe Potteries, inscribed “A Memento of Fochriw Bazaar opened by Mrs. H. W. Martin, June 29th 1892.” During the first afternoon, the Fochriw Brass Band was in attendance outside, under the leadership of Mr. W. S. L. Berry of Merthyr. Inside, the Fochriw Glee Club, under Mr. B. Angell, rendered good service. The accompanist for the day was Miss Kent Jones of Deri. An admirable programme of entertainment was gone through, in which the following took part: Fochriw Brass Band, Fochriw Glee Club, Miss Ettie Kent Jones, Miss Davies, Mr. W. L. Berry, Mr. B. Angell and Mr. D. Jenkins. On Thursday, the bazaar was opened by Rev. J. Jones, who was also presented with a beautiful terra cotta vase by Dr. Davies. The musical programme for the afternoon included the same parties as appeared on the first day, with Miss Pugh, Miss S. A. Davies, and Mr. T. Francis, the accompanist being Miss M. J. Harries of Fochriw. Mr. James Davies also gave a recitation. The musical attraction of the afternoon was the performance of “The Japanese fan” by a party of little girls, trained by Miss Harris, assisted by Miss Mantle, Penybank School. They were all dressed in white, and carried Japanese fans in their hands. During the two days, about one thousand people visited the bazaar, which was a thorough success, far beyond expectation. The weather was glorious and contributed to the success. Great credit is due to Mrs. Davies, Ivor House and a committee of ladies for the way the whole affair was managed, and a host of willing hands who assisted them. The proceeds will at least reach £100 after paying expenses.

“Merthyr Express” 25 August 1894

Induction to Nazareth C. M. Chapel On Monday evening, Mr. Morgan of Trefecca College was inducted as pastor of Nazareth Welsh Calvinistic Methodist Chapel, Fochriw, the chapel being crowded to excess. A fellow student of the pastor elect, in the person of Mr. J. Adams, opened the meeting by reading a portion of Scripture and offering prayer. The chair was taken by the Rev. J. Evans, Abermeurig, Cardiganshire, who said he had known Mr. Morgan from boyhood. He felt sure that the new pastor would prove a hard-working and conscientious man, who would do his utmost to push on the good cause. Mr. Evan Morgan then spoke, promising to advance the cause amongst them. The following then spoke: Mr. David Morgan, New Tredegar; Rev. David Davies, Hermon, Dowlais; Mr. Thomas Jones, Dowlais; Rev. G. Davies, Deri; Mr. J. Adams; Rev. J. Thomas, Brynhyfryd, Rhymney; Mr. Evan George. Appropriate hymns were sung, and the proceedings were closed in prayer.

“Merthyr Express” 18 July 1896

Demonstration The Nonconformist Sunday Schools held their annual demonstration on Monday last. The churches took part in the following order: Carmel Independent, 300; Nazareth Calvinistic Methodist, 100; Noddfa Baptist, 130. Tea was subsequently taken by the processionists in the respective chapels. The scholars having done ample justice to the good things provided, an adjournment was made to the cricket and football grounds, where the usual

games were freely indulged in. A novelty which greatly added to the attraction of the afternoon was a course of military manoeuvres which were gone through by Corpl. John Francis and his band of raw recruits.

“Merthyr Express” 9 January 1897

Baptist Chapel Recently, the Baptist Church of Vochriw was presented with a beautiful silver communion service by Mrs. George Phillips, The Shop. The church felt that such an action should not be allowed to pass unacknowledged, and the generous donor was, therefore, entertained at a supper held at the Board School on New Year's Eve. The room was prettily decorated for the occasion. During the evening, a capital vocal and instrumental programme was gone through, to which the following contributed: Mr. Willie Barry, Miss Elizabeth Jones, Miss Philpott (Mount Pleasant), Miss Maud Angell, Mr. Thomas Evans, Mr. David J. Angell, Miss Sarah Ann Davies, Miss Lilian Williams, Miss Addie Phillips, Mr. John Evans and Mr. W. J. Angell. The Rev. D. Evans, of Nile, America, formally thanked Mrs. Phillips for her gift on behalf of the church, which she appropriately acknowledged. Mr. Rhys Thomas read an excellent paper on “The holiness of the vessels dedicated to divine service.” Mr. H. W. Williams superintended the proceedings generally, while Miss M. A. Thomas and Miss Philpott efficiently acted as accompanists. The following ladies presided at the tables, and assisted materially in various ways: Mrs. James Davies and Miss Davies (Pentwyn), Mrs. C. M. Jones, Mrs. Mordecai Williams, Miss Bevan, Miss Thomas, Miss Jones and others. A most enjoyable evening was spent.

“Merthyr Express” 20 February 1897

Eisteddfod An eisteddfod in connection with the Calvinistic Methodist Chapel took place at the Board School on Saturday evening last. The post of conductor was admirably filled by Mr. William Adams, A.C. The musical adjudicator was Mr. Davy Jones (Dewi Carno), whilst Mr. James Davies, Fochriw, adjudged the recitations. Miss Margaretta Philpott accompanied to the satisfaction of all. Fochriw winners were: solo, “Y plentyn afradlon,” divided between W. J. Angell, Fochriw, and J. Elias, Pantywain; solo girls under 10, “Enw'r Arglwydd Iesu,” Blodwen Angell; alto solo, “Ple mae y naw,” Blodwen Angell; hymn tune over 50, “Nebo,” John M. Davies, Pentwyn; recitation under 14, “Hen Gymro fy ngwlad,” Catherine Lewis. The feature of the eisteddfod was then arrived at, namely, the competition for female choirs, the test piece being “Bugeillio'r gwenith gwyn.” Three choirs sang: Brook Minstrels (Miss Thomas), Pentwyn (Miss Pugh), and the Morlais Glee Party, Dowlais (Mrs Attwood). The declaration was given in favour of the Dowlais party. Other competitions: duet, “Mair Magdalen,” Blodwen Angell & Laurie A. Angell; recitation, “Y dymhestl olaf,” R. Thomas & D. Evans; baritone solo, “Y bachgen ffarweliodd a'i wlad,” Crad. Shankland. The choral competition came next, the test piece being “Y gwanwyn.” Three choirs competed, namely, Pentwyn (S. Cole), Music Lovers (Dan Jenkins), and Dowlais Music Lovers (D. Lewis). This last competition brought a highly successful meeting to a close. A share of the credit must go to the energetic secretary, Mr. Tom Roberts, and the treasurer, Mr. John Davies.

“Merthyr Express” 20 March 1897

Carmel Great pleasure was manifest at Carmel on Sunday last at the re-appearance of Mr. James Jones, the pastor. Mr. Jones had been called away a month ago to his home at Llangeler, Carmarthenshire, on account of his mother's illness. She died a few days ago. The pulpit has been occupied by Mr. Lewis, a native of Llanelly, and a student at Brecon Memorial College. We accord our deepest sympathy to Mr. Jones in his affliction.

“Merthyr Express” 5 March 1898

Board School On Saturday, February 24th, and operetta for schools "A Pair of Little Runaways," was performed to an overcrowded-house by the Juvenile choir of Noddfa Baptist Church. The choir was under the leadership of the Mr. Henry Jones, who was well known at Capel Sion, Merthyr, where he has led the singing of years before his removal to Fochriw. The chief characters were well represented by Mr. Thomas Evans, Miss M. Williams, Mr. Tom Evans, Miss A. Evans, Messrs D. James Thomas and L. James Thomas, Miss M. J. Davies, James Davies and Moodi Williams. The accompanist were Miss M. A. Thomas, and Miss Lilian Williams. The singers and players did their work in such a manner that everybody seemed quite pleased.

“Merthyr Express” 22 July 1899

Tea Party On Thursday, a tea party was held at Nazareth Chapel, when a large number of friends, as well as a number from several other places, partook of tea. The following superintended the tables: Mrs. Esther Pugh, Mrs. Cassie Pugh, Mrs. Jones (grocer), Miss M. A. Jones, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Lawrence, Mrs. E. A. Jones, Mrs. Davies, Mrs. Matthews, Mrs. Peter Jones, Mrs. Angell and Miss E. Morgan. The following also gave a helping hand: Mr. Edward Parry, Mr. Evan Jones, Mrs. Llewelyn and Mrs. M. A. Evans. The proceeds are to be devoted to the building fund, which has lately been commenced, for the purpose of making alterations on the building.

“Merthyr Express” 6 January 1900

Carmel Chapel A united singing festival was held at Carmel on Christmas Day. The singing at each of the three meetings was of a very high standard. The conductor was Mr John Jones, A.C., Fochriw, with Mrs. S. A. Jones, Miss M. A. Thomas and Miss Lilian Williams the accompanists. The president in the morning was Mr. G. Pugh, and in the afternoon Rev. L. P. Davies, when the solo "Ruth and Naomi," (Pencerdd Morganwg), was splendidly rendered by Miss E. Jones. The anthems, "Buddugoliaeth Calfari" and "Da was da" were also sung. Mr. T. Jenkins presided at the evening meeting. Misses Lewis and Davies opened the afternoon and evening respectively by reciting portions of scripture. It is gratifying to know that the first cymanfa has been so very successful.

“Merthyr Express” 12 May 1900

Scripture Examination The result of the examination in connection with the Calvinistic Methodists of East Glamorgan has just come to hand, and in the senior division we find that Mr. Alfred Angell has obtained a first class, and Messrs. T. Roberts and John Pugh, a second. These were the only candidates in this division, and we hope next week to be able to give the list of the successes in the other divisions. The teacher was the Rev. D. Davies, Nazareth.

Presentation On Thursday evening, the members of the Calvinistic Methodist Chapel met at the Board School to acknowledge the services of their late secretary, Mr John Jones. The meeting having been opened by a solo from Miss Blodwen Angell, the chairman, the Rev. D. Davies, in the course of an able speech, referred to the invaluable service rendered by Mr. Jones, not only as secretary, but also as precentor. Mrs. D. Jones, the oldest member, was then called forward to present Mr. Jones with a beautiful illuminated address. Mr. Jones suitably responded, and mentioned a few amusing incidents that had occurred during his term of office. Speeches were then delivered by Messrs. T. Roberts, J. M. Jones, James Lawrence, J. Davies, and G. Pugh, all of whom paid a high tribute to the late secretary, and expressed a hope that his services as conductor would, for along time to come, be placed at their disposal.

“Merthyr Express” 29 December 1900

Presentation A presentation meeting took place at Noddfa Baptist chapel on Monday, 24th December, at 6:30p.m., in order to present Councillor T. Bevan and family with a handsome marble clock, on the occasion of their leaving the town. The chairman was the Rev. L. P. Davies, pastor, who pointed out the good qualities which had elicited this mark of affection between Councillor Bevan's family and the Church. The presentation was made by Mr. T. Evans, senior deacon, on behalf of the Church.

“Merthyr Express” 5 January 1901

Singing Cymanfa The second annual singing cymanfa was held at Carmel Chapel on Christmas Day. The conductor was Mr. Burkley Angell, the precentor of the chapel. At the morning meeting, Rev. L. P. Davies, Baptist minister, presided, and after several tunes were sung, an address was delivered by Mr. R. D. Jenkins, Brecon College. The afternoon meeting was commenced by singing Gwalia (I). This was followed by Miss M. Davies reciting a Psalm, and a prayer offered by Mr. G. Pugh. The president was Mr. John Jones. A solo, "Y Bugail Da," was given by Miss E. Jones, and the anthem "Duw sydd Noddfa" (Pencerdd Morganwg) was rendered. The speakers for the occasion, Messrs William Walters, A.C., and Thomas Jenkins, discoursed briefly on "The Progress of Tonic-Sol-fa Notation." Rev. Jas. Jones, Independent minister, presided at the evening meeting. The hymn "O fryniau Caersalem" having been sung to the tune "Crugybar," Miss C. Lewis recited a chapter from the Scriptures, and was followed by a prayer from Mr. R. D. Jenkins. A solo was effectively given by Miss E. Jones, whilst

Messrs. Evans, Cole and Pugh also spoke. The accompanists were Mrs. S. A. Jones, Miss M. A. Thomas, and Miss Lilian Williams, who acquitted themselves well. The singing throughout was of a high standard, and the three denominations heartily joined in thanking Mr. Angell for his valuable services during the year.

Soiree A soiree was held on Monday evening, December 31st, 1900, under the auspices of the Noddfa Baptist chapel. The tables were presided over by Mrs. Captain Edwards, Mrs. Catherine M. Jones, Mrs. Daniel Evans, Miss Anne Thomas, Mrs. H. Williams, Miss Bevan, and Miss M. Williams. There were also numerous other friends in attendance. Mrs. W. G. Davies effectively sang "Yr Hogyn Drwg," and Miss Lizzie Jones "The Bonny Bonny Banks o' Loch Lomond," with Miss Lilian Williams accompanying. The soiree was a success in every respect, and after all had partaken of supper, the advent of the new century was awaited.

"Merthyr Express" 4 May 1901

Cantata A successful performance of the cantata "The Musical Village," was given on Saturday, 27th March, by the Noddfa Baptist choir, conducted in an able manner by Mr. Samuel Evans, Martin's-street. The work of Mr. Evans was greatly facilitated by the efficient manner in which the stage-manager conducted the movements. The performance was highly successful, and mention should be made of the fine rendering of two solos sung by Miss Lizzie Jones. The accompanist was Miss Lilian Williams.

"Merthyr Express" 10 August 1901

Tea Party On Thursday, a successful tea party in connection with the Fochriw Mission Church Sunday School was held. Before the tea, a short service took place in the Church, conducted by the Rev. D. W. Davies, curate-in-charge. The Fochriw Brass Band attended. The tables were presided over by Mrs. J. H. Jones, Mrs. W. D. Phillips, Mrs. Wellings, Misses Williams, Jones, and Payne. The following rendered assistance: Misses M. M. Jones, Payne, S. A. Davies, Williams, J. Payne, Messrs. W. Payne, T. Baldwin, W. Lewis and H. Edgar. The Rev. Davies was ably assisted by a strong committee, over which Mr. J. H. Jones (manager) presided.

"Merthyr Express" 4 January 1902

Singing Festival The third annual United Singing Festival was held at Carmel Chapel on Christmas Day. The precentor of Noddfa Chapel, Mr. Thomas Evans, was the conductor, whilst Mrs. Davies, Mrs. Jones and Miss Williams accompanied. Rev. James Jones (Independent) presided in the morning. At the afternoon meeting, the Rev. L. P. Davies (Baptist) presided. Miss Martha Davies opened the service, and Mr. J. O. Evans followed with prayer. During the interval, Mr. E. Evans gave a short address. The president at the evening meeting was Mr. John Davies (Calvinistic Methodist), and Dr. Davies, the Rev. L. P. Davies, and Mrs Griffith Pugh spoke. The meeting was opened by Miss C. Lewis. Pencerdd Morganwg conducted "Paradwys," a tune of his own composition. Mention was made of the departure from the district of Mrs. Davies, one of the accompanists.

"Merthyr Express" 19 July 1902

Fochriw Sunday School Treats The children of Carmel and Noddfa chapels paraded the streets of the village, before tea was taken at the respective chapels. After tea, sports were held. The children of Nazareth Chapel went to Abergavenny Castle.

"Merthyr Express" 25 October 1902

Departure of the Rev. D. W. Davies, curate-in-charge of the Fochriw Mission Church Rev. Davies is leaving Fochriw in three weeks time for Maindee. He has spent five and half years at Fochriw. He was for years one of the managers of the Fochriw schools until it was disbanded. He is still a member of the local Technical Instruction Committee.

"Merthyr Express" 15 November 1902

Jubilee Celebrations Jubilee celebrations were held at Bethlehem, Pantywaun, on Sunday and Monday last.

"Merthyr Express" 20 June 1903

Fochriw Curate and Constitutional Club: Institutions Denounced from the Pulpit The Rev. John A. Rees, curate-in-charge of Fochriw, in the course of his sermon at Fochriw Church on Sunday evening, dealt with the question of the establishment of clubs in the mining districts. A large congregation had assembled in anticipation, it having become known that the reverend gentleman, who has initiated a crusade against the Fochriw Constitutional Club, intended to

speak on the subject in the course of his address. Basing his remarks on Mark chap.10, v. 29, the reverend gentleman pointed out the duties of the truly God-fearing man and follower of Christ. Continuing, he said attempts were being made to introduce clubs into every hamlet throughout the parish of Pontlottyn, and the constituency generally. Institutions of this kind were never meant for small colliery districts, and those who thought they helped forward the Conservative cause by their establishment, were making a very serious mistake. Sensible men would either abstain from working for, or would vote against any candidate who, through his satellite, established and supported such institutions. A glance at the list of members showed that the best men, and the most respectable men of the district, were conspicuous by their absence. Respectable men looked askance at such clubs, the demoralising character of them being always apparent. Members of clubs had been seen pummelling one another in the streets and creating a commotion. The Fochriw Club only contained a drinking bar, and no books and periodicals, and only a couple of papers were provided, and scarcely any attempt had been made since its establishment to provide members with any mental or elevating recreation. It is true that care was taken for man's sporting proclivities, for a few childish games of the same character as the ring game and cards were provided. Surprise visits by the police might also prove instructive. He was told that the existence of these clubs depended almost entirely upon the quantity of drink consumed. If the success of Conservatism in the mining districts had to depend upon institutions of this kind, it was high time that the party was swept out of existence into Chamberlain's fiscal whirlpool. He appealed to the Conservative party in East Glamorgan to stay their hand, and at once undo the injury it had already caused. Failing that, they had no alternative but to appeal to the District Council to condemn the house as uninhabitable, for its sanitary arrangements were far from being satisfactory. Pontlottyn proper, it was to be hoped, would never see the establishment in their midst of such an institution. They might pray that the good lady of Maesyryddid, the owner of the estate, would give the political agents no quarter, and would see that no house on her property was utilised by any political party for club purposes. He appealed to those who were communicants and Church-goers to abstain from entering such places.

[All subsequent reports relating to this matter are recorded in the 'Temperance-Public Houses' File]

"Merthyr Express" 3 October 1903

New Baptist Chapel for Fochriw: Foundation Stone-Laying The foundation stones of a new Baptist Chapel at Moore's-row, Fochriw, were laid on Tuesday morning. The new edifice will be on the site of the old chapel, and will accommodate nearly 450 persons. The exterior will be attractive, and the interior well-arranged. A gallery around the building is provided for, and Sunday School accommodation in the basement. The premises will be lit by acetylene gas. The contractor is Mr. W. Watts, Dowlais, and the architects are Messrs. James and Morgan, Cardiff. At the ceremony, the Rev. L. P. Davies, pastor, presided. Stones were laid by Mr. M. Roberts-Jones, Cardiff, the solicitor to the Rhymney Valley Miners' Association; Rev. J. R. Jones, Tabernacle, Pontypridd, on behalf of Mrs. Hopkin Morgan; Miss Bevan, Dowlais; and Miss Watts, Dowlais. Amongst others who took part in the proceedings were the Revs. Llew Morris, Pengam; L. John, Troedrhifwuch, Jas. Jones, Fochriw; R. Jones, G. R. Jones, Pontlottyn; D. B. David, Tredegar; H. Thomas, Deri; Messrs. T. Bevan, Dowlais, former manager of the Fochriw Colliery, and T. Evans, the secretary of the church. The collections for day amounted to over £100. A handsome silver trowel was presented by the architects and contractor to each person laying a stone. The visitors were entertained by Dr. Eleazer Davies, and Mr. J. H. Jones, the resident manager of the Fochriw Pits.

"Merthyr Express" 9 January 1904

Christmas Tree On New Year's Eve, a treat in the form of a Christmas Tree was given at Fochriw Church to the scholars attending the Sunday school. During the evening, Mr. D. Phillips, who has been an active church-worker and Sunday school teacher for nearly 50 years, was presented by the scholars with a Bible and silver-mounted pipe. A Bible was also presented to Mr. William Lewis, who has acted as Sunday School Superintendent for nine years. The presentations were made by Mrs. Rees, wife of the Rev. J. A. Rees, the popular curate. On

Christmas Day, and on the following Sunday, the Church Choir rendered a service of song entitled "Christmas Chimes," the baton being wielded by Mr. John Hood, choirmaster.

"Merthyr Express" 13 August 1904

Grand Bazaar at Fochriw A Grand Bazaar in connection with the Carmel Welsh Congregational Chapel was held in the Council Schools on 1st & 2nd August. The bazaar was opened on the first day by Mrs. David Evans of Cardiff, while Mrs. Isaac Phillips, Pontlottyn, did likewise on the second day. As mementoes, both ladies were presented with a pair of beautiful, silver-mounted vases with inscriptions suitable to the occasion. The interior of the halls were beautifully decorated, and bore testimony to the arduous tasks of the secretary, Miss M. A. Lewis, and the treasurer, Miss M. A. Ballard, who were supported by a band of lady workers. The stalls were splendidly and tastefully decorated, and brisk sales were conducted throughout by the following ladies and gentlemen. The stalls, which were six in number, were as follows: Drapery Stall – Mrs. Davies and Mrs. Lewis; Drapery Stall – Mrs. Cole and Mrs. J. Thomas; Fancy Stall - Miss E. Evans and Miss A. G. Williams; Confectionery Stall – Mrs. A. Jones and Miss A. Phillips; Toy Stall - Miss G. Wright and Miss S. A. Evans; Drink Stall - Miss E. Morgan and Mr. J. Llewellyn. A band of ready and enthusiastic workers assisted at the Bran Tubs, etc. During the sales, pretty performances depicting National Welsh, Japanese, and Chinese costumes were given by the children, conducted by Miss E. Jones, schoolmistress, Deri. These were very good and much appreciated by the crowded audiences. Singing competitions and other interesting and laughable competitions were indulged in throughout both days. The able accompanist was as Mr. D. J. Thomas. The whole proceeds go towards augmenting the building funds of the new chapel. On both days previous to commencing, the principal streets were paraded by a procession headed by the Town Band. All who contributed, particularly the secretary and treasurer, deserve to be heartily congratulated upon the splendid financial success of the venture.

"Merthyr Express" 17 December 1904

Induction Meeting at Nazareth: Rev. J. Roderick Special preaching services were held at Nazareth C. M. Chapel on Sunday and Monday, the 4th and 5th inst. The officiating ministers were the Revs. T. J. Edwards, Merthyr, and T. Teifi Davies, Trevecca. Powerful sermons were delivered to large and appreciative congregations. On Monday afternoon, Rev. J. Roderick, the late pastor of Salem, Tredegar, was installed as minister of the Church at Nazareth. Representatives of the monthly meetings of Monmouthshire and East Glamorgan attended. Rev. T. G. Edwards presided. Rev. James Jones (Cong) introduced the meeting with prayer. The history of the "call" was given by Mr. G. Pugh and Councillor J. Jones, and then the new pastor briefly gave the particulars of his acceptance. Mr. T. L. Davies, Tredegar, on behalf of the Monmouthshire Monthly Meeting, spoke very highly of Mr. Roderick's capabilities and the esteem in which he was held by his brethren across the border. The local ministers, Revs. J. Jones and L. P. Davies, also spoke, and extended Mr. Roderick a cordial welcome to Fochriw. The following englynion, composed by "Twynog," were read at the meeting:

Oes hir iawn yn Nazareth – I Roderick
I reiadrn pregeth;
Na cheir gwell gwr llachar, gwiw,
O Fochriw i Llanfachreth.

A Roderick io'n gwneud gwrhydri – moesol
Miwsig nef fo'n gloewi
Fochriw'n bur, a'i hasur hi
O hyd fel yn dwyfoli.

Rev. Roderick is a popular preacher and an enthusiastic temperance worker. As a poet, he has already won fame at Eisteddfodau, being an expert "englynwr" and lyric poet.

"Merthyr Express" 24 June 1905

Confirmation On Monday, 19 persons from Fochriw were confirmed at Rhymney Church by the Bishop of Llandaff. Most of these were grown-up persons, and are the fruits of the revival which has been strongly felt by all denominations in the village.

“Merthyr Express” 8 July 1905

Treat On Monday, the annual children's tea party of the three denominations was held. A large procession was formed, the pits being idle for the day, and members of the churches turned out in strong force. Between 600 and 700 paraded the streets singing hymns, etc., after which the children partook of tea in the different chapels. The following ladies were tray holders at the Congregational Chapel: Miss M. A. Ballard, Mrs. William Thomas, Miss Edith Cole, and Miss E. Jones, assisted by Miss B. Ballard, Miss C. Jones, Miss E. A. Evans, Miss L. A. Angell, Miss E. J. Evans, Miss E. Evans, Miss Esther Evans, Miss M. J. Davies, Miss M. A. Lewis, and Miss M. Thomas. Cake Cutting: Mr. Wm. Wright and J. H. Jones. Mr. L. Jones and Dr. Davies distributed sweets to the children. Assistance was given by Mrs. John Evans, Mrs. Joseph Shankland, Mrs. Thomas, Mr. John Phillips, Mr. James Williams, Mr. George Phillips, Mrs. Davies (Guest-street), Mr. R. Jenkins and Mr. W. Jones. The following were tray holders at the Baptist Chapel: Miss Lilian Williams, Mrs. Thomas Davies, Mrs. P.S. Williams, and Mrs. H. Davies, assisted by Miss Gertie Williams, Mrs. D. J. Davies, Miss Tydfil Evans, Miss R. Edwards, Miss M. Evans, Miss M. S. Edwards, Miss Mary Davies, Miss M. Edwards, Miss A. Edwards, Miss A. A. Davies, Miss E. J. Davies, Mrs. M. Williams and Miss Beatrice Jones. The helpers were: Mr. T. J. Hopkins, Mrs. James Williams, Mrs. Ed. Davies, Mr. John Jones, Mr. T. J. Harris, Mr. John Edwards, Mr. James Davies, Mrs. H. Davies, Mrs. Evans, Penybank, Mr. Henry Williams and Mr. James Williams. The following ladies attended the tables at the Methodist Chapel: Mrs. John Jones, Mrs. Captain Jones, assisted by Mrs. M. Davies, Miss R. Cheeke, Miss M. Jones, and Miss E. M. Jones. The helpers were: Messrs. John Jones, T. Roberts, Peter Jones, Councillor John Jones, Mrs. Davies (Guest-street), Mr. Wm. Jones and Mr. Evan Jones. After tea was over, sports and games were enjoyed by young and old.

“Merthyr Express” 5 August 1905

Baptist Chapel On Sunday, the Rev. D. P. David, of Johnstown, America, occupied the pulpit at the Baptist Chapel, and delivered two powerful sermons. The reverend gentleman has only just come back on a visit to his native country, and on Saturday, came to spend the Sunday with his old college friend, the Rev. L. P. Davies, the respected pastor of the Baptist Church. This was not the first time for Mr. David to occupy the pulpit at Fochriw, he having preached here just before he left for America.

“Merthyr Express” 5 August 1905

Mission The Church Army have commenced a week's mission in the place since Sunday morning, when Mr. Stacey occupied the pulpit. Meetings have since been held on the mountain side, where large numbers of people have gathered. Meetings have been arranged for the week at Fochriw, Pentwyn, and Penybank.

Sunday School Treat The Fochriw Church held their annual tea party on Thursday. A procession was formed at 3 o'clock at the Church, headed by the Rev. J. A. Rees, curate, the Rev. T. Rees, vicar, and the Rev. Mr. Stanley (Church Army missionary). The procession, about 220 strong, was headed by the Deri Brass Band, and wended its way through the streets. The band, under the leadership of Mr. William Powell, Fochriw, played select marches. Tea was taken in the Church, the tray holders being Mrs. J. H. Jones, Mrs. J. Richards, Miss Annie Rees and Miss Minnie Morgan, assisted by Miss A. Summers, Miss S. E. Williams, Miss J. Prosser, Mrs. William Wilton, Mrs. R. Thomas, Miss Emily Morgan, and Miss M. M. Jones. The band played several selections outside the Church before they adjourned to the mountain, where they played dance music, etc. The helpers at the tea were: Mrs. Jas. Davies, Mrs. Wm. White, Mr. Jas White, Mr. & Mrs. Chas. Payne, Mr. D. Jones and Mr. J. Mantle. The catering was in the capable hands of Mr. J. Wellings, grocer, Pentwyn. A splendid programme of sport had been made up, but the chief attraction was the 120 yards open handicap, and the half-mile bicycle handicap. The winner of the former was 1. Wyndham Edwards, Fochriw; 2. R. Pugh, Fochriw; and of the latter 1. J. Lawrence; 2. A. Jenkins, both of Fochriw. The sports officials were: Judge: Mr. J. H. Jones, M.E.; starter, Mr. W. Gwynne; handicapper, Mr. Wm. Payne. Other officials were: Mr. Jos. Payne, Mr. T. Baldwin, Mr. H. Edgar and Mr. J. Woods.

“Merthyr Express” 6 January 1906

United Singing Festival: Competition and Adjudication At the United Singing Festival at Fochriw held on Christmas Day, there was a competition for the best tune composed to the words "Ar for tymhestlog teithio'r wyf" etc. There were 13 entries, and Mr. T. Gabriel (Bargoed) was the adjudicator. Some of the compositions were of high merit, and the prize was awarded to one who sent in under the nom de guerre of 'Stainer."

“Merthyr Express” 24 March 1906

Presentation at Noddfa Chapel On Tuesday se'nnight, a presentation meeting was held at the above Chapel, the Rev. L. P. Davies, minister, in the chair. The object of the meeting was to acknowledge the services of Miss Lilian Williams, who has been organist at the chapel for many years, and has served the church most faithfully. Mr. Thomas Evans, the precentor, made the presentation. Sergeant Williams spoke on behalf of the Church; Mr. Samuel Evans for the choir; and Mr. D. J. Thomas for the Sunday school. The present given Miss Williams was a chaste gold chain and pendant. Miss Williams acknowledged the gift with some well-chosen words. The following contributed to the entertainment: Miss Phyllis May Williams, Mr. Sydney Phillips and friend, Mrs. Thomas, Miss Edith A. Williams and Miss Mary Davies, Messrs. R. Thomas, Williams and Hill, D. J. Thomas, Miss M. A. Davies and Miss Massie Davies, Master Roberts, Mr. John Evans and party. Votes of thanks were passed to the chairman and others on the proposition of Councillor Rees Thomas.

“Merthyr Express” 5 January 1907

Cymanfa Ganu The seventh annual united singing festival was held at Carmel Chapel on Christmas Day. Mr John Jones, A.C., Fochriw, conducted. At the morning meeting, the Rev. Isaac Roderick presided, and the following programme was gone from: "Milwyr Dirwest," "Y Nefol Gor," "Ymdaith y Cristion," "Calon Lan," "Hedwn pe cawn," "Fugail Da," "Swyn yr Ieuaino Glywir," "Old Winchester," and "Clodforwn Enw'r Iesu." The Rev. L. P. Davies presided over the afternoon session, which was opened by the Rev. R. D. Jenkins reading a portion of Scripture and offering prayer. The following tunes were then sung: "Hereford," "Berlin," "Henryd," "Penygraig," "Llanllyfni," "Bethesda," "Noddfa," "St. Bees," and "Dies Irae." The anthems "Gorphwysfa'r Saint" (D. Jenkins) and "Efe a Ddaw" (T. Price) were also rendered. The evening meeting was presided over by Rev. James Jones. The meeting was introduced by Miss M. Davies who recited a Psalm, and followed in prayer by the Rev. L P Davies. The following tunes were then proceeded with: "Tabor," "Rockingham," "Alexander," "Gwynfe," "Pisgah," "Stainer," (prize tune of last year's festival composed by Mr. Thomas Walters) "Arabia," "Gorphwysfa," "Beverley," and "Llandinam." The singing throughout the day reached a very high standard and praise is due to the conductor and choristers for the very effective rendering of the anthems. Addresses were delivered by the presidents, and also Messrs. T. Evans, E. Evans, and D. Davies (Llanbradach), who eulogised the manner in which the three denominations had operated during last few years to elevate the standard of congregational singing, and urged the churches to endeavour during the coming years to maintain the splendid results attained at this year's festival. The accompanists were Miss L. Williams and Messrs. Rod Jones and T. Walters. The prize for the best tune on the words "Dwy aden colomen pe cawn," was awarded to Mr. Thomas Walters, the organist of Carmel.

“Merthyr Express” 6 April 1907

Death of Reverend James Jones, Fochriw It is with deep regret that we have to announce the death of the Reverend James Jones, Congregational minister, Fochriw, which took place on Thursday morning, after a brief illness, at his residence, Bryngolen, Fochriw. He was a native of Llangeler, Carmarthenshire, where he was born in the year 1865. His early years were spent at his home village and he was invited by the Congregational Church to enter the ministry. This he decided to do, being then only 15 years of age. He was educated at Llandysul Grammar School, and the Presbyterian College, Carmarthen. At the completion of his college career, he accepted the unanimous invitation of the members of Carmel Congregational Church, Fochriw, to become their pastor, and he was ordained to the full work of the ministry at Fochriw in November 1885.

He was a very edifying preacher, a successful minister, and a popular pastor. His death will be deeply felt by the members of the Church and the neighbourhood generally. In the year 1903,

he was appointed chairman of the North Glamorgan Congregational Union, which office he filled to the satisfaction of all. Upon vacating the chair, he delivered an impressive and instructive address on "The Christian and his Work," for which he was heartily thanked.

His Church work always received his first attention, and his leisure time he devoted in the interest of education. By all he was recognised as a keen educationist, and an able and well read thinker, who always proved himself equal to any task set him. He was a member of the late Gelligaer School Board, and for the last three years he was chairman of the Gelligaer Group of Managers.

One sad feature of his death is the fact that only three weeks ago, he was married to Miss Edith Cole, Fochriw (a certificated teacher), and had only returned the day previous to his death from Bournemouth, where the honeymoon had been spent.

The sad news of his death has cast a gloom over the whole neighbourhood, for he was generally well known and universally beloved by all with whom he came into contact, for his Christian spirit and devout life. He had not been in the best of health for about three months. Great sympathy is felt for Mrs. Jones in her sad affliction, and also for his aged father and three brothers who are left to mourn their loss.

"Merthyr Express" 20 April 1907

The Late Rev. James Jones: Memorial Service On Monday evening, a memorial service was held at Carmel Chapel. The taking of the body by an early train on Tuesday morning via Merthyr to Llangeler, rendered it impossible for a large circle of friends to be present at the funeral. A memorial service was therefore arranged for Monday night. The chapel was filled to overflowing at an early hour. The Rev. J. R. Salmon, Pontlottyn, presided, and amongst the congregation were numerous minister friends of the deceased, as well as head teachers from the Gelligaer group of schools, and also, the widow and all members of the family.

There was a short service in the house, before the funeral left by special train for Merthyr at 8.30a.m., and afterwards to Llandysul at 9.55a.m.. The burial was at Saron, Llangeler. Hundreds of people from Fochriw went with the funeral train to Merthyr. About 40 Fochriw people went to Llangeler, among them Mr. John Evans and Mr. Evan Evans, deacons of Carmel, and Dr. Eleazer Davies and Mr. Rhys Jenkins.

"Merthyr Express" 25 May 1907

New Church and Institute at Fochriw: Foundation Stone Laid by Lord Tredegar Church work in Fochriw has in late years progressed so rapidly under the care of the Rev. J. A. Rees, curate-in-charge, that a new and capacious building has been commenced, the foundation stone of which was laid on Wednesday afternoon by Viscount Tredegar. The proceedings created a stir along the valley, and the Darran and Fochriw Stations were prettily decorated. His Lordship was greatly impressed by the heartiness of the greeting. As the train by which Viscount Tredegar travelled approached Darran station, a number of detonators exploded. Throughout the quiet village there was a liberal supply of bunting. At Fochriw itself, the excitement was intense.

The building, which has done service for the neighbourhood for many years, is situated right away on the mountain top at Pentwyn - a cold, bleak, unsheltered spot, and a march there on a winter's day is not easily forgotten. The building had fallen into a dilapidated state, and a new edifice was very desirable. Through the persistence of the Rev. Rees, upwards of £1,000 was collected as the nucleus of the fund for the erection of a new Church and Institute. He, too, obtained a site, free of charge, from Lord Bute, on the side of the main road leading to Pentwyn, and within easy access from Fochriw.

Lord Tredegar's Arrival His Lordship was met at the railway station by the clergy of the district: Rev. T. Jesse Jones, Rector of Gelligaer, who represented the Bishop; Rev. T. Theophilus, R.D., Tredegar; Rev. T. Rees, vicar of Pontlottyn; Rev. J. Llewellyn, vicar of Beaufort; Rev. D. Mathias, vicar of Caldicot; Rev. J. J. L. Thomas, vicar of Aberpergwm; Rev. G. E. T. Theophilus, Tredegar; Rev. J. A. Rees, curate of Fochriw; Rev. B. Glover, curate of Pontlottyn; Rev. Isaac Williams, curate of Rhymney; Rev. R. Morgan, curate of Brithdir. Outside the station, the "K" Company of the South Wales Borderers Volunteers lined up, under the command of Capt. W. R. Jackson, assisted by Lieut. Edwards and Sergt. Lott. His Lordship

inspected the company, and expressed to the captain his pleasure at seeing such a fine and smart lot of men.

A procession was then formed, headed by the Fochriw Band, under the conductorship of Mr. W. Powell. They were followed by a posse of police, in command of Inspector Canton, Dowlais, and Sergt. Gammon, Pontlottyn. The Church Lads' Brigade from Pontlottyn, under Capt. Vernall, came next, and then the Fochriw Ambulance Corps, headed by Dr. Eleazer Davies and Capt. W. J. Ballard, the Church Choir in surpluses, and of the Volunteers, who acted as a guard of honour. His Lordship, who was accompanied by Mrs. Forrestier Walker, Mrs. Col. Lindsay, and other ladies, then made their way to the site through a large crowd. Amongst the members of the general public present were: Col. M. Lindsay, Ystrad Mynach; Rev. J. Roderick, Fochriw; County Councillor D. W. Evans; Councillors J. Edwards, J. Llewellyn, L. Evans; Dr. E. Davies; Dr. J. Jones, Pontlottyn; Messrs. H. S. Martin, Dowlais; M. H. Sims, Deri; E. Evans, Fochriw; J. H. Jones, manager; J. E. Jones, Tirphil; and W. D. Phillips, Pontlottyn.

Description of the Building The Church, which has been dedicated to St. Mary the Virgin, will have seating accommodation in the main building for 300 persons. There will be a baptistry, choir chancel, transept, sacresty, and an organ chamber. The entrance is from the main road leading from Fochriw to Pentwyn. In the basement, there will be a Vestry or Institute, capable of seating 300, with an entrance on the north side. There will also be a cloakroom etc. The building will be heated throughout by hot air chambers. The walls will be lined with terra cotta. The total cost will be about £1,610. The contractors are Messrs. Williams & Sons, New Tredegar, and the plans were prepared by Mr. R. E. Douglas, Hoyland, London.

The Stone-Laying On reaching the site of the church, the Rev. J. A. Rees, gave out the hymns and offered prayer, and the Rector of Gelligaer, as the representative of the Bishop, and the Rev. T. Teophilus took part. Prior to the actual laying of the stone, his Lordship, Col. Lindsay, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Lindsay, and others, signed a deed of dedication. His Lordship then laid the foundation stone and said that it was very gratifying to him to be present to take part in a service in that locality. There was no valley in which a place of worship was more needed. They lived in a place in which there were few amusements, and they were isolated as it were, from a district in which they could find amusements. He hoped that the Church would be a temple for God. (Cheers)

The Rev T. Rees said his Lordship had done a great deal for the advancement of the Christian faith, and he hoped that this would not be the least amongst the good things he had done. It was seldom that they saw his Lordship on the Glamorganshire side of the Rhyminy River.

The Rector of Gelligaer also welcomed Lord Tredegar, and the Rev. Theophilus referred to the time when he first visited Fochriw, 37 years of ago, when he walked across the hill from New Tredegar. Then, the service at the Pentwyn Church was all in Welsh, and the Church provided the only elementary school in the district. He congratulated the Church people upon having a site which was more accessible to all the greater population. He was also glad to see that they were providing an institute. He also referred to the starting of a Church at Pontlottyn in a room adjoining a public house, and also at Troedrhwiwfwch.

The Luncheon Subsequently, the party marched back to the Council Schools, where an excellent luncheon was provided by Mr. Morgan of the Rising Sun, under the supervision of Mrs. W. D. Phillips, Mrs. Thomas (junr), and others. Reverend T. Rees, vicar of Pontlottyn, presided over the subsequent meeting. At the outset, the secretary, Mr. E. Griffiths, station master, read a financial statement showing that they had received by appeals £11, and by collections that day £34 2s. 5d. The building was to cost £1,610, so there was a deficiency of £567. The chairman proposed the toast of "The King," which was heartily drunk. Dr. Eleazer Davies proposed the toast of "The spiritual and temporal forces," and observed that the site witnessed at Fochriw that day would be remembered for a long time. Rev. Theophilus responded on behalf of the spiritual forces, and spoke of the energy and perseverance of will of the Rev. J. A. Rees in the district, which was a credit to him, and an honour to the vicar. (hear, hear) Rev. J. Roderick, in replying on behalf of the non-conformists, said that although they were of a different sect, they were aiming at the same goal, and they all looked to God as the finisher of their faith. The different sections worked in unison at Fochriw, but still there was

room for improvement (hear, hear). Capt. Jackson responded briefly on behalf of the temporal forces.

Lord Tredegar and Poorly Paid Clergy Rev. J. A. Rees next proposed the health of Viscount Tredegar. He said his Lordship had, at tremendous sacrifices, graciously condescended to leave the beautiful surroundings of Tredegar Park to visit the mountainous heights of Fochriw. Their guest was regarded as Wales' champion bazaar opener. His Lordship's experience that day was by no means a new one, and he would now be regarded as the champion ecclesiastical foundation stonemason. His presence had a most beneficial effect at gatherings of that nature. Any movement for the advancement of the Church or the alleviation of suffering always had the support of his Lordship. His kindness and love brought sunshine and happiness to many a home. He was truly one of Wales's noblest sons (applause).

In responding, Lord Tredegar said he had the greatest sympathy with all denominations. The clergy and ministers were hard-working men, and were poorly paid. He hoped that the church at Fochriw when completed would be filled, and that the real and true gospel would be preached there.

“Merthyr Express” 10 August 1907

Outing The Sewing Guild in connection with Nazareth Chapel, had their outing last Thursday to Pontsarn. The weather was delightful, and the outing was thoroughly enjoyed. The party visited the historical ruins of the Morlais Castle, situated on the high cliff above Pontsarn. In the afternoon, they took tea at Aberglais. Speeches were delivered by the Reverend Isaac Roderick, minister, Councillor John Jones, and Captain Jones, Fochriw, all congratulating the Sewing Guild upon its great success during its first season of work. Thanks were also given to Mrs. M. J. Roderick, president; Mrs. S. A. Jones, secretary, and Mrs. H. Roberts, treasurer of the guild. The latter part of the day was spent very enjoyably at Aberglais Pleasure Ground.

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Siloh A special service was held on Sunday last at the Siloh Baptist Chapel, Penybank, the Rev. H. Thomas, pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Chapel, Deri, preaching a stirring sermon from Matthew chap. 11, verses 28 - 30, to a large and appreciative congregation.

7 March 1908 Carmel Chapel The Rev. O. Evans, pastor of Moriah Chapel, Bedlinog, occupied the pulpit at Carmel on Sunday last, preaching stirring sermons to large and appreciative congregations.

7 March 1908 Soiree On Monday night, a soiree was held in connection with the Mutual Improvement Society of Noddfa Baptist Chapel. There was a large number present. The tables were presided over and assistance rendered by the following ladies: Mrs. C. M. Jones, Aelybryn; Mrs. M. Williams and Mrs. (P.S.) Williams, Dynevor-street; Mrs. (Capt.) Edwards, Pleasant View, Miss Mary Evans, Miss Jones, Miss U. Jones, and Miss J. Thomas. Mr. James Williams, Brynawel, also lent assistance, and the caterer was Mr. G. Phillips. A well-arranged programme of music, etc., followed. P.S. Williams presided. An address was given by Mr. John Williams; a recitation by Mr. David James Thomas; and songs by Messrs. John Edwards and Thomas Evans. The accompaniments were played by Mr. D. J. Thomas. A vote of thanks to the chairman brought an enjoyable evening to a close.

7 March 1908 Entertainment Another of the series of popular entertainments was given at the Church Institute on Tuesday evening, when the Rev. J. A. Rees, curate-in-charge, presided over an appreciative audience. An interesting programme was contributed to by the following: recitation - Samuel Gough; song - Miss Mary Tyler; recitation - Miss Maggie Gough; song - Mr. Frank Way; song - Miss L. M. Evans; song - Miss Gwen Gough; recitation - Miss M. Lewis; song - Miss Maggie Lewis; song - Mr. Willie Barker.

7 March 1908 Noddfa Chapel On Tuesday evening, a most successful soiree was promoted by the young people of Noddfa Baptist Chapel. There was a large number present. The ladies in attendance were the following: Mrs. J. Williams, Mrs. T. Davies, Mrs. P.S. Williams, Mrs. J. Williams, Miss T. Jones, Miss S. E. Williams, Miss Mary Evans, and Mrs. Captain Edwards, with Mr. James Williams as carver. After supper, games were indulged in, and musical items were contributed, the children enjoying themselves immensely.

14 March 1908 Methodist Chapel The Rev. Thomas Davies, Bargoed, occupied the pulpit of the Methodist chapel on Sunday last, preaching two very striking sermons which were much appreciated.

14 March 1908 Baptist Chapel The Rev. R. S. Rogers, pastor of the Welsh Baptist Chapel, Pontlottyn, occupied the pulpit of the Baptist chapel on Sunday last, and preached impressive sermons to appreciative congregations.

14 March 1908 St David's Celebration The pastor of Nazareth Chapel, the Rev. Isaac Roderick, gave an address to the members of the Band of Hope last week on St. David, the Welsh patron of the Fifth Century. Very vivid sketches of the saint's character were related to the children, which were very interesting and instructive to all, and created a very deep impression on the minds of the children. An excellent programme of recitations and songs was given by members of the Band of Hope.

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Carmel The pulpit at Carmel was occupied on Sunday by Mr. Edwin Jones, student at Carmarthen College, whose sermons were highly appreciated by the large congregations.

21 March 1908 Personal The numerous friends of the Rev. L. P. Davies, pastor of Noddfa Chapel, who has been seriously ill for the past three months, will be pleased to hear of his return home. He has been staying at Aberystwyth for the last few weeks for the benefit of his health. He returned home on Monday evening slightly better, but still very weak. It is the earnest prayer of all that he will soon recover, and be able to resume his ministerial duties. Rev. Rhys Jenkins, Fochriw, occupied the pulpit on Sunday.

28 March 1908 Carmel The Rev. D. J. Thomas, pastor of the Bethania Chapel, Abercynon, occupied the pulpit, on Sunday last, and preached two powerful sermons which were much appreciated.

28 March 1908 Noddfa Mutual Improvement Society At the Baptist vestry on Tuesday night, a meeting of the Mutual Improvement Society of the chapel was held, when a paper was read by Mrs. G Phillips on "Dywylliad Ysrydol." It was a very interesting paper and was greatly enjoyed. The following took part in the discussion: Mr. John Williams, Mr. Richard Evans, Mr. D. J. Thomas, Mr. Samuel Evans, and Mrs. Captain Edwards. Police Sergeant Williams presided.

4 April 1908 Carmel The pulpit and at Carmel on Sunday last was occupied by Mr. D. W. Owen, student of Bala College, Bangor, whose sermons were highly appreciated by the large congregations.

4 April 1908 Half-Yearly Services Successful services in connection with the half-yearly festival of Noddfa Baptist chapel where held on Sunday last. The preacher was the Rev. T. I. Jones, The Garn, North Wales, who preached three very stirring sermons to large and appreciative congregations. Miss Lilian Williams was at the organ, and Mr. Thomas Evans (junior) conducted for singing.

4 April 1908 Who Shall Hold the Purse? At the Baptist vestry on Tuesday evening, the last of the series of meetings of the Mutual Improvement Society was held. The chair was occupied by Police Sergeant Williams. Two papers were read on "Who should keep the purse - the husband or the wife? They were read by Mr. David James Thomas and Miss T. Jones, the former in support of the husband, and the latter in support of the wife keeping the purse. The papers were highly appreciated by the crowded audience. A general discussion followed, in which Mr. Richard Evans, Mr. James Williams, Mr. John Williams, Mr. John Thomas, Mr. Edward Williams, Mr. Thomas Evans, Mrs. Captain Edwards, Mrs. P.S. Williams, and Miss E. A. Williams took part. A vote was taken, a large majority in favour of the wife keeping the purse. A recitation was given by Master Oliver Davies.

11 April 1908 Carmel Chapel The pulpit at Carmel on Sunday last was occupied by the Rev. J. Tudor, Aberdare, whose sermons were highly appreciated by the large congregations.

11 April 1908 Scripture Examination The scripture examination in connection with the Calvinistic Methodist Sunday Schools of East Glamorganshire was held on Thursday evening last. The following candidates from Nazareth Chapel entered the examination: Evan Davies, Aelybryn; Willie Davies, Brynteg; Berkley Davies, Brynteg; Mary J. Jones, Brook-row; Katie

Jones-Davies, Guest-street; Annie Maud Jones, Central Stores. The result will be declared at the end of May next.

11 April 1908 Lecture An interesting Welsh lecture was given at the Baptist vestry by Rev. T. Idwal Jones, North Wales. Dr. Eleazer Davies presided over a large and appreciative audience. The lecturer was most cordially received, and plunged into his subject ("Hyn a'r Lliall") with real earnestness. He was listened to with rapt attention and his remarks elicited rounds of applause. Votes of thanks to Rev. Jones and Dr. Davies brought the evening to a close

18 April 1908 Carmel The pulpit at Carmel on Sunday last was occupied by a Mr. Daniel Adams, student of Carmarthen Presbyterian College, who preached powerful sermons which were much appreciated.

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Carmel Mr. E. R. Dennis, student of Carmarthen College occupied the pulpit at Carmel on Sunday and preached two powerful sermons to large and appreciative congregations.

25 April 1908 Orchestral Band The orchestral Band connected with St Mary's Church made their first appearance in Church on Sunday morning last, under the conductorship of Mr. Edmund Griffiths, station master. They played the Communion service, hymns, etc., very creditably. During the evening, the choir, under the conductorship of Mr. Berkley Angell, rendered a service of song, entitled "The Resurrection," compiled by the Rev. R. Lowry. The singing was of a very high standard throughout. Miss E. C. Morgan presided at the organ.

25 April 1908 Organ Recital A special service was held at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin on Sunday afternoon in connection with the installation of a new organ. The organ is made by Messrs. Blackett and Howden of Newcastle upon Tyne, Glasgow, and Cardiff. The instrument has a splendid tone, and is beautifully finished. It has been built to the following specification, drawn out by Mr. D. I. Jones, Pontlottyn: Manual compass, C.C. to A., 58 notes; pedal compass, C C C to F, 30 notes; great organ - (1) Double Diapason, 16ft.; (2) Open Diapason, 8ft.; (3) Dulciana, 8ft.; (4) Lieblich Gedackt, 8ft.; (5) Principal, 4ft.; (6) Harmonic Piccolo, 2ft.; swell organ - (7) Geigen Principal, 8ft.; (8) Rohr Flute, 8ft.; (9) Viol de Gamba, 8ft.; (10) Vox Celeste (Tenor C), 8ft.; (11) Gemshorn, 4ft.; (12) Oboe, 8ft.; (13) Tremulant; pedal organ - (14) Bourdon, 16ft.; (15) Bass Flute, 8ft.; couplers - (16) swell to great; (17) great to pedals; (18) swell to pedals; accessories - two composition pedals to great organ; two composition pedals to swell organ.

The following is the programme of the organ recital, the organist being Mr. Ernest A. Evans, late organist of the Parish Church, Great Ayton, and also the Parish Church, Middlesbrough: Hymn 125 from of the "Ancient and Modern" Hymn book; "Andante and Allegro" on the organ; solo "Onid oes Balm yn Gilead?" - Miss Ceridwen Price, Rhymney; Fantasia - organ; solo "Nazareth" - Mr. Edward Williams; Hymn 135; organ selections: "Song Without Words," "Postlude;" Hymn 140; solo "Arm, Arm, ye Brave" - Mr. Edward Williams; organ variations; solo "O Lord, thou hast searched me out" - Miss Price; overture by Rossini - organ. Praise is due to the artistes for their excellent performances. The church was well filled.

2 May 1908 Personal The numerous friends of the Rev. L. P. Davies, minister of Noddfa Baptist chapel, will be pleased to learn of his recovery from a long and trying illness. He occupied the pulpit, Sunday last, and preached two powerful sermons which were much appreciated.

2 May 1908 Soiree On Wednesday evening week, at the Church Institute, a successful soiree was promoted by the members of the St. Mary's Guild, and there was a large attendance. The hall had been gaily decorated, and an excellent menu had been prepared. After supper there were games and dancing until a late hour. Mr. Austin Price proved himself to be an efficient M. C. Mr. Kinsey Llewellyn acted as treasurer, and Mr. Ernest Price as secretary. The accompaniments were played by Miss E. C. Morgan, School House.

2 May 1908 Vestry Meeting The annual Vestry meeting was held at St. Mary's Institute on Friday evening last, the Rev. J. A. Rees presiding. The accounts were passed, and the following officers appointed for the coming year: vicar's sidesmen - Mr. Thomas Jones, Pentwyn; Mr. George Honeyburn, Aelybryn; Mr. Frank Attwell, Pentwyn; Mr. William Sibley, Guest-street; People's sidesman: Mr. John Mantle, Pentwyn; Mr. Alfred Evans, Pleasant View; Mr. Thomas

Baldwin, Pentwyn; Mr. William Payne, Railway-terrace. The organists are: Welsh - Master O. Richards; English - Miss E. C. Morgan; choirmaster – Mr. Berkley Angell; precentor of choir - Mr. John Wood; superintendent of Sunday School – Mr. William Lewis, Pontlottyn.

9 May 1908 Pulpit The pulpit at Carmel Chapel was occupied on Sunday by the Rev. E. W. Thomas, Cefn Coed, who preached two excellent sermons.

23 May 1908 Carmel Chapel The pulpit at Carmel was occupied on Sunday last by the Rev. E. A. Jones, Merthyr Vale, whose sermons were very much appreciated by the large congregations present.

30 May 1908 Conversazione The members of the Nazareth C.M. Sewing Guild held a conversazione on Thursday last. At 5p.m., the Juvenile members of the Guild were supplied with tea and refreshments. At intervals, the children sang sacred songs, and solos were rendered by Miss Mattie Jones and Miss Beatrice Jones. Psalms were recited. Six dozen china badges were presented to the chapel by the society, and the children received these. The meeting concluded with the singing of the hymn "Stand up, stand up for Jesus." Later in the evening, the adult members of the Guild partook of an excellent repast. A meeting followed, at which the Reverend Isaac Roderick presided. Miss Mary Rees rendered a solo - "The tears of Jesus," and a rousing speech was delivered by Mr. John Jones. The prize for the story competition was divided between Miss Maggie Davies, Mrs. Isaac Roderick and Mr. Jones. The singing of a Welsh hymn brought an enjoyable evening to a close.

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Annual Tea Party The people of Nazareth Chapel held their annual tea party on Monday, and it proved very successful. The tables were beautifully laid, and the following ladies served at them: Mrs. Ellen Edgar and Miss M. Pugh, Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Maggie Davies, Mrs. Jones and Miss E. A. Parry, Mrs. Alison Davies and Miss Katie Lawrence, Mrs. M. J. Roderick and Mrs. Evans. The following also rendered assistance: Mrs. J. M. Jones, Mrs. Budd, Mrs. H. Roberts, Miss Esther Mary Jones, Miss Mary Rees, Miss Mary Lawrence, Messrs. Peter Jones, T. Hopkins, John Davies, Tom Pugh, William Jones, James Lawrence. The managers were Mr. Griffith Pugh and the Reverend Isaac Roderick.

20 June 1908 Anniversary The anniversary of meeting held in connection with Carmel Welsh Congregational Chapel took place on Sunday and Monday last, when the following ministers officiated: Rev. D. J. Thomas, Bethania, Abercynon, and Professor John Evans, Brecon College. The services were largely attended, and the eloquent and edifying sermons delivered by the reverend gentlemen were highly appreciated by the congregations. The singing, which was of a very high standard, was conducted by Mr. David Davies (Pencerdd Morganwg), and Mr. Thomas Walters ably presided at the organ.

27 June 1908 Carmel Chapel The pulpit at Carmel on Sunday last was occupied by the Rev. W. Davies, New Tredegar, who preached two powerful sermons to large congregations.

4 July 1908 Rectorship for Fochriw Curate We understand the the rectorship of Rhoscolyn, Anglesey, has been offered by the Bishop of Llandaff to the Rev. J. A. Rees, the well-known curate of Fochriw. For the last eighteen years, Rev. Rees has laboured successfully for the Church, the Temperance cause, and social reform. Mr. Rees is a pronounced Welsh nationalist, and is a very popular figure not only in Glamorganshire, but throughout South Wales. He is in frequent demand as a preacher and public speaker in English and Welsh. He has just returned from a visit to America, where he was a delegate to the International Temperance Convention. Should Mr. Rees accept the living of Rhoscolyn, his departure from his present sphere will be greatly regretted not only by his own people, but many others who have come into contact with him throughout Glamorganshire.

4 July 1908 Tea Party The members of the Noddfa Baptist chapel held their annual tea party on Monday at the Vestry. The weather was beautiful and everything passed off successfully. The tables were beautifully laid, and the following ladies presided at the tables, and assisted in other ways: Mrs. D. S. Williams, Mrs. M. Williams, Miss S. E. Williams, Mrs. T. Evans, Dynevor-street, Miss Mary Williams, Iscoed, Miss M. E. Morgan, Miss Mary Rees, Llwynhelyg, Miss Beatrice Jones, Martin-street, Miss M. Evans, Guest-street, Mr. John Davies, Mr. Richard Lewis, Aelybryn, and Mr. Walter Walters, Guest-street. The catering was in the

capable hands of Mr. George Phillips. The secretarial duties were carried out by Mr. Thomas Evans, Iscoed, and the treasurer was Mr. Thomas Evans, Guest-street.

4 July 1908 Organ Recital A most enjoyable evening was spent at the Church of St Mary the Virgin on Thursday, when an organ recital was given by Mr. E. A. Evans, the talented organist and choirmaster of St. Peter's Church, Abercanaid. The organist displayed to the fullest extent his abilities as player and composer in an "Overture in C minor," written by himself. The playing throughout was of the very highest standard. The soloists were: Madame Kate Williams, Rhymney soprano; Mr. T. Phillips, Dowlais, tenor, Mr. T. Griffiths, Dowlais, bass, all of whom performed in pleasing and excellent style. There was a large audience present, who very much appreciated the excellent singing and playing. Programme: hymn - "For ever with the Lord;" organ solo - "Overture in C Minor;" bass solo - "O, Star of Eve;" organ solo - "Jerusalem the Golden;" soprano solo - "The Light of the World;" organ solos - March (King Hall); Polanaisse (Hammel); Reminiscences (Meyerbeer); Extemporisation (E. A. Evans); tenor solo - "Comfort ye my people," "Every valley shall be exalted," (Messiah); organ solo - "Toccatto and Fugue," (Bach); bass solo - "It is enough," (Elijah); soprano solo - "Y Ddinas Sanctaidd;" organ solo - Sonata No. 6 (Mendelssohn); tenor solo - "Giver of Life," (E. Fortisque); organ solo - "Overture," (Van Suppe).

11 July 1908 Pulpit The Rev. J. A. Rees, occupied the pulpit of St Mary's Church on Sunday last after an absence of six weeks, during which time he has been in America attending the International Temperance Convention. He preached four powerful sermons during the day, two in Welsh and two in English, which were much appreciated by his flock.

11 July 1908 Carmel Chapel On Sunday, a preaching gymanfa was held by students of the Collegiate, Pontypridd, who preached in the following order: morning – Mr. D. Roberts, Coedpoeth; afternoon – Mr. Harris, Ferndale, and Mr. D. Powell, Maesteg; evening – Mr. Harris and Mr. Roberts. There were very good attendances, and the services of the students were much appreciated.

11 July 1908 Sunday School Treats On Monday afternoon, the children's annual tea took place, and the various Sunday schools paraded the streets of the villages of Fochriw and Pentwyn. The children presented a brilliant spectacle. The day was beautifully fine, and the children turned out in large numbers. The following is the order of the procession: Carmel; Nazareth; Noddfa.

During the march, the children of Carmel sung many well-known hymns very beautifully. They were conducted by Mr. David John Thomas. After the parade the Carmel scholars took tea on the mountainside opposite the chapel. The following ladies and gentlemen helped with the tea: Mrs. Howell Thomas, Mrs. Stephen Ballard, Mrs. M. A. Williams, Mrs. Sibley, Mrs. Lucy Jenkins, Mrs. Jane Jones, Mrs. A. Jones (grocer), Mrs. T. Llewellyn (grocer), Mrs. Margaret Thomas, Mrs. Martha Thomas, Mrs. M. Jones, Mrs. Mary Morgan, Mrs. Hannah Griffiths, Mrs. Ann Jenkins, Mrs. Catherine Phillips, Mrs. Martha Griffiths, Mr. John Lewis, Mr. David Griffiths, Mr. Ed. Lewis, Mr. Job Thomas, Mr. Rees M. Davies, Mr. Walter Jones, Mr. John Griffiths, Mr. S. Lewis, Mr. Wm. Wright, Mr. John Evans, Mr. Dd. Harris, Dr. E. Davies, J.P., Messrs. Rhys D. Jenkins, E. M. Davies, and Thomas Lewis. The secretarial duties were carried out by Mr. Arthur Ballard, Aelybryn.

The children of Nazareth Chapel sang the following hymns en route: "Fe elai plant at Iesu Grist," "Am yr ysgolrad Sabbothol," "Plant ydym eto dan ein hoed," "Calon lan." Their conductor was Mr. William Morris, Dynevor-street. The superintendent was Mr. J. M. James, Guest-street. Tea was provided at the chapel, and afterwards sweets were distributed. The trayholders were: Mrs. J. Roderick, Mrs. Capt. Jones, Mrs. Ellen Edgar, Mrs. Katie Lawrence, Mrs. Maggie Jones, Mrs. E. A. Parry, Miss Jenny Jones, and Miss Maggie Pugh. The following persons rendered assistance: Mrs. J. M. Jones, Mrs. Maggie Davies, Mrs. Elias Davies, Mrs. James Lawrence, Mrs. Captain Jones, Mr. Peter Jones and Mr. Roderick Jones.

The children of the Baptist Sunday school also sang en route under the conductorship of Mr. S. Evans. The tables were presided over and assistance rendered by: Mrs. J. Matthews, Mrs. James Wilkins, Mrs. P. S. Wilkins, Mrs. Captain Edwards, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Thomas Davies, Mr. David Davies, Mrs. J. Rees, Mrs. John Lewis, Miss M. E. Morgan, Miss S. E. Evans, Miss A. May Thomas, Miss May Evans, Miss Ann Edwards, Messrs. P.S. Williams, John Williams,

Richard Evans, Albert Walters, S. Jones, John Evans, Thomas Evans, John Rees. After tea, the children were provided with fruit, the boys with bats and balls and the girls with skipping ropes. After tea, the children of the three schools played games of various kinds on the mountainside.

8 August 1908 Tea Party The annual tea party in connection with Fochriw Church, was held for the first time in the Hall of the new Church on Thursday last. The procession, which was a large one, paraded the streets of Fochriw and Pentwyn, headed by the Fochriw Brass Band, under the conductorship of Mr. W. J. Powell. The day was beautifully fine, and the children turned out in large numbers. The following rendered assistance at the tea: Mrs. Ted Evans assisted by Misses M. M. Jones, Judith Angell and Lydia M. Evans; Mrs. Thomas assisted by Misses M. F. Morgan, E. C. Morgan, and Miss Stephens, Pontlottyn; Mrs. Curtis assisted by Mrs. Adams and Misses Curtis and Summer; Mrs. Wellings assisted by Mrs. Cogen and Misses Mary Wellings and M. A. Powell; Mrs. G. Way assisted by Misses L. and E. Way; Mrs. Richards assisted by Misses A. M. Sibley, Nan Prosser and B. Gough. Others who assisted were: Mrs. Davies, Mrs. W. White, Mrs. J. White, Mrs. C. Payne, Miss Summers, Mrs. S. Way, Mrs. Thomas Roberts, Mr. C. Payne, Mrs. G. Honeybun, Master James Davies, Mrs. B. Angell, Mrs. Gough. The catering was in the able hands of Mr. Thomas Llewellyn and Sons. After the tea, there were sports at Pentwyn, with the following competitions: half mile bicycle race; 120 yards foot race; tug of war; 100 yards foot race; three-legged race; 100 yards girls' foot race; 80 yards boys' race; skipping contest.

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Pulpit: Carmel The pulpit was occupied on Sunday by Mr. D. Picton, New Quay, student at Newcastle Emlyn Grammar School, whose sermons were much appreciated by large congregations.

“Merthyr Express” 22 August 1908

Carmel Chapel The pulpit at Carmel on Sunday was occupied by Mr. Beynon, student of Carmarthen College, whose sermons were much appreciated by large congregations.

29 August 1908 From Fochriw to Anglesey: Departure of Rev. J. A. Rees: Presentation at Pontlottyn On Tuesday evening, the Good Templars of the Pontlottyn, Rhymney, Abertyswg and Fochriw Lodges congregated at Nazareth Vestry, Pontlottyn, in order to bid farewell to the Rev. J. A. Rees, upon his departure to Rhoscolyn, Anglesey. Among the many speakers was Bro. Charles Payne of Fochriw.

12 September 1908 Noddfa Chapel Successful services in connection with the annual festival of Noddfa Baptist chapel was held on Sunday and Monday when the Revs. D. Thomas, Abercarn, and T. Edwards, Porth, preached very stirring sermons to large and appreciative congregations. Miss Lilian Williams presided at the organ, and Mr. Thomas Evans, junior, conducted the singing. The meetings were presided over by the Rev. L. P. Davies, pastor.

“Merthyr Express” 19 September 1908

Farewell Sermon: Rev. J. A. Rees Leaves for Anglesey The Rev. J. A. Rees preached his farewell sermon at St. Mary's Church on Sunday evening. The Church was packed to overflowing, a large number being unable to gain admission. The reverend gentleman preached from I Corinthians, vii, 29-31. The sermon greatly impressed the large congregation, many being moved to tears. Mr. Rees leaves for Rhoscolyn on Thursday next. His departure will be keenly felt by his flock and by his many friends in Fochriw and the surrounding districts.

“Merthyr Express” 26 September 1908

Presentation to the Rev. J. A. Rees On Wednesday night, a meeting was held at St. Mary's Hall, to present the Rev. & Mrs. J. A. Rees with a gold watch and a case of silver afternoon tea spoons, respectively, on their departure for Rhoscolyn, Anglesey. Mr. A. Evans presided, and he, Mr. Charles Payne and Mr. J. Richards, spoke in glowing terms of Rev. Rees' excellent qualities as priest and Church-worker. The new Church, organ and Institute were entirely the fruits of his labours on behalf of the Church. No harder worker could be found anywhere. They were glad of his promotion, but deplored his removal from South Wales to a parish so far away. After a solo from Mr. Teddy Jenkins, Pontlottyn, Mr. Josiah Richards presented the case of spoons to Mrs. Rees, and Mrs. J. Davies, presented the gold watch to Rev. Rees. In thanking the people for the presents, Rev. Rees said that he would look back on the nine years he had spent amongst them, as the brightest, pleasantest, and most enjoyable years of his life.

31 October 1908 Nazareth Anniversary Services The annual meetings in connection with Nazareth Calvinistic Methodist Church were held on Sunday and Monday. The preachers were the Rev. John Evans, Llanfaircaereinion, and the Rev. Dr. H. D. Jones, Dowlais. The meetings were largely attended, and the impressive sermons were much appreciated. The singing, which was of a very high standard, was conducted by Mr. William Morris, and Mrs. Captain Jones presided at the organ.

31 October 1908 Harvest Festival Harvest thanksgiving services were held at St. Mary's Church on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, the preachers being the Rev. T. Rees, vicar of Pontlottyn, and the Rev. T. Hughes Roberts, curate, on Sunday; the Rev. Frederick Rowlands, curate of Tredegar, on Monday; and the Rev. Evan Davies, Vicar of Llanover, on Tuesday. The services were well attended, and the sermons much appreciated. Mr. B. Angell and Mr. John Wood conducted the singing, and Miss E. C. Morgan and Master Octavius Richards presided at the organ. The Church was beautifully decorated.

7 November 1908 Dance A Cinderella Dance took place at the Church Institute on Tuesday, under the auspices of the St. Mary's Guild. There was a large attendance, and there was dancing up to a late hour. Mr. Ted Maskill carried out the duties of M. C., whilst Mr. J. W. Hinton, Penydarren, presided at the piano. The secretarial duties were carried out by Mr. Samuel Thomas, Aelybryn.

“Merthyr Express” 14 November 1908

Harvest Festival Harvest Thanksgiving services were held at the Carmel Congregational Chapel last week and were largely attended.

28 November 1908 St. Mary's Hall The first of a series of popular entertainments was held on Monday night, and there were a large number present. The chair was taken by Mr. Charles Payne, who gave an interesting address. The programme was contributed to by the following: recitations - Miss Nellie Angell, Masters John Thomas, Willie Way, J. R. Walters; songs - Mr. C. Payne, Miss Mary Tyler, Miss Lucy Rowlands, Miss James, Master Jim Sheady, Mr. Albert Prosser, Mrs. E. J. Williams, Miss Nellie Maud Angell; violin solo - Master Jenkins; comic song - Master A. Pritchard; dialogue - Misses V. Curtis and M. H. Evans. A laughable speech - "John, Betty and the Bear" - was given by the Chairman. Then followed impromptu speeches on "A Clock," and the prize was divided between Masters Willie Barker and A. Jones. The accompanists were Mr. B. Angell and Miss E. C. Morgan.

12 December 1908 Carmel Chapel The half-yearly meetings in connection with the chapel were held on Sunday and Monday last, when the following ministers officiated: Rev. Gwilym Rees, Llandysul, and the Rev. D. Silyn Evans, Aberdare. The church was crowded, and the sermons, which were of a very high standard, were much appreciated. The singing was conducted by Mr. David Davies, whilst Mr. David John Thomas presided at the organ.

12 December 1908 St. Mary's Guild A soiree and dance was held at the Church Institute of Thursday night week. A large number of invitations had been sent out. The room was beautifully decorated, and presented an inviting appearance. The tables, which were beautifully laid out, were presided over and assistance rendered by the following: Mrs. T. Llewellyn (grocer), Mrs. J. Richards, Mrs. A. Evans, Mrs. S. Thomas, Mrs. Price Jones, Mrs. Seaborne, Mrs. Atwell, Mrs. E. Griffiths, Mrs. F. Everett, Miss Gwen Wright, Miss Lucy Jenkins, and Miss Maud Llewellyn. Messrs. Joseph Richards and Alfred Evans also assisted. After the tables were cleared away, there was dancing until midnight. Mr. Ted Miskell was M.C. and Mrs. L. Herbert was at the piano. Mr. Bert Hill was at the violin. The catering was in the capable hands of Messrs. T. Llewellyn and Sons, Fochriw, (who were successful in securing a prize for Hovis bread at the London Exhibition, 1908). Praise is due to the committee and to Mr. Samuel Thomas secretary.

12 December 1908 Entertainment Another in the series of entertainments took place at the Church Institute on Monday night last, and there was a large number present. The chair was taken by Mr. Charles Payne. The following contributed to the programme: solo - Mrs. M. Lewis, Pentwyn; recitation "Curfew must not ring tonight," Miss May James, Pontlottyn; comic song "The galloping major," Mr. A. Prichard, which delighted the audience; recitation, Miss Irene Davies, Pontlottyn; recitation, Miss Maggie Morgan, Pentwyn; solo. Miss Mary Watkins,

Pentwyn; solo "The beautiful land," Miss Maggie James, Pontlottyn; recitation, Mr. W. S. Williams, Pentwyb; recitation, Miss Mary Morgan; solo, Miss Blodwen Watkins; solo, Miss Lizzie Rowlands; recitation, Master Tom Edwards; comic song "The hob-nailed boots his father wore," Mr. A. Prichard. There was an impromptu speech competition, the subject being "The Donkey." The following took the prizes: Masters Arthur Way, A. Pritchard, Albert Prosser and Willie Barker. The prize for the open singing competition, "The Lifeboat," was secured by Miss M. Lewis, Pentwyn. The duett, "A light in the valley," was sung by the Sisters Kendrick, Pontlottyn. Mrs. Everett, Pentwyn, presided at the organ, whilst Mr. John Williams (Llew Brycheiniog) adjudicated the singing. A vote of thanks to the chairman was proposed by Mr. Wm. Lewis, Pontlottyn, seconded by Mr. John Mantle, Pentwyn, and unanimously carried, bringing an interesting evening to a close.

19 December 1908 Entertainment An entertainment took place at the Church Institute on Monday night. The chair was occupied by Rev. T. Hughes Roberts, and the following contributed to the programme: recitations - Miss N. Maud Angell, Miss Bessie Gough; songs - Mr. Arthur Pritchard, Miss Maggie James, Master Ed. James, Miss Mary Taylor, Miss Nan Prosser; duet - Mrs. Lewis and Mrs. Morgan, Pentwyn. Mr. Watkin Williams delighted the audience with a few conjuring feats, and the duet "Through the Valley of the Shadow," was sung by Misses Nan Prosser and Mary Tyler. The prize for the best verbal account of John the Baptist was divided between Masters Willie White and Arthur Pritchard. There was an impromptu speech competition on "Snow." Six competed and the prize was awarded to Master Albert Prosser. A keen competition took place in the open solo, "Only the Armour-bearer," and the prize was divided between Miss Nan Prosser and Miss May James. Mrs. E. Everett, Pentwyn, was at the organ, and Mr. Berkley Angell adjudicated the singing.

26 December 1908 Entertainment Another in the series of popular entertainments was given at the Church Institute on Monday night. A good number were present, and Mr. Charles Payne took the chair. The programme was of a high standard, the following contributing: recitations - Masters J. Thomas, Robert White, Tom Williams, Misses S. G. Williams, and Sarah J. Williams; songs - Masters Jim Sheady, Arthur Pritchard (comic), Misses May Angell, Mary Angell (in Welsh), Emma Davies, Mrs. M. Lewis, & Mrs. M. Williams. There was an impromptu speech competition on "Love," in which eight competed, the prize being won by Miss S. J. Williams, Pentwyn. Mr. Austin Price gave a violin solo, and Miss E. C. Morgan was at the organ.

2 January 1909 Cymanfa A singing Festival, in connection with the choirs of the Carmel, Nazareth, and Noddfa Chapels, took place at Carmel on Christmas Day. There were very large attendances throughout the day. The presidents were: morning - Mr. Thomas Evans, senior; afternoon, Mr. Evan Evans; evening, Rev. Isaac Roderick. The singing, which was of a very high standard, was conducted by Mr. Thomas Evans, junior. The accompanists were Miss Lilian Williams, Mr. David John Thomas, and Mr. Roderick Jones.

2 January 1909 Christmas Trees and Entertainment A Christmas Tree was provided at the Church Institute on Christmas Eve. The tree was beautifully decorated, and was loaded with books and various other presents, which Mr. William Lewis, the superintendent, had worked hard to procure for the scholars. An entertainment was also given, over which Mr. Charles Payne presided, and it was he who handed the gifts to the scholars. Considerably over a hundred books and a large number of other presents were thus distributed. The programme, which was highly interesting, was contributed to by the following: song - Master Jim Sheady; selection of songs - Master J. H. Evans; recitation - Miss Blodwen Watkins; song - Miss James, Pontlottyn; recitation - Mr. Watkin Williams, Pentwyn; song - Master Albert Prosser; competition solo - six competitors - "Meet Me at the Fountain," and the prize was secured by Miss M. Gough; comic song - Mr. W. J. Payne; song - Mrs. M. Williams. Mr. Watkin Williams amused the audience with a number of his laughable jokes; Mr. W. Payne then delighted the audience with the song, "I'm not the Registrar," after which Mr. Wat. Williams gave some conjuring tricks. The organ was presided over by Miss E. C. Morgan, School House. Another successful entertainment was also held at the Institute on Monday night, when a good number were present. An excellent programme was gone through. The chairman was Mr. Charles Payne.

9 January 1909 Entertainment Another of the popular entertainments was held at the Church Institute on Monday night last. There was a good attendance, and the chair was occupied by Mr. Charles Payne, who delivered a very interesting speech. The programme was contributed to by the following: recitation, Miss Maggie Morgan; song, Master Jim Sheady; comic song, "It serves him jolly well right," Master Arthur Pritchard; song "I'm following in my father's footsteps" Mr. Harry Wilcox. In an impromptu speech on "Obedience," there were seven competitors, and Master Arthur Pritchard secured the prize. Song - Miss Nan Prosser; song "The British Navy" Mr. Harry Wilcox; recitation - Miss Maggie Morgan; recitation - Miss Edith Way; song "If I could live my life over again," Mr. Charles Payne; recitation - Miss Mary Morgan; song - Miss Lizzie Rowlands; duet - Miss Nan Prosser and Miss Mary Tyler. Miss Morgan, School House, presided at the organ.

9 January 1909 Soiree The annual soiree in connection with the Noddfa Baptist Chapel was held at the Council School on New Year's Eve. A large number attended, and did ample justice to the excellent spread. The tables, which were beautifully laid, were attended to by the following: Mrs. C. M. Jones, Mrs. Ann Davies, Mrs. Maggie Davies, Mrs. Johanna Evans, Mrs. S. A. Davies, Mrs. John Williams, Miss Sarah Jones, Mrs. Davies, Mrs. John Matthews, Mrs. Thomas, Misses May Evans, Annie May Thomas, M. S. Edwards, R. Edwards, Unice Jones, J. Jones, Mary Davies, Maggie Evans, M. A. Evans, D. Jones, Jane Thomas, and Lizzie J. Evans. There was a special 'children only' table which was presided over by Mrs. S. Williams, assisted by Misses Maggie Morgan, Sarah E. Williams and Margaret Edwards. The carving was in the hands of Messrs. John Williams, J. Mathews, and Sydney Phillips, and the following acted as stewards: Messrs. Ben Thomas, Joshua Evans, D. J. Thomas, David Thomas, D. Jenkins, John Phillips, Richard Davies, W. H. Jones, John Jones, John Evans, Percy Edwards, and J. Davies. The secretarial duties were carried out by Mr. Gwilym Thomas, whilst Mr. Richard Evans acted as treasurer.

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

23 January 1909 Noddfa Chapel The pulpit at the Baptist Chapel on Sunday was occupied by Master Stanley Thomas, the boy preacher from Llanbradach, whose sermons were much appreciated by very large congregations.

23 January 1909 Carmel Chapel The pulpit at Carmel on Sunday was occupied by the Rev. Davies, Laugharne, who preached excellent sermons which were greatly appreciated.

23 January 1909 Entertainment Another of the popular series of entertainments was held at the Church Institute on Monday night. There was a large attendance. The chair was taken by Mr. Charles Payne. The following contributed to programme: solo, Miss Mary Tyler; song, Master Jim Sheady; songs, Mr. Harry Wilcox; recitation, Miss S. G. Williams; song, Miss Mary Watkins; comic song, Master Arthur Pritchard; recitation, Miss Edith Way; solo, Mrs. Lewis; solo, Miss Nan Prosser; song, Miss Bessie Ballard; solo, Mrs. M. Williams; song, Master A. Pritchard. There was a very keen competition on the hymn, "Jesu, Lover of my Soul." There were eight competitors, the prize being secured by Mrs. M. Lewis. The prize for the best first sight reading of a piece of music was also secured by Mrs. Lewis. Miss R. Edwards was at the organ. The adjudicator was Mr. John Williams.

30 January 1909 Entertainment A very successful entertainment was held at the Church institute on Monday night, and there was a very large attendance. The chair was taken by Mr. Charles Payne. The following contributed to the programme: songs, Master Arthur Pritchard; recitations, Mr. Rees Richard; song, Miss Mary Tyler; recitation, Miss May James; recitation, Miss Lily May Rees; Indian basket competition for boys, prizes won by Masters Albion Jones and Rowlands; song, Miss Nan Prosser; song, Miss Gwen Gough; recitation, Miss Ruth Griffiths; best rendering of "Lead, Kindly Light" Miss Nan Prosser. Then followed a laughable sketch entitled "Painless Extraction," in which the following took part: Mr. W. J. Payne as Professor J. C. H. Cheatum, A.S.S. from Pentre Pump; Mr. Watkin Williams as "Sawbones Brown," (his assistant); and Mr. James Lawrence as "Timothy Ducks," (the patient).. The sketch was greatly appreciated by the large audience, who were convulsed with laughter. The organ was presided over by Master Octavius Richards. The adjudicator was Mr. John Williams.

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

6 February 1909 Pulpit The pulpit at Carmel on Sunday was occupied by Mr. T. Jones, Aberaman, student at Brecon College.

6 February 1909 Entertainment Another of the popular entertainments was held at the Church Institute on Monday night, the chair being occupied by Mr. Chas. Payne. There was a good attendance, and the following contributed to the programme: song, Miss Nan Prosser; song, Master Jim Sheady; solo, Miss Maggie James; duet, Miss Katie Hill and friend; recitation, Miss Mary Watkins; song, Master Arthur Pritchard; recitation, Mr. J. W. Rees; recitation, Miss May James; open singing competition, "For ever with the Lord" - first prize divided between Mrs. M. Williams and Miss Mary Jane Angell; solo, Mr. Edward James; duet, Miss Lily May Rees and Miss Mafanwy Evans; recitation, Miss Mary Morgan; solo, Miss Ann Griffiths; recitation, Miss Laura Harries. Master O. Richards and Mr. W. J. Jones presided at the organ. The adjudicators were Messrs. W. J. Angel and Joseph Payne.

13 February 1909 Noddfa Chapel The pulpit of the Baptist Chapel was occupied by the Rev. M. Lewis, Cwmsyfiog, on Sunday last. In the afternoon, in the presence of a very large congregation, the reverend gentleman baptised by immersion four young ladies.

13 February 1909 Bible Society At a meeting held at Nazareth chapel on Monday evening, the Rev. Isaac Roderick in the chair, an excellent address was delivered by the Rev. J. Prys, Llanover, on the British and Foreign Bible Society and its work. The address was very interesting and much appreciated. The following collected last year for the Society: Misses M. M. Jones, Olwen Edwards, Elizabeth Evans, Margaret Ann Ballard, Edith Ann Williams, Mary Evans, Mary Rees, Mary Jane Davies, Mary Ann Lewis, and Catherine Jones.

13 February 1909 Entertainment Another of the series of popular entertainments was held at the Church Institute on Monday night. There was a record attendance. The programme, which was of the very high standard, was contributed to by the following: song, Master Jim Sheady; song, Arthur Pritchard; song, Miss Mary Tyler; song, Mr. W. J. Payne; song, Master Charlie Edwards. Then followed the open singing competition, the test piece being "O Come all Ye Faithful." The prize was secured by Miss Maggie Gough. There was also a dressing competition, which created much amusement. The successful competitors were Masters Albion Jones and Charlie Budd. The programme was brought to a close by a laughable sketch entitled "Who Died First?" The characters were sustained by the following: Mr. Jones, Mr. W. J. Payne, Mrs. Jones, Mr. Wat Williams, Mr. Smith, Mr. James Lawrence, Mrs. Smith, Miss S. A. Evans. Master Octavius Richards presided at the organ. The adjudicator was Mr. John Williams (Llew Brycheiniog).

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

20 February 1909 Entertainment Another of the series of popular entertainments was held at the Church Institute on Monday night. A large number were present and the chair was taken by Mr. Charles Payne. The programme was as follows: speech, the chairman; song, Miss O. Helay; recitation, Miss Millie Baldwin; song, Miss N. Prosser; song, Master A. Pritchard; recitation, Mrs. James, song, Mrs. E. G. Williams; duet, Miss G. Gough and Miss M. Powell; song, Master J. Sheady; recitation, Miss M. Cole; song, Miss Laura Harries; recitation, Miss C. Jones; song, Miss L. M. Rees; recitation, Miss M. Morgan; song, Miss Kendrick; recitation, Miss I. Davies; song, Master Kendrick; recitation, Miss M. Lewis; recitation, Master W. T. Williams; recitation, Miss Sarah Williams; recitation, Miss B. Watkins, Miss M. Morgan, Miss M. Evans. Master O. Richards was at the organ. The programme was brought to a close by a laughable sketch entitled "Wanted, a General Servant," in which the following took part: Miss Mabel Curtis, Miss Violet Curtis, Miss Lily Way, Miss S. A. Evans, Miss Nan Prosser, and Miss Mary Wellings.

6 March 1909 Carmel Chapel The pulpit was occupied on Sunday by Mr. J. A. Morgan, student of Carmarthen College.

6 March 1909 Soiree The annual soiree in connection with the Noddfa Branch of the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Society took place on Monday at the Baptist chapel. The tables were beautifully laid, and a rich spread was provided. The tables were presided over by the following gentleman: Messrs. G. Thomas, Ben Thomas, Lewis Thomas, William H. Jones, D. J. Williams., David Evans, S. Phillips, W. Henry Jones, Joshua Evans, Tom Evans, W. James Williams, J. P. Davies, and Sam Jones. The soiree was under the management of Mrs. Captain Edwards and Miss Lilian Williams. The carving was done by Mrs J. Evans and Miss Gertie Williams. After the tables had been cleared, an excellent concert was held, presided over by Mr. Albert Walters. After a song by Mr. John Evans, an excellent address on "St. David" was given by Mr. David Thomas. Selections were given on the gramophone, which was manipulated by Mr. Wm. H. Jones; and "englynion" on "Dewi Sant" by Mrs. Captain Edwards. The Sunday School children were entertained to a good spread on Tuesday evening. Miss Lilian Williams presided at the piano.

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13 March 1909 Noddfa Chapel The half yearly preaching meetings in connection with the Chapel were held on Sunday. The pulpit was occupied by the Rev. Dan Davies, Fishguard, whose inspiring sermons were much appreciated by the large congregations. The singing was conducted by Mr. Thomas Evans, junior, and the organ was played by Miss Lilian Williams.

13 March 1909 Women's Christian Association The weekly meeting of the Carmel Branch of the Women's Christian Association was held at the vestry on Tuesday night. There were a good number present. Mrs. Davies, Ifor House, presided. An excellent paper on "The Faithfulness of Daniel" was read by Miss Mary Ann Lewis, Pentwyn.

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13 March 1909 Lecture A Welsh lecture, entitled "Cymeriadau Gwreiddiol fy Ngwlad " was given at the Baptist chapel on Monday night last by the Rev. Dan Davies, Fishguard. The chair

was taken by Dr. Eleazer Davies, Ivor House. The reverend gentleman immediately warmed to his subject, which was brimful of interest from start to finish, and was thoroughly enjoyed by the large audience present, who were frequently convulsed with laughter. Rev. Isaac Roderick proposed a vote of thanks to the speaker, seconded by Mr. Rhys Jenkins.

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

27 March 1909 Bazaar The ladies of St. Mary Church are busily preparing for the bazaar which is to be held in Whitsun week.

27 March 1909 Carmel Chapel: New Minister The Rev. D. Hughes Jones, Trecastle, has accepted an unanimous invitation to the pastorate of Carmel Congregational Chapel. Mr. Jones is expected to commence his ministry at Fochriw early in June.

10 April 1909 Women's Christian Association The weekly meeting of the Association was held on Tuesday evening at Carmel, when an excellent paper on "Joseph" was read by Miss Ceridwen Thomas. Mrs. Davies presided.

10 April 1909 Palm Sunday Memorial Service A service in memory of the departed was held at the Old Church, Pentwyn, on Sunday last, and was conducted by the Rev. W. Edwardes, curate of Fochriw, assisted by the Rev. B. Glover, curate of Newtown, and the Rev. Robert Jones, curate of Troedrhifwuch. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Thomas Rees, Vicar, from St John, chap. xii, v.12-13. The reverend gentleman stated in the course of his sermon that the Churchyard was consecrated by Bishop Oliphant, and the first burial took place on January 13th, 1871. The first person buried there was Mr. Daniel Jones, Brithdir, aged 32 years, the solemn rite being performed by the Rev. Thomas Theophilus, now vicar of Tredegar. The total number buried in the graveyard was 1,192. All Christians should endeavour to keep the Church intact, if only for the sake of those near and dear, whose bodies lay sleeping in the graveyard close by, awaiting the glorious Resurrection. A very large number of people visited the graveyard during the day, many of the graves being decorated with flowers.

17 April 1909 St. Mary's Church A three-hours service was held at St Mary's Church on Good Friday, conducted by the Rev. William Edwardes, who also delivered addresses on the "Seven Words Spoken from the Cross," which were very inspiring, and much appreciated by the congregation. Master Octavius Richards was at the organ.

17 April 1909 Noddfa Baptist Chapel A preaching festival was held at the chapel on Sunday, when students from Pontypridd Academy delivered appropriate and inspiring sermons to large and appreciative congregations. The singing, which was of a high standard, was conducted by Mr. Thomas Evans, junior, with Miss Lilian Williams at the organ.

April 1909 Soiree A soiree was held at the Council School on Thursday evening last, promoted by members of the Carmel Congregational Chapel. A capital spread was provided. The tables were presided over and assistance rendered by the following: Mrs. John Lewis, Mrs. D. J. James, Mrs. John Griffiths, Mrs. Catherine Phillips, Mrs. Ann Jones, Mrs. William Lewis, Mrs. D. Jones, Mrs. Jane Lewis, Mrs. H. Thomas, Miss Lucy Davies, Miss M. J. Jones Miss M. Jones, Mrs. J. Cole, Miss Catherine Jones, Miss A. M. Jenkins, Mrs. John Jones, Miss Bessie Jones, Mrs. David Phillips, Mrs. John Evans, Mrs. Litt (grocer), Mrs. Griffiths, and Miss Elizabeth Jones, Messrs. Evan Evans, George Thomas, John Evans, Evan Williams, Samuel Lewis, John Lewis, D. W. Lewis, John Phillips, Tom Walters, Arthur Ballard, James Turner, and Tom Jones. The secretarial duties were carried out by Miss G. A. Jenkins, and Miss M. A. Ballard acted as treasurer.

1 May 1909 St. Mary's Church The annual meeting in connection with this Church was held at the Institute on Monday night. The meeting was presided over by the Rev. Thomas Rees, Vicar, who was supported by the Rev. W Edwardes, curate. The Vicar welcomed Mr. Edwardes to the district and hoped that he would remain with them for a long time to come. Mr. J. C. Payne read the statement of accounts, which showed a balance on the right side. The following sidesmen were elected by the people: Mr. F. R. Barker, Mr. David Jones, Mr. Williams Witton, and the curate elected as his sidesmen, Mr. William Davies (under manager), Mr. Wilson, and Mr. James Richards. The retiring sidesman were heartily thanked by the vicar for their services, as were the superintendent (Mr. William Lewis), the teachers of the Sunday school, the

organists - Miss Morgan and Master Richards - and all who worked for the Church. The question of lay representatives for the Diocesan Conference was brought on by the Vicar, and Messrs. J. C. Payne and F R. Barker were appointed. Mr. Samuel Thomas spoke strongly on the question of the Government's Bill for the Disestablishment and Disendowment of the Church in Wales, and moved the following resolution: "That this meeting most strongly protests against the Government's Bill, and pledges itself to do all in its power to prevent the passing of such a measure." The resolution was seconded by Mr. James Richards, and carried unanimously. A vote of thanks to the vicar and curate concluded the meeting.

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

15 May 1909 Soiree and Dance A soiree and dance was held at the Church institute on Thursday evening week, promoted by the St. Mary's Sewing Class. The tables were beautifully laid and were presided over, and assistance rendered, by the following: Mrs. B. Angell, Mrs. Wellings, Mrs. Yeo, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. E. Prices, Mrs. Baldwin, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. White, Miss Morgan, Messrs. Ernest Price, Austen Price, and Albert Yeo. After tea, there was dancing. The M. C. was Mr. Phillips, Pontlottyn, with Mr. Prosser, Pontlottyn, at the piano. The secretarial duties were carried out Mr. H. C. Seabourne.

29 May 1909 Bazaar Great preparations are in progress for the bazaar which will be held at the Church Hall on Wednesday and Thursday in Whitsun week, in aid of St. Mary's Church building fund. Various amusements will be provided inside and out, and the articles, etc, will be sold at moderate prices.

29 May 1909 Soiree The annual soiree of Nazareth Chapel was held at Council School on Tuesday. The tables were beautifully laid out, and there was a splendid spread. The following ladies presided at the tables: Mrs. T. Roberts, Mrs. Elias Davies, Mrs. Captain Jones, Mrs. Maggie Davis, Mrs. Ellen Davies, Miss Kate Lawrence, Mrs. Maggie Pugh, Miss Elizabeth Ann Parry. They were assisted by the following: Miss Mary Rees, Miss Mary Lawrence, Mrs. Edgar, Miss Maggie Slimmons, Miss Sophie Slimmons, Miss Katie Jones Davies, Miss Doris Davies, Miss Mary Jane Angell, Miss Jennie Jones, Mrs. J. M. Jones, Mrs. Evans (Williams-row), Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Budd, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Parry. The following gentleman rendered assistance: Messrs. John Lawrence, Tom Pugh, Rod Jones, Peter Jones, Elias Davies, James Lawrence.

5 June 1909 Carmel Chapel: New Minister On Sunday, the Rev. D. Hughes Jones, Trecastle, commenced his ministry at Carmel Congregational Chapel. His sermons were very inspiring. Eleven members were received into the communion of the chapel.

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

19 June 1909 Anniversary The annual preaching meetings in connection with Carmel Chapel commenced on Saturday evening, and continued over Sunday and Monday. Sermons were preached by the following: Saturday evening, the Rev. J. Dyfnallt Owen, Pontypridd, who also preached in Welsh on Sunday morning, as well as on Sunday afternoon, Sunday evening, and Monday morning; Monday evening, Prof. T. Lewis, Brecon, and Rev. D. A. Griffiths, Troedyrhiw. The singing, which was of a very high standard, was conducted by Mr. David Davies (Pencerdd Morganwg), and the organist was Mr. Tom Walters, Brynteg.

19 June 1909 Induction Service at Carmel On Monday afternoon, the induction took place of the Rev. David Hughes Jones to the pastorate of Carmel Chapel. The service was commenced by the Rev. E. Aman Jones, Merthyr Vale. The president was the Rev. John Thomas, Merthyr, who began with an address, after which Mr. R. D. Jenkins, the secretary, read letters from numerous ministers who were unable to attend. Mr. Jenkins gave the history of the call of Mr. Jones, after which Dr. Eleazer Davies and Mr. Evan Evans extended, on behalf of the Church, a hearty welcome to the new pastor. After the usual sign by the members and also by Mr. Jones, the induction prayer was offered by the Rev. H. A. Davies, Aberdare. Mr. Thomas Price and Mr. David Evans, Trecastle, and Mr. Gomer Jones, Mr. Philip George and Mr. John Davies,

Cwmwysg, spoke of their great loss at the departure of Mr. Jones. The Rev. Isaac Roderick, minister of Nazareth, extended a hearty welcome on behalf of the inhabitants of Fochriw.

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Scripture Examination Success The following children from Nazareth Chapel passed the Scripture Examination of the Calvinistic Methodist Connexion: Margaret Ann Jones, Maggie Davies, Gwennie Rees, Katie Jones Davies, Annie Maud Jones, Doris Davies, Sophie Ann Slimmons. There were 1,784 candidates from East Glamorgan sitting this examination. The majority of the Fochriw candidates passed in the first Division, and one of them secured the eighth position on the list. They were trained by the Rev. Isaac Roderick.

10 July 1909 Treat On Thursday week, the children of Carmel, Nazareth and Noddfa Sunday Schools had their annual treat. The children of Carmel marched down to the Council School, where they were joined by the children of Nazareth Sunday school. They then proceeded, headed by the Fochriw Brass Band, to Noddfa Baptist Chapel, where they were joined by the children of that school. The scholars, who now numbered 600, then paraded the streets of the villages of Fochriw and Pentwyn, the band playing lively march tunes en route. After the parade, the children returned to the vestries of their respective churches for tea. The tables were tastefully decorated, and there were many willing helpers. The children were then presented with toys, fruit, etc, after which they went to the mountain, where various games were played. The Band played lively music, and dancing was indulged in by a large number.

25 September 1909 Noddfa Chapel Preaching Services The annual preaching services were held on Sunday and Monday, and there were large congregations. The preachers were the Rev. E. Cynog Williams, Aberdare, and the Rev. T. J. Jones, Cardiff. The sermons were full of deep religious fervour and were highly appreciated. Miss Lilian Williams was at the organ, and Mr. Thomas Evans conducted the singing.

2 October 1909 Presentation On Wednesday evening week, a large number of well-wishers congregated at Carmel Chapel to mark their good-will and high esteem in which they held Mrs. Wm. Lewis and her three children, on the occasion of their leaving the village for South Africa. The chairman, Rev. Hughes Jones, referred in feeling terms to Mrs. Lewis and family's departure, Mrs. Lewis having been a member of the chapel for many years. On behalf of the Church, he presented Mrs. Lewis with a Bible and her three children with a New Testament each. Addresses were also given by Mr. Rhys D. Jenkins, Mr. W. Ballard, Mr. Thomas Jenkins, Mr. D. Griffiths, Mrs. Dr. Davies, Mrs. David Jones and Miss Bronwen Ballard. Mrs. Lewis feelingly acknowledged the gifts. She was also the recipient of many presents from her numerous friends. Mr. Lewis left for South Africa some months ago, and on Monday, Mrs. Lewis and children left to join him. Large numbers of friends assembled at the station to give them a hearty send-off.

9 October 1909 Dedication Service A dedication Service was held at St. Mary's Church on Thursday evening week, when the Rev. J. Evans, Brynmawr, preached an impressive sermon to a large and appreciative congregation. This service was conducted by Mr. Jukes, who is in charge of the church.

9 October 1909 St. Mary's Guild A well-attended meeting was held at the Church Institute on Monday evening, with the object of re-starting the Guild for the winter season. Mr. Jukes presided. The following were elected officers: president, the Rev. T. Rees, vicar; vice-presidents, Mr. Jukes, Mr. Charles Payne, Mr. Thomas Roberts, and Mr. Harry Evans; secretary, Mr. Harry Seabourne; treasurer, Mr. Wilson; committee, Messrs. William Davies, J. C. Payne, Frank Attwell, Ernest Price, Austin Price, W. J. Payne, William Sibley, John Wood, William Lewis, Josiah Richards, Percy Cumpstone, William Wilton, and F. R. Barker.

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

16 October 1909 St. Mary's Institute: Entertainment The first of a series of entertainments was given on Tuesday evening, when a large number were present. The chair was taken by Mr. Jukes. The following contributed to the programme: organ voluntary, Master Octavius Richards; song, Master James Sheady; solo, Miss Maggie Gough; solo, Mrs Blodwen Watkins; recitation, Miss Ceridwen Jones, solo, Mr. Lewis; recitation, Miss Maggie Morgan; comic

song, Master Sheady; recitation, Miss Gwennie Gough. Prizes were given by Mr. Frank Attwell for the best rendering of "Abide with me." There were six competitors, the first prize being divided between the Misses Gwennie and Maggie Gough. Other items: recitation, Mrs. Irene Garratt; comical whistling song, Master Sheady; recitation, Master Richards; recitation, Miss Sarah J. Williams; song, Miss Mary Tyler. Miss Morgan and Master Richards presided at the organ.

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

23 October 1909 Entertainment Another of the series of entertainments was held at the Church Institute on Tuesday evening. There was a large and appreciative audience present, and the chair was taken by Mr. Charles Payne, who opened with an interesting address. The programme was as follows: organ voluntary, Master Richards; recitation, Master W. T. Williams; song, Master Jim Sheady; recitation, Miss Sarah Jane Williams; solo, Mr. Lewis Lewis; solo, Master Tom Mitchell; recitation, Master A. Way; song, C. Edwards; recitation, E. Davies; recitation, Miss Nan Prosser. There was a keenly contested singing competition. Ten competed on the test piece, "There's a friend for little children." Mr. John Williams was the adjudicator. The first prize was awarded to Miss Gwennie Gough, and the second prize to Miss Blodwen Watkins. There was a dressing competition for boys, in which a large number took part. The prize was secured by Master Albert Prosser. The entertainment was concluded with a laughable sketch entitled "Rooms to Let," the following taking part: Mr. James Lawrence, Mr. Wat Williams, Mr. William Payne.

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

30 October 1909 Harvest Festival Harvest thanksgiving services were held at St. Mary's Church on Sunday, Monday, and Wednesday. The preachers were: Sunday morning, Mr. H. L. Jukes; Sunday evening, Rev. T. Rees, vicar; Monday evening, the Rev. J. George, vicar of Fleur-de-lis; Wednesday evening, the Rev. D. Davies, Vicar of Rhymney.

30 October 1909 Eisteddfod at Carmel An Eisteddfod was held at Carmel Chapel on Thursday week, and there was a large attendance. The officials were: president, Rev. D. Hughes Jones; conductor, Mr. Evan Evans; adjudicators - music, Mr. David John Thomas; literary, Mr. Thomas J. Jones, Penydarren; drawing, Mrs. Edith Cole Jones and Miss Elizabeth Jones; accompanist, Miss Lilian Williams. The secretarial duties were carried out by Mr. Evan Morgan Davies, Pentwyn; Mr. Thomas Lewis acted as treasurer. Awards: solo for girls 8 and under - Miss Ceridwen Thomas; solo for boys 8 and under - Master David Robert Jones, Pantywaun; recitation under 14 - Miss May Rowlands; free hand drawing (brushwork) - Master Tom Jones, Pentwyn; solo for girls under 14 - Miss Mary Jane Richards, Pantywaun; best letter from a prodigal to his old minister - Mr. David Morris, Pant; Solo for boys under 14 - Master Thomas Howell Jones, Fochriw; pianoforte solo under 14 - Miss Annie Evans, Fochriw; soprano solo "Y Deryn Pur" - the Miss R. Jones, Pontlottyn; tenor solo - Mr. William Edwards, Penywern; recitation - Mr. David Evans; bass solo - Mr. Crad Shankland; contralto solo - Miss Ceridwen Thomas; congregational hymn tune for those over 40 - Mr. Crad Shankland and Mr. John Evans; best verses of eight lines on "Brithdir Ucha Farm" - Mr. James Williams; mixed choir - "Sweet Songsters" conductor Mr. W H Jones.

30 October 1909 Carmel: New Light A new light has been installed in the chapel, which was used on Thursday evening week for the first time, and was highly satisfactory in every respect.

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

6 November 1909 Entertainment Another of the series of popular entertainments was given at the Church Institute on Tuesday night. The chair was occupied by Mr. Charles Payne. An excellent programme was contributed to by the following: address, Rev. R. Jones, curate; organ voluntary, Master Richards; recitation, Miss Evelyn Davies; cornet solo, Mr. Austin Price; recitation, Miss Nan Prosser; dialogue, the Misses Gwennie and Maggie Gough, Maggie Morgan, Hannah Jones, Hannah L. Williams, Harriet Jones and Maria Jones. An excellent rendering of "Y Nant a'r Blodeuyn," was given by Misses G. Gough, M. Gough, M. Morgan, H. Jones, H. L. Williams and Nellie Jenkins. Twelve competitors entered in the basket trick competition, and Master Trefor Lewis secured the prize. Nine competed in the singing competition - test piece "Jesu, lover of my Soul" - the first prize going to Miss Hannah Jones, and the second to Miss Gwennie Gough. Mr. John Williams adjudicated. Master Richards was at the organ.

20 November 1909 Entertainment Another of the series of popular entertainments was given at the Church Institute on Tuesday last, with Mr. Charles Payne in the chair. The following contributed to the programme: recitation, Master Samuel Gough; song, Master Sheady; song, Miss Nan Prosser; recitation, Miss Maggie Gough; duet, Miss Mary Tyler and Miss Nan Prosser; recitation, Miss Gwennie Gough; song, Master W. White; song, Master T. Mitchell; song, Miss Maggie Gough; song, Master Sheady; song, Miss Mary Tyler. Eight competitors took the platform for the test piece "Jesus wants me for a sunbeam." The prize was awarded to Miss Maggie Gough. An interesting address was given by the Rev. R. James

“Merthyr Express” 27 November 1909

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

27 November 1909 Entertainment Another of the series of popular entertainments was held at the Church Institute on Tuesday night, with Mr. Charles Payne in the chair. The following contributed to the programme: organ voluntary, Master Richards; songs, Master Sheady, Miss Maggie Gough and Miss Nan Prosser; recitations, Master Charlie Edwards Miss Mafanwy Evans, Master Tom Mitchell and Miss Lorna Harris; cornet solo, Mr. Austin Price; solo, Miss Mary Tyler. There were four competitors in the singing competition, the prize being awarded to Miss Gwennie Gough. An interesting sketch was played, entitled "Mr Smith dresses for a Party." The following took part: Messrs. Wm. Thomas, Wm. Curtis, Percy Pike, and the Misses Lily Way, Nan Prosser, A. M. Sibley, M. H. Evans, and V. Curtis. Mr. John Williams adjudicated the singing. Master Richards was at the organ.

“Merthyr Express” 4 December 1909

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

4 December 1909 Carmel Chapel The meeting of the Literary Society was held at Carmel vestry on Wednesday evening, when the subject for discussion was "Should the Church have a Written Creed?" Mr. Thomas Lewis took the affirmative and Mr. George Thomas the negative. Both papers were well read. A discussion followed. The Rev. D. Hughes Jones presided.

4 December 1909 Entertainment Another of the series of popular entertainments was held at the Church Institute on Tuesday night, Mr. Charles Payne presiding. There were a good number present and an excellent programme was contributed to by the following: gramophone selections, Mr. D. H. Cheeke; organ voluntary, Master O. Richards; songs, Master Sheady, Miss M. Gough, Miss M. Tyler, Master A. Prosser, Masters J. H. Evans, Masters C. Edwards; recitations, Miss Sarah J. Williams, Miss Blodwen Watkins, Master J. Cole, Master Willie White. Five competed for the prize for the best rendering of "Through the day Thy love has spared us," and the prize was secured by Miss Maggie Gough. Mr. John Wood adjudicated. An interesting dialogue was given by Messrs. Percy Pike and William Curtis, and the entertainment concluded with a laughable sketch "Raffles, the Doctor's Assistant." The characters were sustained by Messrs. Wat Williams, William Payne, James Lawrence, Percy Pike, William Curtis, and Miss S. A. Evans.

“Merthyr Express” 11 December 1909

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

11 December 1909 Church Parade The Pontlottyn Church Lads Brigade, headed by the Pontlottyn Brass Band, attended St Mary's Church on Sunday morning, the band playing appropriate music en route. An appropriate sermon was preached by the Reverend Robert Jones, curate-in-charge. Master Octavius Richards was at the organ.

11 December 1909 Carmel Chapel The half-yearly preaching meetings were held on Sunday and Monday, when inspiring sermons were delivered by the Rev. J. Thomas, Merthyr, and the Rev. Avon Thomas, Onllwyn. There were very large congregations. The singing was of a very high standard, and was conducted by Mr. David Davies, with Mr. W. J. Angel at the organ.

11 December 1909 Carmel Chapel The weekly meeting of the Carmel Literary and Mutual Improvement Society was held at the vestry on Wednesday evening week, and there were a good number present. The opening solo was rendered by Miss Mary A. Walters, accompanied on the pianoforte by Miss Ceridwen Thomas. Two very interesting papers were read on the "Life of Dr. Parry" by Mr. David Davies, and on "Oliver Cromwell," by Mr. Thomas Thomas. The following took part in the discussion: Rev. D. Hughes Jones, Messrs. Rhys D. Jenkins, David John Thomas, and Thomas Lewis. A recitation was given by Miss Sarah J. Williams. A trio was rendered in fine style by Miss Judith A. Jenkins, Mr. Daniel Jenkins, and Mr. David John Thomas. The Rev. D. Hughes Jones presided.

11 December 1909 Entertainment Another of the series of popular entertainments was held at the Church Institute on Tuesday night, Mr. Charles Payne presiding. There were a good number present. The programme was as follows: address, the chairman; organ voluntary, Master Richards; solos, Misses Blodwen Watkins, Maggie Gough, Mary Watkins, Nan Prosser, Hannah Jones, Masters Jim Sheady, Charlie Edwards, Joseph H. Evans, Willie White, Walter Poole, Rees L. Gwynne; recitations, Misses Ruth Griffiths, Gwennie Gough, Olive Healy; duets, Miss Nan Prosser and Miss Nan Jones, Masters Walter Poole and Rees Gwynne; dialogue, Messrs. Percy Pike, Austin Price, and William J. Jones. Six competed for the prize for the best rendering on "Trust and Obey," and the prize was secured by Miss L. May Evans. Mr. John Williams adjudicated, and Master Richards presided at the organ.

“Merthyr Express” 18 December 1909

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

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

Mr. Thomas Evans, Iscoed, on behalf of Noddfa church, presented the call formally to Mr. Young. Mr. Young, in reply, said he accepted the call gladly but prayerfully, and with every confidence that he had done what was best, though he had received other invitations. He came to work, not to seek enjoyment in intellectual ease and social comfort. He came to do the best

for others, not to thrust his opinions upon them, but to speak the truth in love. The keynote of his life was service and love.

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

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

18 December 1909 Lecture A lecture was given at Carmel Chapel on Thursday evening week, by Miss Eiluned Morgan, Cardiff, late of Patagonia, on "Cerryg Milldir" - milestones. The lecture was brim full of interest, the talented lady keeping the large audience in rapt attention from start to finish. The chair was taken by Dr. Eleazer Davies.

18 December 1909 Carmel Literary and Mutual Improvement Society The weekly meeting of the society was held at Carmel vestry on Wednesday evening week, and was presided over by the Rev. D. Hughes Jones. A good number were present. Two very interesting papers were read on "Are we too fond of sports?" The affirmative was taken by Mr. Tom Walters, and the negative by Mr. Arthur Ballard. The readers advanced very strong arguments, and in the discussion, the following took part: the chairman, Messrs. T. H. Llewellyn, James Williams, G. Thomas, Rees Rees, David Lewis Jones, Rhys D. Jenkins, and Evan Evans. A recitation on "The Effects of Wine," was given by Miss Ceridwen Davies, Pentwyn. An excellent rendering of "The Star of Bethlehem," given by Miss Ceridwen Thomas, brought an enjoyable evening to a close.

18 December 1909 Entertainment Another of the series of popular entertainments was held at the Church Institute on Tuesday night, when an excellent programme was contributed to by the following: organ voluntary, Master Richards; solos, Masters J. Sheady, Willie White, Joseph Evans, Charles Edwards, and Misses Maggie Gough and Mary Tyler; recitations, Master Willie White and Misses Olive Healy, Sarah Williams and Gwenny Gough; quartet, Gwenny Gough, Gwenny Rees, Lydia May Evans and Hannah Jones. There was a keen singing competition, seven competitors ascending the platform. The test piece was "Lean upon His arms." The first prize was divided between Miss Gwenny Gough and Miss Lydia May Evans. Mr. John Williams was the adjudicator, and Master Octavius Richards was at the organ. The programme concluded with a laughable sketch entitled "The Midnight Ghost," in which Messrs. Wat Williams, James Lawrence, William Payne and Miss S. A. Evans took part. The meeting was presided over by Mr. Charles Payne.

25 December 1909 Carmel Literary and Mutual Improvement Society The weekly meeting of the society was held at Carmel vestry on Wednesday evening week, and was presided over by the Rev. D. Hughes Jones. A good number were present. Interesting papers were read on "The Human Hand," by Mr. W. J. Ballard, and on "Telepathy," by Mr. James Williams, Pentwyn. Both papers were very much appreciated by all present. The following spoke on the subjects: Messrs. Thomas Lewis, George Thomas, Evan Morgan Davies, Mrs. Edith Cole Jones, the chairman, and some further remarks by Mr. James Williams. A solo, in fine style, from Miss Ann Griffiths brought the evening to a close.

25 December 1909 Noddfa Chapel On Sunday morning at the Baptist Church, a memorable ceremony was performed, when scholars were baptised by the new pastor, the Rev. M. S.

Young. The scene was peculiarly inspiring, as the candidates were all young ladies. The reverend gentleman did his work excellently to the satisfaction of the very large congregation, who had come together to witness the impressive ceremony. Rev. Young preached an appropriate and inspiring sermon.

25 December 1909 Entertainment Another of the series of popular entertainments was held at the Church Institute on Tuesday night when an excellent programme was contributed to by the following: recitations, Miss G. Gough, Miss Hannah Jones, Miss Irene Davies; mouth organ and bones, Messrs. Percy Pike and William Curtis; solos, Miss Maggie Gough, Miss Hannah Jones, Miss Mary Tyler, Miss Ann Griffiths; duet, Miss Ann Griffiths and Miss Mary Tyler; songs, Master Charlie Edwards and Miss Maggie Morgan. In the singing competition, nine competed. The first prize was awarded to Miss Lydia May Evans. Mr. John Davies adjudicated. The programme concluded with a laughable sketch entitled "All for Percy," in which the characters were sustained by the following: Messrs. Austin Price, Percy Pike, and William John Jones. Mr. Charles Payne presided.

1 January 1910 Siloh A Christmas tree was provided at the Baptist Chapel, Penybanc, and about 60 children attended and received presents. The following assisted in making the evening a pleasant one for the children: Miss S. E. Williams, Miss E. A. Williams, Mrs. Price (White Horse) and Mr. Williams.

1 January 1910 Noddfa Chapel A successful gathering was held at the vestry on Christmas Eve, when a large number attended. The Christmas tree was loaded with presents which were distributed to about 90 children. The following ladies assisted at the tree: Misses S. E. Williams, Lilian and Gertie Williams, Irene and Hilda Phillips.

1 January 1910 Nazareth Chapel The children of Nazareth Band of Hope enjoyed their Christmas tree on Monday last. The tree was beautifully decorated with a large variety of attractive things presented by a few ladies from the chapel. An ample supply of fruit was also given by Councillor John Jones, who also delivered an address to the children. Rev. Isaac Roderick presided, and songs and recitations were rendered by the children at intervals.

1 January 1910 Carmel Literary and Mutual Improvement Society: Coversazione On Wednesday week, the Society promoted a successful conversazione at the Chapel. Afterwards, a very interesting programme was gone through. A duet was rendered by the Misses E. Jones and J. A. Jenkins, and a recitation was given by Mr. James Williams. Games were also played. The Rev. D. Hughes Jones presided.

1 January 1910 Christmas Tree A Christmas Tree was provided at Carmel on Christmas Day, and it contained a large number of toys and a quantity of sweets for over 200 children. The presents were distributed by Mrs. D. Hughes Jones, and the Misses E. Jones, M. A. Lewis and Bronwen Ballard. Later, a sketch entitled "Santa Claus," was given by the following: Misses Hannah Jones, M. Lewis, Maggie and Gwenny Gough, Nellie Jenkins and Maggie Morgan.

1 January 1910 Cymanfa A singing festival was held at Carmel Chapel on Christmas Day, when the choirs of the three chapels took part. The morning was set apart for the children, whose singing was faultless. The singing in the afternoon and night was of a very high standard. There were very large congregations throughout the day. The singing was conducted by Councillor John Jones, with Miss Lilian Williams and Mr. Roderick Jones at the organ. The presidents were: morning - Rev. Isaac Roderick; afternoon - Rev. M. S. Young; evening - Rev. D. Hughes Jones. The prize for the best composition of a hymn tune was awarded to Mr. David John Thomas. Mr. Wm. Adams, Pontlottyn was the adjudicator.

1 January 1910 St. Mary's Sunday School The annual entertainment was held on Thursday night week, a good number attending. There was a Christmas Tree, which was beautifully decorated and loaded with presents of all description, which were presented to the children by Mr. Charles Payne. Valuable books were also presented to the scholars by the Rev. Robert Jones, curate-in-charge. An interesting programme was contributed to by the following: recitations, Masters Willie White and Evan Rowlands, and Misses S. J. Williams, Blodwen Watkins, and Catherine Watkins; songs, Masters Willie White and Charlie Edwards, and Misses Nan Prosser, Maggie and Gwennie Gough; mouth organ solo, Mr. Percy Pike. An interesting Christmas sketch was played entitled "In the Clouds," the characters being sustained by the following: Miss Hanan Jones, Miss Maggie Lewis, Miss Gwenny Gough, Miss Maggie Gough, Miss Nellie Jenkins. Rev. Robert Jones presided, with valuable assistance from the Superintendent, Mr. William Adams, Pontlottyn.

8 January 1910 Entertainment Another of the series of popular entertainments was held at the Church Institute on Tuesday night when an excellent programme was produced, the following taking part: recitations, Irene Davies, C. Watkins, Sarah J. Williams, W. T. Williams, Laura Harris, Eleanor A. Davies; songs, Blodwen Watkins, Octavius Richards, Gwenny Gough, Maggie Gough, and Charlie

Edwards. Gramophone selections were given by Mr. Wm. Thomas. There was keen competition in the recital of the 23rd Psalm, the first prize being divided between L. Harris and C. Watkins. The entertainment was presided over by Mr. J. C. Payne.

8 January 1910 Soiree A successful soiree was held at the Fochriw Council Schools on Christmas Eve, promoted by members of the Noddfa Baptist Chapel. The tables were beautifully decorated and laid out to perfection. The tables were presided over by the following: Mrs. David Davies, Mrs. S. E. Williams, Miss Margaret Edwards, Miss Ann Thomas, Miss A. E. Thomas, Mrs. C. M. Jones, Mrs. E. Davies, Mrs. D. Harris, Misses Maggie Evans, Beatrice Jones, Janet Jones, Hannah Evans, Maggie Edwards, Lissie Smith, Eunice Jones, and R. W. Walters. There was also a sale of work in connection with the soiree, the following ladies were the stallholders: Mrs. P.S. Williams, Mrs. J. Williams, Miss L. Williams, Mrs. Captain Edwards, and Mrs. G. Phillips. The duties of secretary and treasurer were carried out by Messrs. G Thomas and R. Evans. Rev. Young also gave valuable assistance.

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Carmel Literary and Mutual Improvement Society A well-attended meeting was held on Thursday evening, when a splendid lecture was given by the Rev. T. P. Evans, Merthyr Vale, on "New Theology." The weekly meeting of the society was held at Carmel vestry on Friday night. An excellent paper on "Free Trade" was read by Mr. William Walters.

15 January 1910 Entertainment Another of the series of popular entertainments was held at the Church Institute on Tuesday night when an excellent programme was produced, the following taking part: solos, Gwennie Gough, Maggie Gough, Ann Griffiths, Hannah Williams, Octavius Richards; duets, Nan Prosser and Lydia M. Evans, Ann Griffiths and Maggie Gough; recitations, Mattie Jones and Hilda Davies; singing competition, test piece, "Bring them in," eight competitors, first prize Ann Griffiths; spelling competition, Gwenny Gough; boys competition, Eddie Jones. The Rev. R. Jones presided. Mr. John Williams adjudicated.

22 January 1910 Carmel Literary and Mutual Improvement Society The weekly meeting of the Society was held at the Vestry on Wednesday evening. Mr. Rhys D. Jenkins presided. An excellent lecture on "D. L. Moody, the Great Missioner, and his work" was given by the Rev. J. R. Salmon, Pontlottyn. The lecture was brimful of interest, and much appreciated by the large number present. A hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer was proposed by Rev. E. Evans, Bedlinog, seconded by Mr. Thomas Lewis, and supported by Rev. D. Hughes Jones.

On Wednesday night, the Rev E. O. Evans, Bedlinog, preached an effective sermon in the chapel on behalf of the London Foreign Missionary Society.

22 January 1910 Entertainment Another of the popular series of entertainments was held at the Church Institute on Tuesday night, and there was a large audience. Selections were given on the gramophone, manipulated by Mr. Alfred Evans. Miss Nan Prosser gave an excellent rendering of "The Honeysuckle and the Bee." Pictures were shown by the lantern, which was manipulated by Mr. J. E. Jones, Tirphil. The pictures were highly interesting, the comical ones causing roars of laughter amongst the children. Mr. J. C. Payne proposed, and Rev. Robert Jones, curate-in-charge, seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Jones, Mr. Evans and Miss Prosser. Mr. Charles Payne presided.

29 January 1910 Noddfa Literary and Mutual Improvement Society The weekly meeting of the Society was held at the Vestry on Thursday evening, Mr. Williams presiding. An excellent paper on "The Budget parallel with the Bible" was read by the pastor, the Rev. Moses Young, which proved an intellectual treat, and was much appreciated by all present. The following contributed to the discussion: Messrs. John Williams, Rees Thomas, Walter Walters, and Miss Lilian Williams.

29 January 1910 Entertainment Another of the popular series of entertainments was held at the Church Institute on Tuesday night. The following contributed to the programme: solos, Misses Mary Tyler, Nan Prosser, Maggie Gough, Masters Sheady, William Thomas, Johnny Cole; quartet, Misses Gwennie Gough, Nan Prosser, Lydia May Evans, and Mary Tyler. In the impromptu speech competition on "The Clock," the prize was divided between Master Healy and Miss Harriet Lewis. There was also an orange competition, the prize being awarded to Master Vincent Wood. Mr. Charles Payne presided.

29 January 1910 Carmel Literary and Mutual Improvement Society The weekly meeting of the Society was held at the Vestry on Wednesday evening, when the Rev. D. Hughes Jones presided. Splendid papers were read on "You and I" by Mr. David Lewis, and "Woman's Place in Christian Societies" by Mrs. D. Hughes Jones. The following took part in the discussion: the chairman, Mr. George Thomas, Mr. Rhys D. Jenkins, and Mr. David Jones. To close the meeting, a solo was given by Miss Bessie Ballard, and a duet was given by Miss Mary A. Walters and Miss Hannah Jones.

“Merthyr Express” 5 February 1910

Treat of the Season: Fochriw Dramatic Society On Saturday and Monday nights next, Feb. 5th & 7th, at the St Mary's Institute, the Fochriw Dramatic Society will produce the sensational drama "The Lucky Horseshoe." Children's performance at 3p.m. Saturday afternoon.

5 February 1910 Bethlehem Baptist Chapel On Monday evening, an excellent and highly-interesting paper on "The Present Political Crisis and its Old Testament Parallel," was read by Rev. Moses Solva Young. Mr. Wm. Morgan was in the chair.

5 February 1910 Noddfa Literary and Mutual Improvement Society: Dress and Character The weekly meeting of the Society was held at the Vestry on Thursday evening, and an excellent paper on "Is Dress an Index of Character?" was read by Miss Gertie Williams, followed by a free discussion. Afterwards, recitations were given by Misses Enid and E. A. Evans, followed by a duet from Misses Jennie Edwards and Hannah Evans. Rev. M. S. Young presided.

5 February 1910 Nazareth Chapel On Monday evening, the annual lecture was delivered by Rev. H. T. Stephens, Aberdare. His subject was "The Characteristics of the late William Prydderch." He said that William Prydderch was a typical product of Welsh Non-conformity in the last century: a powerful speaker, and a very acceptable preacher. He was quite original in all his sayings, always smart and witty with his answers, yet he was never offensive. He rendered great service to the Non-conformity of Wales in his time; the leaders today were the children of those great pioneers gone by. Rev. Isaac Roderick proposed a vote of thanks, seconded by Mr. G. Pugh, bringing a very interesting evening to a close. Coun. John Jones presided.

5 February 1910 Carmel Literary and Mutual Improvement Society: "Christians and the Theatre" The weekly meeting of the Society was held at the Vestry on Wednesday evening, when the Rev. D. Hughes Jones presided. There was a large attendance, and two excellent papers were read on "Should Church Members Frequent the Theatre?" The affirmative was taken by Mrs. Judith Ann Jenkins, and the negative by Mrs. Catherine Thomas. The papers are well received and greatly appreciated. A warm discussion followed, in which the following took part: Messrs. George Thomas, Daniel Rowlands, Thomas Thomas, Misses Elizabeth Jones and Rachel Mary Walters, Mrs. David Jones, Mrs. Edith Cole Jones, and the chairman. A recitation was given by Miss Mafanwy Cole, and a quartet was rendered by Messrs. Daniel Jenkins, David John Thomas, Miss Elizabeth Jones, and Mrs. W. G. Davies, which brought an enjoyable evening to a close.

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Performances at St Mary's Institute Performances of the sensational drama "The Lucky Horseshoe," were given at the above Institute on Saturday and Monday nights by the Fochriw Dramatic Society, under the leadership of Mr. W. J. Payne. There were very large audiences who appreciated highly the wonderful talent displayed by the artistes. Indeed, had they been strangers they could easily have been taken for professionals. The actions and voices are almost faultless. The characters were ably sustained by the following: Mr. Stephen Lewis, Mr. James Lawrence, Mr. W. J. Payne, Mr. Wat Williams, Mr. Tom Baldwin, Mr. Levi Pritchard, Mr. J. S. Edwards, Mr. Frank Attwell, Mr. Percy Pike, Miss S. A. Evans, Miss Martha Mary Jones, Mrs. Esther Thomas and Miss L. M. Lawrence. The stage managers were Mr. Charles Payne and Mr. Thomas Jones, and the scenic artist was Mr. H. C. Seaborne, each of whom deserves high praise. Mr. Harry Hughes supplied the pianoforte accompaniment, and Mr. Austin Price the violin accompaniments. Before the last act on Monday night, the Rev. Thomas Rees, vicar, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Dramatic Society, who had worked so hard in order to obtain funds towards clearing off the debt on St Mary's Church. Mr. W. Haggard lent the swords, wigs, etc, and Mr. W. John lent the scenery, which was hauled to Fochriw by Mr. Cumpstone. The proceeds are in aid of the Church Building Fund.

5 February 1910 Noddfa Literary and Mutual Improvement Society: Dress and Character The weekly meeting of the Society was held at the Vestry on Thursday evening week, and was presided over by Rev. Moses S. Young. An excellent paper on "The life of Christ" was read by Miss S. E. Williams. Afterwards, a free discussion took place, almost all present taking part. Miss Williams was highly complemented and thanked for her able paper. A solo was given by Master Aneurin Evans, and recitations were given Master Emrys Evans, Miss E. A. Evans, and Miss Lily May Rees. A solo was also rendered by Miss Enid Evans.

5 February 1910 Carmel Literary and Mutual Improvement Society The weekly meeting of the Society was held at the Vestry on Wednesday evening, when the Rev. D. Hughes Jones presided. There was a large attendance, the Vestry being crowded. Excellent papers were read on "The Influence of the Mother," by Mrs. David Jones, Brynteg, and on "Florence Nightingale," by Miss M. A. Ballard. A solo, "My Mother's Prayer," was rendered in fine style by Master Thomas Howell Jones, and an excellent Welsh recitation was given by Miss Hannah Jones.

26 February 1910 Carmel Literary and Mutual Improvement Society The weekly meeting of the Society was held at the Vestry on Wednesday evening, when the Rev. D. Hughes Jones presided. An interesting Welsh debate took place on "A yw enwadaeth yn niweidiol i Gristionagaeth" ("Is sectarianism detrimental to Christianity?") The affirmative was taken by Miss M. A. Lewis, and the negative by Mr. Rees Rees. The following took part in the discussion: Messrs. Thomas Lewis, Thomas

Thomas, Daniel Rowlands, George Thomas, Evan Evans, Rhys D. Jenkins, and the chairman. Solos were rendered by Miss Edith May Sibley and Miss Bessie Ballard, with Mr. Tom Walters at the organ.

26 February 1910 Noddfa Literary and Mutual Improvement Society: Dress and Character The weekly meeting of the Society was held at the Vestry on Thursday evening week, and was presided over by Rev. Moses S. Young. An excellent paper on "Professor Drummond: his life and teachings," was read by Mr. E. E. George, Merthyr Vale. Mr. George showed intimate acquaintance with the life and work of the famous Scottish preacher and scientist. Then followed a solo from Miss Mary Rees; a recitation by Master Gomer William; and a solo by Miss Enid Evans. Miss Eunice Jones read a paper on "Lloyd George's Youth," and Mr. George read another paper on the life of Mr. David Lloyd George. The meeting was brought to a close by the singing of "Hen Wlad fy Nhadau."

5 March 1910 Carmel Literary and Mutual Improvement Society The weekly meeting of the Society was held at the Vestry on Wednesday evening, when the Rev. D. Hughes Jones presided. Excellent papers were read on: "Handel - his life and works," by Mr. Thomas Walters, Brynteg; and "Woman's Indebtedness to Christianity," by Mrs. Edith Cole Jones, Bryngoleu. The following took part in the discussion: the chairman, Messrs. Daniel Rowlands, Rees Rees, Rhys. D. Jenkins, and Evan Evans. Miss Ceridwen Thomas sang "He was despised" (Handel) and Mr. James Jones sang "Y Bachgen Dewr." Mr. Thomas Walters presided at the organ.

5 March 1910 Noddfa Literary and Mutual Improvement Society The weekly meeting of the Society was held at the Vestry on Thursday evening week, and was presided over by Mr. Williams. Two excellent papers were read on, "Which has the more influence over the child - the mother or the father?" Mrs. Price, White Horse Inn, Pentwyn, spoke in support of the mother, and Mr. John Williams, Martin-street, in support of the father. There was a very appreciative audience. The following took part in the discussion: Miss Gertrude Williams, Miss Judith Jenkins, Mrs. David Jones, Miss Rachel Walters, Mr. Thomas Evans senior, Mr. Thomas Evans junior, and Mr. Albert Walters. Both papers were read in Welsh. To conclude the evening, solos were sung by Miss E. A. Evans and Miss Enid Evans.

12 March 1910 Noddfa Literary and Mutual Improvement Society: Soiree The members of the Society promoted a social and entertainment on Tuesday to commemorate Dewi Sant. The members partook of a splendid spread. The following ladies assisted at the tables: Mrs. J. Lewis Mr. M. Davies Miss L. Williams, Miss G. Williams, and Miss S. E. Williams. After the spread, a fine Welsh programme was gone through, over which Mr. H. Williams presided, in the absence of Rev. M. S. Young, through illness. The meeting was opened with a song from Mr. Thomas Evans, after which an address was given by Police Sergeant Williams on Dewi Sant. Messrs. Thomas Evans, Albert Walters, John Jones, Richard Evans, and Samuel Evans also spoke. Others who contributed to the programme were: solos, Miss Mary Rees; violin duet, Messrs Sydney Phillips and Austin Price; solo, Miss Mary Davies, solo, Miss E. A. Williams; solo, Miss Enid Evans. During the evening, several persons were fined for the introduction of English words into their speeches. The singing of the National Anthem brought an enjoyable evening to a close.

12 March 1910 Carmel Literary and Mutual Improvement Society: Social A social was held on Tuesday in connection with the Society to commemorate Dewi Sant. The chapel was decorated for the occasion with flags, with the motto of the Welsh dragon, with leeks, whilst every member carried the same badge. An elaborate programme had been drawn up, everything being conducted in Welsh. The Rev. D. Hughes Jones presided, and addresses were given by the following: "Dewi Sant" - Rev. D. H. Jones; "Wales and education" - Miss E. Jones; "Wales and politics" - Mr. George Thomas; "The religious element in the Welsh nation" - Mr. Evan M. Davies. Others who took part were: recitations - "Mr. Moody, y Fam, a'r Plentyn," and "Ond," Mr. David Evans, Aelybryn; solos - "Cartref," and "Ar Hyd y Nos," (to words on Dewi Sant composed by Rev. D. H. Jones) - Miss E. Jones; solo - "Canwn Gerddi Cymru" - Miss Ceridwen Thomas; solo - "Baner Ein Gwlad" - Mr. Wm. Morris; solo - "Gwlad y Delyn" - Mr. Wm. Griffiths; solo - "Gwlad yr Eisteddfodau" - Mr. Caradoc Shankland; duets, Messrs. Shankland and Morris; Welsh airs - "Gogoniant I Gymru," "Pa Wlad fel Cymru Lan?" and "Hen Wlad fy Nhadau" (new arrangement), by the Female Party; readings - selections from "Rhys Lewis" (by Daniel Owen) - Mr. Thomas Lewis, Mr. R. D. Jenkins, and Mrs. E. Cole Jones. The accompanist was Mr. Thomas Walters. The large gathering partook of a fine spread, the following ladies presiding at the tables: Mrs. Howell Thomas, Mrs. David Jones, Mrs. David Davies, Mrs. John Davies, Mrs. J. Phillips, Mrs. Thomas Thomas, Mrs. Howell Jones, Mrs. David J. Thomas, Miss Rachel Walters, Miss M Rees, and Miss Rachel M. Walters. A short address on "The Characteristics of the Welsh" was given by Mr. Evan Evans. The singing of the Welsh National Anthem brought the proceedings to a close.

26 March 1910 Lecture A very interesting Welsh lecture was given at Noddfa on Monday evening on "Yr Hen Flaenor," by the Rev. J. D. Hughes, Blaenwaun, who gave the large audience a rich treat. The chair was taken by Dr. Eleazer Davies.

26 March 1910 Pentwyn Church On Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock, the Rev. Thomas Rees, vicar, occupied the pulpit, and preached his annual memorial sermon to a very large congregation. A large number of people visited the churchyard during the day, and many of the graves were covered with flowers.

26 March 1910 Noddfa Literary and Mutual Improvement Society: Dress and Character The weekly meeting of the Society was held at the Vestry on Thursday evening week, and was presided over by Rev. Moses S. Young. An interesting paper was read by Mr. George Phillips on "Why I am a Baptist." A discussion followed, in which many members took part.

26 March 1910 Carmel Literary and Mutual Improvement Society The weekly meeting of the Society was held at the Vestry on Wednesday evening, when the Rev. D. Hughes Jones presided. A very interesting debate took place on "Should the Church provide for games and amusements?" The affirmative was taken by Miss Ceridwen Thomas, and the negative by Mr. Daniel Rowlands. The following took part in the debate: Messrs. Evan Evans, Evan M. Davies, Thomas Lewis, Rhys D. Jenkins, Rees Rees, Thomas Thomas, and the Chairman. A solo was contributed by Mr. Thos. George Davies, and a recitation was given by Miss C. Thomas, Brynteg. Mr. Thomas Walters was the accompanist.

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St Mary's Church A three hours' service was held on Good Friday from 12 to 3 o'clock when an address was delivered by the Rev. Robert Jones, curate-in-charge, on "The Seven Words spoken from the Cross." Master Richards presided at the organ.

2 April 1910 Carmel Literary and Mutual Improvement Society The weekly meeting of the Society was held at the Vestry on Wednesday evening, when the Rev. D. Hughes Jones presided. Excellent papers were read on "Women of the Bible" by Miss A. G. Williams, and "Two Books: Some Impressions," by Miss Elizabeth Jones. Messrs. Evan Evans, Daniel Rowlands, Rhys D. Jenkins, Thomas Lewis, and the chairman took part in the discussion. The Rev. D. H. Jones complimented the readers.

"Merthyr Express" 9 April 1910

Carmel Literary and Mutual Improvement Society The weekly meeting of the Society was held at the Vestry on Wednesday evening, when the Rev. D. Hughes Jones presided. Mr. Thos. H. Llewellyn read a paper on "Libraries" which was much appreciated. Messrs. Rhys D. Jenkins, Thomas Lewis, Thomas Walters and the chairman took part in the discussion. A pianoforte solo was given by Miss Annie Evans, and a soprano solo by Miss Mary A. Walters. Mr. Thomas Walters was the accompanist.

9 April 1910 St Mary's Church The annual Vestry meeting was held at the Institute on Wednesday evening, when a good number were present. The Rev. Thomas Rees, vicar, presided. The accounts were presented by Mr. Joseph Payne, and read by the Vicar. Mr. Payne was warmly thanked for his services, as were the past year's sidesman. The following sidesmen were elected for the coming year: curate's sidesmen, Messrs. Josiah Richards, Percy Pike and William Curtis; parishioner's sidesman: Messrs. William Davies, Charles Payne, and William Payne. Mr. William Lewis, superintendent of the Sunday School, was warmly thanked for his services, and re-elected. The teachers were also thanked. Master Octavius Richards was thanked for his faithfulness, as was Miss E. C. Morgan. Thanks were also accorded Mr. John Williams, choirmaster, and the Dramatic Society, for their performances which had realised about the £130 towards the building fund. A vote of thanks to the vicar and to Mr. Robert Jones, curate-in-charge, brought in very harmonious meeting to a close.

16 April 1910 Carmel Literary and Mutual Improvement Society The last of the series of weekly meetings of the Society was held at the Vestry on Wednesday evening, when the Rev. D. Hughes Jones presided. The meetings have been very successful, enthusiasm being maintained to the end. A very interesting lecture on "Mynyddog" was given at the last meeting by the Rev. E. O. Evans, Bedlinog, which was much appreciated by all present.

16 April 1910 Personal The numerous friends of the Rev. Moses S. Young, pastor of Noddfa Baptist Chapel, will be pleased to learn of his recovery from his recent illness. He has again taken up his duties at the church.

23 April 1910 Pentwyn Church The first annual meeting since the re-opening of the Church, to pass accounts and appoint sidesman, was held at the vestry on Wednesday evening week, and was presided over by the Rev. T. Rees, vicar. The accounts were presented by Mr. Joseph Payne, lay reader. They were considered highly satisfactory, and unanimously passed. The following were elected sidesman: Messrs. David Jones, Penybank; Frank Atwell; Thomas Jones; and M. Parry, Pentwyn. The Vicar heartily thanked Mr. Payne, and all who helped in the work of the Church. Mr. T. Baldwin, on behalf of the people, also spoke in glowing terms of the work which Mr. Payne was doing in the Church. Mr. Payne thanked the sidesmen, the organist (Mrs. Everett), Mr. Mantle, Mr. Evan Jones, Mr. Morgan Parry, Mr. Wood (conductor of the choir), and others who had rendered assistance.

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Noddfa Chapel On Sunday evening, a service in memory of the late Mr. John Edwards, Martin-street, was held at the Chapel. The pastor preached an impressive sermon. “The Dead March” was played on the organ by Miss Lilian Williams. The singing was conducted by Mr. Thomas Evans, junior.

14 May 1910 Annual Tea Party The people of Nazareth held their annual tea party on Monday last in ideal weather. The tables were tastefully laid, and ample justice was done to all the good things that were provided. The following ladies superintended at the tables: Mrs. David Jones, Mrs. Elias Davies, Mrs. J. D. Jones, Mrs. Isaac Roderick, Mrs. Maggie Davis, Miss Elizabeth Ann Parry, Mrs. Sam Evans, Mrs. Hopkins, Mrs. J. Jones, Miss Jennie Jones. Assistance was also given by Mrs. Captain Jones, Mrs. T. Robert, Mrs. James Evans, Miss Gwenny Rees, Miss Beatrice Jones, and Messrs. Peter Jones, James Lawrence, John Lawrence, Tom Lawrence, Willie John Angell, Roderick Jones, Edward Parry, and Rev. Isaac Roderick.

21 May 1910 Bazaar A bazaar is being held at the Council Schools this week promoted by the members of the Noddfa Baptist Chapel.

28 May 1910 Bazaar at Fochriw A very successful bazaar was held at the Fochriw Council Schools on Wednesday and Thursday week. It was promoted by the members of the Noddfa Baptist Church, with the object of raising a substantial sum to liquidate the heavy debt on the Church, which was rebuilt at great cost about seven years ago, and is now one of the finest in the village. Large numbers attended the bazaar, which was a great success. On the first day, a portion of scripture was read by the pastor, who also engaged in prayer. The opening solo was sung by Miss Annie Rees, Dowlais. Mrs. Dr. Davies opened the bazaar, and was presented with a bouquet by Mr. Thomas Evans senior. Miss Annie Rees was presented with a bouquet by Miss Irene Phillips. The second day opened in similar fashion, the opening solo being given by Mr. Tom Phillips, Dowlais. Mr. George Phillips opened the bazaar, and he was presented with a bouquet by Miss A. M. Thomas. Mr. Tom Phillips received a bouquet from Miss May Evans. The officials of the bazaar were: president - Rev. M. S. Young; lady president - Mrs J. Williams, Brynawel; treasurer – Mrs. G. Phillips, grocer; secretary – Mrs. Capt. Edwards, the Anchorage. The following are the stall-holders: Plain Needlework: Mrs. Matthews, Mrs. A. Walters, Mrs. Edith Morgan, Mrs. Evans (Penybank), Mrs. C. M. Jones, and Mrs. M. A. Jenkins; Fancy Stalls: Mrs. Price (Pentwyn), Miss May Evans, Mrs. Davies, Miss Bevan, Mrs. A. M. Thomas, Mrs. Staddon; Toy Stall: Mrs. Thomas Evans Miss Rowena Edwards, Mrs. M. Pugh, and Miss Olwen Edwards; Sweets Stall: Mrs. P.S. Williams, Miss M. S. Edwards, Miss Janet Jones, Mrs. J. Davies Miss S. P. Williams, Miss Maggie Evans, Mrs. R. M. Walters, Mrs. J. Harries; Fruit and Flower Stall: Miss Beatrice Jones, Miss M. Davies, Miss E. A. Williams, and Miss L Thomas; Bachelors' Stall: Messrs. G. Thomas, W. H Jones, Tom Evans, Sydney Phillips, Johnny Williams, and Joshua Evans; Refreshment Stalls: Mrs. J. Lewis, Mrs. J. Evans, Miss J. Thomas, Mrs. Catherine Thomas, Mrs. R. Davies, Mrs. Rees Thomas, Mrs. E. J. Evans, and Mrs. T. Price. The Call Office: Miss M Rees and Miss Dinah Thomas. The following competitions were held: stocking mending for gentleman, hat trimming for gentleman, washing competition for gentleman, nail driving for ladies, unpunctuated reading competition for ladies and gentlemen (Welsh). The Bran Tub was in the charge of Miss Bessie Rees and Miss Hilda Phillips, and the "shooting" in charge of Mr. Mordecai William. The "Hoop-la" was managed by Mr. Thomas Evans junior, and Mr. Ben Thomas. The "electric battery" was in the charge of Mr. David Harris, and the "Aunt Sally" was managed by Mr. David Price. Each day, successful entertainments were given by the children, under the conductorship of the Miss Lilian Williams, with Miss Gertrude Williams at the piano. Variety entertainments were given each evening by Mr. William Payne and Company, which concluded with a laughable sketch entitled "The Police Court," in which the following took part: Messrs. W. J. Payne, Wat Williams (who also gave an exhibition with the handcuffs), Harry Hughes, Levi Pritchard, and Percy Pike. Messrs. Sam and John Evans had charge of the entertainments. Selections were given at intervals during each day on the phonograph which was manipulated by Mr. George Cheeke.

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Ordination at Fochriw: Councillor Becomes a Minister Councillor Rhys Jenkins was ordained into the full work of the ministry at Carmel Welsh Congregational Chapel on Monday. There was a large congregation, which was presided over by the pastor, Rev. D. Hughes Jones. The following ministers were present: Revs. R. E. Peregrine, Rhymney; E. W. Williams, Hirwain; E. James, Carmarthenshire; J. R. Salmon, Pontlottyn; T. J. Jenkins, Nantymoel; J. E. Jones, Dowlais; Moses Young, Fochriw; Isaac Roderick, Fochriw. The Rev. T. Jenkins introduced the meeting, and Mr. R. D Jenkins gave a brief profession of his faith. Addresses were given by the Rev E. W. Williams, chairman and secretary of the North Glamorgan Congregational Association, and the following: Mr. Thomas Lewis and Dr. Eleazer Davies (on behalf of the church); Revs. I. Roderick and M. S. Young, Fochriw; Revs. Sayers, T. H. Jenkins, R. E. Peregrine, J. R. Salmon, Ll. Davies, J. G. Jones and Edryd Jones. Coun. Rhys Jenkins is a native of Fochriw, where he has spent the best part of his life. He was educated at the Memorial College,

Brecon. He is a Welsh scholar, and has for several sessions conducted Welsh classes at Deri and Fochriw. He is also a fine essayist, and has several times adjudicated at Eisteddfodau. He has taken an active part in public life for a number of years, and is at present a member of the Gellygaer District Council. He is one of the Gellygaer school managers, and is a member of two committees of the Welsh Congregational Association. Besides being a deacon at Carmel Chapel, and corresponding secretary, he has for years been secretary of the local Liberal Association, and is an ardent supporter of Sir Alfred Thomas, M.P.

2 July 1910 Scripture Examination The result of the scripture examination held last April for the children at Nazareth chapel is to hand. It is very creditable to the Rev. Isaac Roderick, their teacher, that out of eight who sat the examination, seven passed very highly in the first Division, and one in the Second Division. One of the candidates was placed fourth on the list of 700 candidates. The examination is arranged by the Sunday School Union of the Calvinistic Methodist Connexion in East Glamorgan. It is by no means an easy examination. On Sunday, Mr. J. D. Jones (School House) distributed certificates to the following children who were successful: Mary Jane Jones, Maggie Davies, Katie Jones Davies, Mary Edgar, Annie Maude Jones, Doris Davies, Mattie Jones, Hettie Edgar. Mr. Jones urged all the children to cultivate themselves in every field of knowledge. He was glad to note that every one of them had written their answers in Welsh at the examination.

9 July 1910 Outings The members and scholars of Carmel Chapel had their outing on Monday when Talybont-on-Usk was visited by over 400 people. The weather was exceedingly favourable, and a very enjoyable day was spent. Two splendid meals were provided for the children and adults. A number of ladies and gentlemen from Fochriw rendered great assistance. A field had also been provided for the children in which to play.

Nazareth Sunday school scholars went to Llangorse. Most visitors took advantage of boating on the lake. Many historical places in the district were visited. Mr. Roderick Jones was the secretary of the trip, and Mr. Peter Jones was the treasurer. Pianoforte solos were played during luncheon hours by Mr. Roderick Jones and Miss Katie Jones Davies.

The majority of Noddfa Sunday school and Penybank Sunday school children visited Brecon. A large number of the older members of the Church were present. Many went boating on the river, whilst the Barracks and the College Buildings were also visited. Refreshments were provided at one of the Temperance hotels.

23 July 1910 Bazaar The bazaar which was recently held in aid of the Noddfa Baptist building fund, proved a great success. A clear profit of £140 was realised. Great praise is due to all helped to make the bazaar a success.

6 August 1910 Tea and Sports St. Mary's and Pentwyn Churches held their annual tea, demonstration and sports on Thursday last. The demonstration was headed by the Fochriw Brass Band, and after parading the streets, they returned to St. Mary's Institute, where a splendid tea was provided. The sports were held at Pentwyn, and owing to the bad weather, some of the events were postponed.

17 September 1910 Noddfa Chapel The annual preaching meetings in connection with this Church were held on Sunday and Monday and were well attended. Inspiring sermons were delivered by the Rev. S. G. Bowen (Pembrokeshire), and the Rev. D. Lloyd (Holyhead), the former preaching a most effective sermon on Sunday evening which was much appreciated by all present. The singing, which was of a very high standard, was conducted by Messrs. Thomas Evans and Sam Evans. The organists were Miss Lilian Williams and Miss Hilda Phillips.

“Merthyr Express” 1 October 1910

Carmel Chapel The pulpit was occupied on Sunday by Professor Lewis of Aberystwyth College.

8 October 1910 Dedication Festival A dedication service was held at St. Mary's Church on Thursday evening last, when the pulpit was occupied by the Rev. D. Davies, vicar of Rhymney, who preached an appropriate sermon from II Kings, ii., 14.

15 October 1910 Carmel Chapel A students' gymanfa was held at the chapel on Sunday, when the pulpit was occupied by three students of the Collegiate School, Pontypridd. Two English and three Welsh sermons were preached during the day. Mr. David Davies conducted the singing, and Mr. Thomas Walters presided at the organ.

15 October 1910 Noddfa Chapel Thanksgiving services were held on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and were well attended. On Sunday, the Rev. M. S. Young preached appropriate and inspiring sermons. Mr. Thos. Evans junior conducted the singing, and Miss Lilian Williams and Miss Hilda Phillips were the organists.

22 October 1910 Carmel Literary and Mutual Improvement Society The first of the winter series of meetings of the Society was held at the Vestry on Wednesday evening. Rev. D. Hughes Jones presided. An excellent Welsh lecture entitled "Trem ar Gymru yn bresenol," was given by the Rev. R. E. Peregrine, Rhymney.

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Nazareth Chapel The annual preaching services were held on Sunday and Monday. The preachers were the Revs. Davies, Llandilo, and Moses Evans, Blaengarw. The singing was conducted by Mr. Wm. Morris, with Mr. Roderick Jones at the organ.

29 October 1910 Carmel Literary and Mutual Improvement Society The weekly meeting of the Society was held at the Vestry on Wednesday evening. Rev. D. Hughes Jones presided. Excellent paper on "The Place of Religion in Life" was read by Mr. James Williams, Pentwyn. A keen discussion followed in which the Rev. Rhys D. Jenkins and Mr. Thomas Lewis took part.

29 October 1910 St. Mary's Church Harvest thanksgiving services were held on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday. The preachers on Sunday were the Rev. R. Jones, curate-in-charge, and the Rev. Thomas Rees, vicar of Pontlottyn; on Monday, the Rev. J. Davies, Deri, (Welsh); on Tuesday, the Rev. E. T. McNamara, Clydach Vale. There were large congregations. The lessons were read by Mr. Josiah Richards. The singing was conducted by Mr. John Williams (Llew Brycheiniog), with Master O. Richards was at the organ.

5 November 1910 Carmel Literary and Mutual Improvement Society The weekly meeting of the Society was held at the Vestry on Wednesday evening. Rev. D. Hughes Jones presided. An excellent paper was read by Mr. Thomas Lewis on "Which is supreme - Bible, Church or Conscience?" In the discussion which followed, Messrs. George Thomas, Thomas Thomas, James Williams, E. M. Davies, and the chairman took part.

5 November 1910 Entertainment The first in a series of popular entertainments was given at the Pentwyn Church Vestry on Monday evening, presided over by Mr. Joseph Payne. There was a good attendance. An excellent programme was contributed to by the following: recitation, Miss Ceridwen Davies; solo - "Power from God" Miss M. Tyler; recitation, Miss Rachel Davies; solo, Miss Mary Watkins; recitation - "The effects of Wine," Mrs. S. J. Williams; duet, "Waiting and Watching for me," Mrs. Lewis and Miss Mary Tyler; recitation "The old brandy bottle" Mr. Archer; comic song, Mr. Bert Tyler, which was encored; recitation "The Burial of Sir John Moore" Miss Irene Davies; duet, "Beyond the smiling and the weeping," Mrs. Lewis and Mrs. Morgan; short address, Mr. John Wood; recitation "Man the lifeboat" Mr. W. Gwynne; solo, Miss Blodwen Watkins; solo, Miss Sarah Williams. Several selections were given on the photograph manipulated by Mr. William Parry.

5 November 1910 Pentwyn Church Harvest Thanksgiving services were held on Wednesday evening week and on Sunday, and were very well attended. On Thursday evening, the Rev. T. Evans, Merthyr Vale, preached an inspiring sermon. On Sunday morning, Mr. J. C. Payne, lay reader, was the preacher. In the evening, the Rev. T. Rees, vicar, preached an inspiring sermon, and warmly congratulating the Pentwyn people for their noble work in renovating the old Church. It was a voluntary work, a labour of love; and therefore, was one of the best gifts that could be offered God. The singing was conducted by Mr. John Wood, and Mr. Harry Hughes presided at the organ. The Church was beautifully decorated. The fruit was given to the aged and sick of the District, and to the Penybank Hospital, and the Workhouse Infirmary, Merthyr. The vegetables, etc, were disposed of by Mr. Morgan Parry and Mrs. Lewis at the vestry, on Monday night, and the proceeds given to the Llandaff Church Extension Society.

12 November 1910 Carmel Literary and Mutual Improvement Society The weekly meeting of the Society was held at the Vestry on Wednesday evening. Rev. D. Hughes Jones presided. A debate took place on "Should Labour be supported?" Mr. Evan Morgan Davies, Pentwyn, took the affirmative, and Mr. William Walters, Fochriw, the negative. A discussion followed the reading of the papers in which at the following took part: Messrs. Daniel Rowlands, Rees Rees, George Thomas and Job Thomas. The meeting favoured the support of Labour. A duet, rendered in find style by Miss M. A. Walters and Miss Hannah Jones, brought the very pleasant evening to a close.

12 November 1910 Entertainment The first in a series of popular entertainments was given at the Church Institute on Tuesday night, Mr. Charles Payne presiding. The programme, which was a really good one, was contributed to by the following: song, Master Charles Edwards; recitation, Master Brinley Sibley; song, Master James Sheady; recitations, Miss Maggie Prosser, Miss Blodwen Watkins, Miss C. Edwards; song, Miss Violet Curtis, Miss Gwenny Gough, Master Freddy Lewis, Miss Ivy Curtis, Miss Mary J. Cole; recitations, Master Samuel Gough, Miss Laura Harris, Miss Rowena Harris, Miss Gwenny Gough; song, Master Johnny Cole.

12 November 1910 Mission at Noddfa Chapel The chapel was well-attended on Tuesday and Wednesday, the occasion being a special mission conducted by the Rev. Frederick Verralls, assisted by the Rev. E. R. James and Mrs. James of Dowlais, the latter being the soloist at each meeting. By his somewhat novel methods, Mr. Verralls roused the large congregation to great enthusiasm, which continued for well over two hours. The people were loathe to leave, but the meeting ended at 9p.m. (having begun at 6.30) with "Wales for Christ" having been heartily sung. Rev. Young thanked Mr.

Verralls, saying that they would always remember his visit with gratitude. Each minister in the district was present and supported the mission.

19 November 1910 Carmel Literary and Mutual Improvement Society The weekly meeting of the Society was held at the Vestry on Wednesday evening. Rev. D. Hughes Jones presided. A paper on "St Paul" was read by Mrs. Dr. Davies. Mrs. E. Cole Jones, Messrs. Thomas Lewis, James Williams, Geo. Thomas, Wm. Lewis, and William Walters took part in the discussion. Recitations were given by Miss Sarah Jane Williams and M. Griffiths.

19 November 1910 St. Mary's Institute A very successful entertainment was held on Tuesday night, the following contributing to the programme: solos, Masters C. Edwards, B. Sibley, W. Way, J. Sheady, O. Richards; recitations, Masters A. Prosser, F. Lewis, John Rees Walters, Samuel Gough, John Cole, Edwin Jones. A singing competition took place in which the following competed: Willie Way, Nan Prosser, Mabel Curtis, Violet Curtis, Octavius Richards, James Sheady. The test piece was "Who is This?" from the hymn book. A prize of 2s 6d was given by Mr. John Williams, and this was divided between Miss Mabel Curtis and Master Octavius Richards. Mr. Charles Payne presided.

19 November 1910 Entertainment Another in the series of popular entertainments was given at the Pentwyn Church Vestry on Monday evening, presided over by Mr. Morgan Parry, Pentwyn. The following was the programme: recitation, Miss Irene Davies; solo "Behold Him" - Miss S. Williams; recitation "Till the sea gives up its dead" - Miss Mary Lewis; recitation "Life's Mirror" - Miss Blodwen Watkins; solo, "Thou wast once on mother's knee" - Miss Mary Watkins; recitation, 23rd Psalm, Miss Alice Mills; recitation "The Bird's Complaint" - Miss Catherine Watkins; solo "Farmer's Waggoner" - Mr A. Tyler; solo "I shall know him" - Miss Mary Tyler; solo "Have you been with Jesus" - Miss B. Watkins; recitation "The Legend of Artaban" - Mr. James Williams; comic song "That's the reason noo I wear a Kilt" - Mr. Arthur Pritchard; solo "Heaven" - Miss S. J. Williams; trio, Mrs. M. Lewis, Miss M. Tyler, Mr. J. C. Payne; comic song, "The hob-nailed boot my father wore" - Mr. A. Pritchard; solo "Waiting and Watching for me" - Mrs. F. Morgan; solo "The Heavenly Song" - Mrs. M. Lewis; recitation "Elwin a Bronwen" - Miss Mary Morgan. Several items were given on the gramophone manipulated by Mr. Wm. Parry.

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Confirmation At the Parish Church, Pontlottyn, on Tuesday night, seven candidates from St. Mary's, and five from Pentwyn Churches, presented themselves for confirmation.

26 November 1910 Carmel Literary and Mutual Improvement Society The weekly meeting of the Society was held at the Vestry on Wednesday evening. Rev. D. Hughes Jones presided. An excellent Welsh paper was read by Mr. David John Thomas entitled "Dylanwad Cerddoriaeth ar Fywyd." Miss Lizzie Lones, Mr. Rees Rees and Mr. Wm. Walters took part in the discussion.

26 November 1910 Entertainment Another in the series of popular entertainments was given at the Pentwyn Church Vestry on Monday evening, presided over by Mr. John Wood. The following contributed to the programme: solos: Misses Winnie Pritchard, Blodwen Watkins, Mary Tyler, Mary Watkins, Mrs. F. Morgan, Mr. Albert Tyler; recitations: Misses S. J. Williams, B. Watkins, Maggie Sarah Martin, Catherine Watkins, Maggie Morgan, B. Watkins and Mrs. W. Gwynne; mouth organ solo, Mr. F. Attwell. Several gramophone selections were also given.

10 December 1910 Carmel Chapel The half yearly meetings of the above Church were held on Sunday and Monday, when the following ministers officiated: Rev. Professor Joseph Jones, Brecon College; the Rev. Rowland Hughes, Tylorstown; Rev. R. E. Peregrine, Rhymney. The attendance was good throughout, and very edifying and inspiring sermons were delivered by the reverend gentleman. The Rev. D. Hughes Jones, pastor, supervised the services.

10 December 1910 Entertainment Another of the series of popular entertainments was held at the Pentwyn Church Vestry on Monday night. A good number attended, and the chair was occupied by Mr. Morgan Parry. The programme was contributed to by the following: recitations - Master Willie Davies, Miss Sarah Evans, Miss Sarah Williams, Master William Williams, Miss E. A. Davies, and Master John Alban Davies; solos - Misses Mary Watkins, Ceredwen Davies, Maggie Morgan, Agnes Tyler, Blodwen Williams, S. J. Williams, Mary Tyler, Blodwen Watkins, Mr. Morgan Parry, and Master R. G. Attwell; comic songs - Messrs. Albert Tyler, Ernest Jones, and Miss Blodwen Watkins; duet - Mrs. Morgan and Mrs. Lewis; trio - Mrs. Lewis, Miss Mary Tyler, and Miss Mary Lewis. A mouth organ competition took place, and the prize, which was given by Mr. Morgan Parry, was awarded to Mr. Ernest Jones. The adjudicator was Mr. William J. George, Pentwyn. Several selections were given on the gramophone manipulated by Mr. Morgan Parry. Mr. J. C. Payne thanked the artistes for their contributions.

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Carmel Chapel On Thursday evening, the Rev. G. Pennar Griffiths, Pentere-Estyll, paid a visit to Carmel, and delivered an instructive lecture on "Erynwyr Cymru." The speaker is a well-known bard, and the author of some excellent hymns. This enabled him to speak with a great deal of authority on the

hymnology of Wales in the past. There was a good attendance. The chairman, Dr. Eleazer Davies, spoke very enthusiastically of the lecture. A vote of thanks was proposed by the Rev. Isaac Roderick, and seconded by the Rev. Moses Young.

17 December 1910 Entertainment Another of the series of popular entertainments was held at the Pentwyn Church Vestry on Monday night. A good number attended, and the chair was occupied by the Mr. J. C. Payne. The programme was contributed to by the following: recitations - Miss M. S. Martin, Master Wm. T. Williams, Miss Catherine Watkins, Miss S. J. Williams; solos - Messrs. Thomas Jones, J. C. Payne, Morgan Parry, Miss Mary Tyler, Mrs. Morgan, Miss Blodwen Watkins, Miss Agnes Tyler, Miss Winnie Pritchard, Master Leonard Angell, Miss Ceredwen Davies, duet - Miss Catherine and Miss Blodwen Watkins, who were accompanied on the accordion; solo - Miss Mary Tyler, accompanied on the violin by Mr. W. J. Jones; comic songs - Mr. Arthur Pritchard; duet Miss Blodwen Williams and Miss Mary Watkins. Selections were given on the gramophone manipulated by Messrs. W. J. Jones and Morgan Parry.

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Carmel Literary and Mutual Improvement Society The weekly meeting of the Society was held at the Vestry on Wednesday evening. Rev. D. Hughes Jones presided. An excellent paper on "Gillsby Jones" was read by Mr. Geo. Thomas. The following took part in the discussion: the Chairman, Rev. D. Hughes Jones, Messrs James Williams and Thomas Lewis.

24 December 1910 Entertainment A successful entertainment was held at the St. Mary's Institute on Tuesday night, presided over by Mr. Chas. Payne. The following contributed to the programme: solos, Master Gilbert Harris, Miss N. Prosser, Master O. Richards, Miss G. Gough, Miss M. Gough; duet, Misses G. & M. Gough; quartette, Messrs. P. Pike, W. Curtis, Misses M. Prosser & M. Curtis; recitations, Masters G. Harris, D. Woods, Sammy Gough. An enjoyable evening was brought to a close by the playing of an enjoyable sketch by Mr. Willie Curtis and Misses Nan Prosser and Mabel Curtis.

24 December 1910 Entertainment Another of the series of popular entertainments was held at the Pentwyn Church Vestry on Monday night. A good number attended, and the chair was occupied by Mr. John Wood. The programme was contributed to by the following: recitations - Masters W. T. Williams, Willie Davies, Misses E. A. Davies, Irene Davies, M. A. Jones, B. Watkins; solos, Misses B. Williams, W. Pritchard, M. Tyler, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. J. C. Payne; quartette, Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Payne, Mrs. Wood. Several selections on the phonograph, manipulated by Mr. M. Parry, were given; duet, Masters L. Angell and W. T. Williams; song, Master W. T. Morgan.

24 December 1910 Concert A successful concert was held at St. Mary's Institute on Thursday last, and an excellent programme was gone through. The chair was occupied by the Rev. Robert Jones, who opened the proceedings with an interesting address. The programme was contributed to by the following: pianoforte solo, Masters O. Richards; bass solo, Mr. Crad Shankland; soprano solo, Mrs. Probert, Pontlottyn; recitation, Mr. Lewis Jones, Penydarren; contralto solo, Miss Richards, Pontlottyn; tenor solo, Mr. Evan Lewis, Penydarren; comic song, Mr. Turner, Rhymney, (encored). Each artiste then gave a second item, together with Mr. A. Morris, Penydarren, who gave a recitation. Mr. Daniel I. Jones, Pontlottyn, was at the piano. The proceeds are in aid of the building fund.

“Merthyr Express” 31 December 1910

Christmas Tree The children of Carmel were given a large number of Christmas presents on Saturday afternoon from a Christmas tree. Miss Lizzie Jones deserves much praise for the manner in which she carried out the programme.

31 December 1910 Siloh At Siloh, Penybank, a Christmas tree was provided for the children. Credit is due to Rev. M. S. Young, Mr. Williams, and the Misses E. A. Williams and Mary Davies, for their efforts to make the occasion a success.

31 December 1910 Noddfa Chapel The children of Noddfa Chapel were the recipients of many presents and sweets etc., on Christmas Eve. A Christmas tree had been tastefully decorated by Rev. M. S. Young, Miss L. Williams and Miss G. Williams, and many others helped to ensure that the children spent a very happy time.

31 December 1910 Social A social was held at Carmel Vestry in connection with the Mutual Improvement Society. There was a fine spread prepared, and the following ladies presided: Mrs. J. Lewis, Mrs. W. Griffiths, Mrs. J. Griffiths, Mrs. A. Williams, Mrs. J. Turner, Mrs. H. Jones, Miss R. Walters. The programme was contributed to by the following: duett, Miss E Jones and Miss J. A. Jenkins; recitations, Messrs. James Williams, Harry Hughes, Miss Jennie Ross. In an impromptu speech competition, Mr. D. J., Thomas was the winner. The Rev. D. Hughes Jones presided.

31 December 1910 St. Mary's Church At St. Mary's Institute on Christmas Eve, a Christmas tree was provided for the children. It was loaded with books and toys, which were handed to the children by the Rev. R. Jones, assisted by Messrs. Charles Payne and Wm. Lewis. Mr. William Thomas took his part as Santa Claus exceedingly well. Credit is due to Mr. William Williams, superintendent of the Sunday

school, who was instrumental in securing the prizes for the children. An address on Santa Clause was given by Mr. Charles Payne. The following contributed to be programme: songs, Miss Maggie Gough, Miss G. Williams, Master O. Richards; recitations, Masters S. Llewellyn, Willie Jones, Willie Evans, Miss M. James; song, Gilbert Harris. In an impromptu speech competition, the winner was Master Eddie Jones.

31 December 1910 Pentwyn Church A very successful Christmas tree and entertainment were provided at Pentwyn Church Vestry on Friday evening, Mr. J. C. Payne, lay reader, presiding. An excellent programme of music etc. was contributed to by the following: solo, Miss Blodwen Watkins recitation, Miss M. S. Martin; solo, Miss Mary Tyler; comic song, Mr. Ernest Jones; duett, Mr. Payne and Mrs. Lewis; solo, Mrs. Coggin; comic song, Mr. Albert Tyler; solo, Mr. Tom Jones. Several choruses were given by the Misses Mary Tyler, Ceredwen Davies, Mary Lewis, Irene Garrett, Mary Watkins, S. J. Williams, Blodwen Williams, Maggie Morgan, Mary Morgan, and Catherine Watkins. Mr. Payne then thanked all who had taken an interest in the Sunday School, especially the teachers who worked so hard. The school was in a flourishing state, and he appealed for additional teachers to help in the coming year. He paid high tribute to Mr. Tom Baldwin, the school secretary. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Sparks (Brecon and Merthyr Railway Inspector) for the gift of the tree. The room was gaily decorated, and the tree was loaded with presents. Books were presented to the scholars, and a large quantity of toys and oranges were also given.

31 December 1910 Fochriw United Singing Festival The annual singing festival in connection with the three chapels was held on Boxing Day at Carmel Chapel, when the sacred edifice was packed throughout the day. The morning session was for children, and the service was commenced by Miss Ceredwen Thomas, Martin-street, reciting the second chapter of St. Matthew, and the Reverend Isaac Roderick leading with prayer. Addresses were given by the Rev. M. S. Young, and Isaac Roderick. The following tunes were sung: "Cenhadon bach y'm ni," "Clychau'n Canu," "Gawn ni fyn'd i'r Nef i ganu?" "Carwn fyw fel Iesu," "O! mor hawddgar ydyw'r Iesu," and "Dring i Fyny." The Rev. Rhys D. Jenkins presided. In the afternoon meeting, the Rev. Isaac Roderick presided and the following tunes were sung: "Pendaren," "Berlin," "Yr Hen Ganfed," "Salm Don," "Beckwith," "Margaret," "Leipsic," "San Martini," "Altorf," "Bethel." The evening meeting was presided over by the Rev. M. S. Young, and the following tunes were sung: "San Remo," "Deerhurst," "Ardudwy," "Gobaith," "Miriam," (the successful hymn in the 1909 Festival), "Calfari," "Gwalchmai," "Rhyl," "Cynhauaf," "Andalusia." At this meeting, the "Dead March" was played in memory of the faithful members of the choir who had died since the last festival, notably the late Mr. Evan Evans, who was always prominently associated with singing. Touching reference was also made to the lamentable explosion in Lancashire, and the assembly all rose to their feet, at the request of the President, and a collection was made for the relief of the sufferers. The secretary was asked to convey the vote of sympathy and condolence to the Mayor of Bolton, and also to send the amount collected - £3 1s 4d, to the Mayor's Fund. The committee, selected by the three churches, with the officials, worked assiduously to make the Festival a success. Mr. David Davies was the conductor, and he did his work admirably. He was supported by the three accompanists: Miss Lilian Williams, Mr. Tom Walters, and Mr. Roderick Jones. The prize for the best hymn tune for children was won by "Beethoven," who transpired to be Mr. Sam Evans, Fochriw, who has won on previous occasions. The adjudicator was Mr. Sam Davies, Penrhiwceiber, whose anthem "Fy Enaid Bendithia yr Arglwydd," was sung excellently at both the afternoon and the evening meetings. The chorus, "O Father, Whose Almighty Power" (from Judas Maccabaeus) was also sung. The officials were: chairman, Mr. Daniel Rowlands; treasurer, Mr. Tom Pugh; secretary, Mr. T. H. Llewellyn.

7 January 1911 Soiree A successful soiree and sale of work, promoted by members of the Noddfa Baptist Chapel, took place at the Council Schools on Monday night. There was a large attendance. An excellent spread had been provided, to which ample justice was done by all. The stallholders were: Mrs. Phillips, Mrs. Price, Mrs. Captain Edwards and Mrs. James Williams. The 'hoop-la' was managed by Messrs. D. Thomas and J. Williams. The superintendents were Messrs. G. Thomas and Wm. H. Jones.

7 January 1911 New Year's Tree The children of Nazareth C.M. had their New Year's Tree on Monday evening, when all thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The tree was beautifully decorated with handsome toys and other precious gifts, which were presented to the children at the close of the meeting. The Rev. Isaac Roderick, in speaking to the children about the New Year's Tree, made some touching references to the 'Tree of Life.' Mrs. Capt. Jones gave an instructive address to the children. Credit is due to the following ladies for their labour of love: Mrs. I. Roderick, Mrs. T. Roberts, Mrs. Maggie Davies, and to Mrs. J. Jones, Central Stores, for supplying the children with oranges.

7 January 1911 Entertainment A very successful entertainment was held at Pentwyn Church Vestry on Thursday evening week, Mr. John Wood presiding. There was an excellent programme contributed to by the following; solo 'Thora' - Mr. J. C. Payne; solo 'Come to the Saviour' - Miss Mary Tyler; recitation 'The Village Blacksmith' - Miss Ivy

14 January 1911 Carmel Literary and Mutual Improvement Society The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Wednesday evening last, when a very large number attended to listen to excellent papers on 'John Milton' by Miss Hannah Evans, and 'Senedd Ymhoroddraethol' by Mr. Tom Walters.

21 January 1911 Carmel Literary and Mutual Improvement Society The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Wednesday evening last, and was presided over by Rev. D. Hughes Jones. A lecture on 'The Immanence of God' was given by Professor D. Miall Edwards of Brecon Memorial College. Questions were put by Messrs. George Thomas, James Williams and Evan Morgan Davies. A hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Rev. J. R. Salmon, Pontlottyn, and seconded by Rev. Rhys D. Jenkins, Fochriw.

21 January 1911 Entertainment Another in the series of popular entertainments was held at Pentwyn Vestry on Monday, and a good number attended. An excellent programme was contributed to by the following; recitations - Miss Sarah J. Williams, Miss Mary Lewis, Master Wm. T. Williams, Miss Mary Morgan, Miss Irene Garratt, Mrs. Wm. Gwynne, Master Tom Jones and Mr. Angell; solos - Misses S. J. Williams, Blodwen Williams, Aggie Tyler, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. F. Morgan, Mr. Morgan Parry, Mr. Albert Tyler, and Mr. Tom Jones. Selections were given on the gramophone, manipulated by Mr. Morgan Parry. Mr. J. C. Payne presided.

28 January 1911 Entertainment Another in the series of popular entertainments was held at Pentwyn Church Vestry on Monday evening, and there were a large number present. Mr. Payne presided and the programme was contributed to by the following: solos - Miss Ceridwen Davies, Miss Angie Tyler, Mr. J. C. Payne, Miss Blodwen Watkins, Miss Mary Tyler, Mr. Tom Jones and Mr. A. Tyler; recitations - Miss Sarah Williams, Miss E. A. Davies, Miss Sarah J. Williams; comic story - Mr. Wat. Williams; comic song - Mr. W. J. Payne; comic recitation - Mr. Wat. Williams. A laughable sketch entitled 'The Midnight Ghost,' was played by Messrs. W. J. Jones, Wat. Williams and W. J. Payne, the audience being convulsed with laughter. A singing competition took place, several taking part. The test piece was 'Lead, Kindly Light.' The prize, which was given by Mr. W. J. Payne, was divided

28 January 1911 Carmel Literary and Mutual Improvement Society The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Wednesday evening week, when an excellent debate took place on the subject 'Is Literature Decadent?' Rev. Rhys D. Jones took the affirmative, and Mrs. E. Cole Jones the negative. Both papers dealt with both English and Welsh literature, and were exceptionally good. The following took part in the debate: Messrs. Evan Morgan Davies, Thomas Thomas and James Williams. The meeting decided that literature was not decadent. Rev. D. Hughes Jones presided.

28 January 1911 Entertainment A very successful entertainment was given at St. Mary's Institute on Tuesday evening when an excellent programme was contributed to as follows: recitations - Miss Ruth Griffiths, Masters Charlie Edwards, Brinley Sibley, Miss Gwladys Williams, Miss S. G. Williams, Miss Doris Davies, Master W. T. Williams, Miss May James, Miss Lydia Cumpstone, Master J. A. Garrett and Master Willie Way; songs - Miss Maggie Gough, Mr. Nicholas Cumpstone, Willie R. Evans, Octavius Richards, James Sheady, Miss Mary Tyler, Miss Jane Llewellyn, Mr. Albert Tyler and Master Gilbert Harris; duet - Misses Mary Tyler and Maggie Gough, who had to respond to an encore. A laughable sketch was given entitled 'The Midnight Train,' and was played by Messrs. W. J. Payne, Watkin Williams and W. J. Jones. It was enjoyed greatly. Mr. Charles Payne presided over the evening's programme.

4 February 1911 Entertainment Another in the series of popular entertainments was held at Pentwyn Church Vestry on Monday evening, and was presided over by Mr. W. J. Payne. The following contributed to the programme: songs - Misses Bronwen Williams, Sarah J. Williams, Mary Watkins, Mary Lewis, Mary Taylor, Maggie Gough, Jane Llewellyn, Ceridwen Jones, Messrs. Tom Jones, Bert Taylor, Octavius Richards; duets - Messrs. W. Angell and W. J. Jones;

recitations - Misses Maggie Gough, Sarah Williams and Master Thomas Jones. Mr. Parry also gave a few selections on the gramophone.

11 February 1911 Carmel Literary and Mutual Improvement Society The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Wednesday evening last, when a paper on 'An Estimation of Life' was read by Mr. T. H. Llewellyn. Messrs. Thomas Lewis, Evan M. Davies and Mrs. Cole Jones also spoke. Rev. D. H. Jones presided.

11 February 1911 Entertainment Another in the series of popular entertainments was held at Pentwyn Church Vestry on Monday evening. Mr. W. J. Payne presided and the programme was contributed to by the following: songs - Misses Maggie S. Martin, Blodwen Williams, Sarah Evans, Mary Tyler, Alice M. Tyler, Maggie Gough, Mr. Tom Jones and Mr. Bert Tyler; recitations - Misses C. Jones, E. A. Davies, Sarah Williams, Sarah J. Williams, Irene Davies and Master Tom Jones; reading - Mr. W. J. Jones. There was also a whistling competition, the winners being Masters Samuel Gough and Leonard Angell. Selections were given on the phonograph, which was manipulated by Mr. Wm. Parry.

11 February 1911 Entertainment A pleasant entertainment was held at St. Mary's Institute on Tuesday evening when a splendid programme was produced. The following contributed: solos - Misses Nan Prosser, Mary Tyler, Mrs. Lewis, Master Charlie Edwards; duetts - Mrs. Lewis & Miss M. Tyler; Misses N. Prosser and M. Tyler; songs - Mr. Tom Jones, Mr. W. J. Payne; recitations - Misses S. J. Williams, Irene Davies, May James, Lettie M. Jones, Masters Freddy Lewis and Eddie Jones. A prize was given for the best impromptu speech on 'A Clock,' and this was divided between Misses Irene Davies, S. J. Williams and Master Eddie Jones. Several selections were given on the gramophone, which was manipulated by Mr. W. J. Payne. Mr. Charles Payne presided.

18 February 1911 Carmel Literary and Mutual Improvement Society The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Wednesday evening last, when a lecture was delivered by Professor Joseph Jones of Brecon College, on 'Sut y gawson y Testiment Newydd.' Rev. D. H. Jones presided.

18 February 1911 Entertainment An entertainment was held at St. Mary's Institute on Tuesday evening, when a splendid programme was produced. The following contributed: songs - Misses Nan Prosser, Maggie Gough, Masters Bertie Cumpstone, Gilbert Harris, Freddie Lewis, Eddie Jones, Mr. Bert Tyler; recitations - Miss Nana Prosser, Masters J. A. Garrett, Bob White, W. T. Williams. A prize was given for the best account of St. Paul. This was divided between Mrs. Lewis and Miss Irene Davies. A whistling competition created a great deal of laughter, the best whistler being Master George Evans. A dressing competition brought the entertainment to a close, Master T. B. Edwards winning the prize. Mr. Charles Payne presided.

18 February 1911 Entertainment Another in the series of popular entertainments was held at Pentwyn Church Vestry on Monday evening. Mr. J. C. Payne presided and the programme was contributed to by the following: recitations - Misses M. S. Martin, Sarah Evans, Sarah Williams, Masters Willie Davies, Wm. Thomas Williams; solos - Mr. Tom Jones, Mr. J. C. Payne, Masters W. T. Morgan, Mr. Albert Tyler; duett - Mrs. Lewis & Miss Mary Tyler. There was also a 'Dressing Competition' for boys, which caused roars of laughter. About a dozen boys competed, the prizes being awarded as follows: 1. Johnny Williams; 2. Bertie Pugh; 3. Willie Jones. A most enjoyable evening was spent.

18 February 1911 Nazareth: Lecture by Archdruid Dyfed Archdruid Dyfed lectured at Nazareth on Monday evening, his subject being 'Education and Character.' The evening was a rare treat. The lecturer pointed out that the people of Wales had made great strides during the past 40 years in establishing a system of education for the training of all children, without discretion of class. There was a time when the church and the eisteddfod were the only institutions in the land to educate the people, but now we have a complete system of free education. We must remember that education without a good character is worthless. The best weapon was the weapon of knowledge, but like other weapons, it was dangerous if a man did not know the right way to use it. Education without a good character was almost more of a curse than a blessing, because the wicked man of knowledge could devise things that the ignorant man would never dream of. A good name was far better than knowledge, but education and a good name possessed by the same person was the finest sight on earth.

Education trained the mind: a good name was from the heart. Only men of this type could truly uplift humanity. He trusted that everyone would strive to possess education and character. Mr. J. D. Jones presided.

25 February 1911 Carmel Literary and Mutual Improvement Society The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Wednesday evening last, when papers were read on 'Should women have votes?' The affirmative was taken by Miss Judith A. Jenkin, and the negative by Miss M. A. Lewis, Pentwyn. In the discussion which followed, Miss Elizabeth Jones, Mrs. Edith Cole Jones, Rev. Rhys D. Jenkins, Mr. George Thomas and Mr. Rees Rees took part. Mr. T. H. Llewellyn presided.

25 February 1911 Entertainment Another in the series of popular entertainments was held at Pentwyn Church Vestry on Monday evening. Mr. Morgan Parry presided and a capital programme was contributed to by the following: recitations - Misses Sarah G. Williams, Mary Morgan, Sarah Evans, Ceridwen Jones, Maggie S. Martin, and Mrs. Wm. Gwynne; solos - Messrs. Morgan Parry, Albert Tyler, John Wood, Miss Mary Tyler, Mrs. F. Morgan, Mrs. Tyler and Mrs. Lewis; duetts - Messrs. David and J. Purcell. Selections were played on the gramophone, manipulated by Mr. Parry. A singing competition took place, the test piece being a verse - 'Own Choice.' Mrs. F. Morgan was the winner.

25 February 1911 Pentwyn 'Degrees of Glory' was the subject of a lecture read at Pentwyn Church on Wednesday evening by Mr. J. C. Payne, lay reader. He stated that the duration of the new life to which those who sleep in Jesus will no doubt be raised, would be eternal to all; but he was disposed to think that there would be a difference in degree. He conceived that at the great resurrection day, all the bodies of the righteous would not be released from the grave under circumstances precisely similar. All would be raised in glory, but not equal glory. All sown in weakness, will be raised in power, but not equal power. A good discussion followed in which Messrs. Tom Baldwin, Earnest Jones, Albert Tyler, Tom Jones, Percy Mantle, Wm. J. Jones and John Mantle took part.

25 February 1911 Entertainment A very successful entertainment was held at St. Mary's Institute on Tuesday evening. An excellent programme was contributed to by the following: solos - Masters Gilbert Harris, Eddie Jones, Vincent Sibley, Willie White, Misses Ivy Jones, Nan Prosser, Messrs. Tom Jones and W. J. Payne; duett - Misses Maggie Gough and Nan Prosser. A mouth organ solo was given by Mr. Percy Pike, accompanied on the bones by Mr. Willie Curtis. A drawing competition took place, in which there were 24 competitors, Master Willie White securing the prize. Recitations were given by Misses Maggie Gough, Ruth Griffiths, Rowena Harris, Masters Robert White, Dd. J. Davies and Willie Way. A pleasant evening was brought to a close by a laughable sketch entitled 'Peter the Pedlar,' Messrs. W. J. Payne, Wat. Williams and S. A. Evans playing the characters. Mr. Charles Payne presided.

4 March 1911 Carmel Literary and Mutual Improvement Society The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening last, when Rev. F. Jones, Rhymney, gave a lecture on 'Goronwy Owen.' Rev. D. H. Jones and Messrs. Rhys Jenkins and William Walters took part in the discussion. Miss E. Jones sang a solo.

4 March 1911 Entertainment The last in the series of popular entertainments was held at Pentwyn Church Vestry on Monday evening. Mr. Morgan Parry presided and the programme was contributed to by the following: solos - Messrs. A. Tyler, J. Payne, T. Jones, M. Parry, Mrs. F. Morgan; recitations - Masters T. Jones, W. T. Williams, Misses S. Evans, R. Davies, S. Williams, B. Williams; mouth organ solo - Mr. F. Attwell. Selections were given on the gramophone, manipulated by Mr. Parry. There was a whistling competition. The prize winners were: 1. Leonard Attwell; 2. Willie Davies; 3. Johnny Williams.

4 March 1911 Entertainment The last in the series of popular entertainments was held at St. Mary's Institute on Tuesday, and was presided over by Mr. Charles Payne. The following contributed to the programme: songs - Misses Maggie Gough, Violet Curtis, Maggie Morgan, Nan Prosser, Masters T. H. Morgan, Bob White, T. B. Edwards, Lloyd Davies, Berkley Angel, Mr. W. J. Payne; recitations - B. Angell, Tom Angell, Nellie M. Angell, Laurie A. Davies; song - Mr. W. Curtis; concertina solo - Mr. P. Pike. A prize was given for the best drawing of a daffodil, and was won by Nellie M. Angell, with Bob Rees second. a very laughable sketch

entitled 'How he managed,' was presented by Messrs. W. Curtis, W. Thomas and Misses M. Curtis and Nan Prosser.

11 March 1911 St. David's Festival: Nazareth A bachelor's tea and competitive concert was held at the chapel on St. David's Night, to commemorate the Patron Saint. The following served at the tables: Messrs. Roderick Jones, Robt. Wm. Parry, Evan Davies, Tom Lawrence, Robert Tudor, Richard Ellis Davies, Willie John Angell, Willie Adams-Jones, Idris Jones, Willie Davies, Berkley Davies. After the tea, the competitive concert followed. The adjudicators were: music - Messrs. John Jones and Wm. Morris; literature - Rev. Isaac Roderick. The chair was occupied by Mr. J. D. Jones. The programme was as follows: an opening solo, 'Cadair Idris,' by William Morris; recitation, 'Dan y faner wen,' Evan Davies; an impromptu speech, 'Clock' - winners W. A. Jones and R. Ellis Davies; duet, 'Dewi Sant' Annie Maud Jones and Doris Davies; recitation, 'A Word of Advice,' Mary Jane Jones; solo for children, 'Even Me,' Annie Maud Jones; recitation, 'Mynd yn Mlaen,' Edith Parry; speech - Coun. John Jones; singing at first sight - Roderick Jones; unpunctuated reading - Edward Jones; englynion on 'Dewi Sant,' Rev. I. Roderick. The success of the festival is due to the untiring work of the committee - Roderick Jones (secretary), Edward Parry (treasurer), William Jones (president). A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded a most enjoyable evening.

11 March 1911 St. David's Day Festival: Noddfa On St. David's Night, a large number attended the Vestry, and after partaking of the good things provided, Mr. D. Thomas and Mr. J. Williams had a heated debate on 'Should Women have the Vote?' This was followed by an address on 'The Inpriority of Women.' Recitations and solos were rendered by Misses Enid & E. A. Evans, Phyllis Williams, Mr. John Evans and Mr. Tom Evans. The entertainment was conducted entirely in Welsh, several being fined for a breach of the law - 'Dim Saesneg,' while others were mute, fearing the imposed fine of 1d. per word. Miss M. Morgan assisted at the piano.

11 March 1911 St. David's Festival: Carmel A large number of members and friends met at Carmel on St. David's Night. Dr. Eleazer Davies took the chair. The programme was contributed to by the following: solo, 'Gwlad y Debyn,' Miss Ceredwen Thomas; Ladies' Choir, conductress Miss Elizabeth Jones - 'Gagomant I Gymru;' solo, 'Sirch Hiudol,' Miss Nelly Roberts (Anglesea); paper on 'Ben Bowen fel Gwladgarwr,' by Mr. George Thomas, words composed by Rev. D. Hughes's brother; Mixed Choir, conducted by Mr. D. John Thomas - 'Anywh-yw-Cymru;' penillion singing - Mr. D. J. Thomas and Miss E. Jones; paper on the late Mr. Tom Ellis by Mrs. Edith Cole Jones; sketch entitled 'Rhys Lewis,' the following taking part: Miss Rachel Walters, Mr. James Williams, Mr. Arthur Ballard, Mrs. Howell Thomas, Mr. Tom Jones, Miss Mariah Rees, Mr. James Jones, Mr. D. Lewis, Miss A. G. Williams, Mr. Samuel Lewis. The accompanists were Mr. Thomas Walters and Miss Hannah Evans.

11 March 1911 Pentwyn 'Heredity' was the subject of a paper read at Pentwyn Church on St. David's Night by Mr. J. C. Payne. A good number attended.

18 March 1911 Half-Yearly Meetings On Sunday last, the pulpit of Noddfa was occupied by Rev. W. Morris, Treorchy, and his sermons were evangelic, edifying and most inspiring.

18 March 1911 Noddfa Last Wednesday evening, a lecture was delivered under the auspices of the Noddfa Young People's meeting by Mrs. E. Glyn Price, Gelli, on 'Brenin Pulpudau y Bud.' Mrs. Price is well known throughout the principality as a lecturer and elocutionist.

25 March 1911 Pentwyn An excellent paper was read at Pentwyn Church by Mr. Albert Evans, Penydarren, on 'Are the Clergy Underpaid?' There was a large attendance, and the paper was greatly appreciated.

8 April, 1911 Noddfa: Lecture A large number were present at Noddfa Vestry on Wednesday evening week, to listen to an excellent lecture delivered by the Rev. D. P. Evans, Merthyr Vale. The subject of the lecture was, 'The Message of the Church of the First Century to the Church of the Present Day.' The subject was dealt with in a very able manner by the reverend gentleman, and was much appreciated by all present. The chair was occupied by the Rev. M. S. Young. The usual votes of thanks brought an enjoyable evening to a close.

8 April, 1911 Noddfa Bazaar The result of the bazaar and sale of work held some time ago in aid of Noddfa Church was given on Sunday night. The handsome sum of £157 was realised. Credit is due to all who worked hard and unceasingly for the success of the effort. Over £800

has been cleared off the debt on the building in a little over six years, which speaks well for the zeal of the members, who number only 100.

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

15 April, 1911 The Graveyard Large numbers visited the graveyard during the day (Palm Sunday). A good number of the graves were nicely decorated with beautiful flowers.

15 April, 1911 Pentwyn Church On Sunday afternoon, a memorial service in memory of the departed was held at this Church. The service, which was very impressive, was taken by the vicar of the parish, the Rev. Thomas Rees, who preached an inspiring sermon, taking his text from Genesis 23. v. 9. The lesson, which was I Thessalonians 4. v. 13 to the end, was read by Mr. J. C. Payne, lay reader. Appropriate hymns were sung. Mr. Brown presided at the organ. There were a large number present.

22 April, 1911 Nazareth C M. The members and the children of this Church celebrated Good Friday with a social tea and a competitive meeting, with subjects generally bearing on the Crucifixion. The following served at the tables: Misses Martha Davies, Lizzie Davies, Elizabeth Ann Parry, Mary Jane Davies, Beatrice Jones, Mrs. Elias Davies, Mrs. Captain Jones, Mrs. J. D Jones, Mrs. I Roderick, and Mrs. J Jones. After the tea, Mr. J. D. Jones presided at the very successful competitive meetings. The adjudicators were: music - Mr. W. J. Angell; literature - Rev. I. Roderick. The awards were as follows: essay - 'Pren y groes' - William Jones; recitation - 'Griddfanau'r ardd' - 1. Doris Davies, 2. Edith Parry; duet - 'A friend in the Homeland' - Martha Davis and Lizzie Davies; quartette - 'Y bwthyn ar y bryn' - R. Ellis Davies, John Davies, Annie Maude Jones, and Martha Davies; solo for children - 'Nazareth' - Hilda Davies; dialogue - 'Y goleuni a'r tywyllwch' - Edith Parry and Doris Davies; solo - 'Dagrau'r Iesu' - Mrs. Blodwen Davies; solo - "He was depressed" - Lizzie Davies; solo - 'Henryd' - Martha Davies; essay - 'Parham yr wyf yn Fethodist' - William Jones; a letter from a pupil to his master - Mary Jane Jones; trio - 'Bydd canu yn y nefoedd' - William Morris, John Davies, R Ellis Davies; children's chorus - 'Awn y Bethania' - Nazareth children; speech by Councillor John Jones. The following worked very energetically for the success of the meeting: Messrs. Roderick Jones, secretary; Edward Parry treasurer; William Jones, chairman.

22 April, 1911 Pentwyn Church On Easter Sunday evening, the members of the Fochriw Division of the Dowlais Corps of the St. John Ambulance attended Pentwyn Church, under the command of Supt. W. J. Ballard. They were accompanied by their honorary surgeon, Dr. Eleazer Davies. The brigade presented a smart appearance in their ambulance dress. The pulpit was occupied by Mr. J.C. Payne, lay reader, who first preached a resurrection sermon, St Luke, 24, 34 - 'The Lord is risen indeed.' He afterwards delivered an address on the parable of the Good Samaritan, taking his text from St. Luke 10, v. 37. In the course of his address he stated that the members of the St John Ambulance were doing to their injured and wounded brethren, what the Good Samaritan did to the wounded man on the road between Jerusalem and Jericho - 'rendering first day.' They should consider men of every nation as their brothers; and when they fell treat them as neighbours. All sprang from one stock: for God 'hath made of one blood all nations of men.' When they saw a man, they saw a brother, and should treat him with kindness. He urged them to imitate God in pity and compassion. Every one of them would do, he felt sure, risk life and limb in order to alleviate wounded and suffering humanity. Their worthy honorary surgeon, by his heroism in the Darran expulsion, proved how ready he was as to risk his own life in an effort to save others. Thank God for such good and noble characters. On Judgement Day, God would say, "I was sick and ye visited me; I was in prison and you came and to me." Mr. Payne concluded by saying, 'May we go into the walks of life, and when we meet with suffering humanity, may we copy the sweet temper and conduct of the Good Samaritan.' The singing was conducted by Mr. John Wood, and Mr. Brown presided at the organ. The Church was packed.

29 April, 1911 Pentwyn Church The annual meeting in connection with this Church was held in the Vestry on Wednesday evening, a good number being present. The vicar, the Rev. T. Rees, presided. The accounts were presented by the Mr. J. C. Payne, lay reader, and adopted. The vicar thanked one and all for their good work in the Church. The following side'smen were elected: Vicar's – Messrs. Frank Attwell, Morgan Parry, and Thomas Jones. Peoples' – Messrs. Albert Tyler, Ernest Jones and Evan Watkins. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the vicar.

29 April, 1911 St. Mary's Church The annual meeting in connection with this Church was held in the Institute, on Friday evening last, and was presided over by the Rev. T. Rees, Vicar. The building and ordinary collection accounts were presented by Mr. J. C. Payne, and were adopted. The vicar thanked the Rev. R Jones, curate-in-charge, for his work in the Church, and expressed his sorrow at his impending departure from the parish. He also thanked all those who worked in and for the Church. Rev. Jones is leaving for Merthyr shortly. The following sidesmen were elected: Vicar's – Messrs. William Davies, William Sibley and Samuel Way: People's – Messrs. Josiah Richards, Charles Payne, and William Payne.

29 April, 1911 Presentation A very interesting meeting was held at Carmel vestry on Sunday last, when Mr. W. J. Angell was presented with a silver-mounted ebony baton. The Committee connected with the performances of 'Aladdin' decided to make him a little presentation for his excellent work among the children. The presentation was made by Mrs. E. C. Jones, who made reference to Mr. Angell's many good points, genial manner, and his popularity with the little ones. Mr. J. Evans, superintendent, and Mrs. David Lewis, also spoke. Songs and choruses were rendered by the children. The secretarial duties were carried out by Mr. Thomas Lewis and Mr. D. M. Davies acted as treasurer.

3 June 1911 Nazareth C. M. The half yearly meetings were held on Sunday and Monday last. The preacher was the Rev. J. Wilson Roberts, Ynyshir, who preached four powerful and instructive sermons to large congregations. Substantial collections were made for the support of the Church. The singing was conducted by Mr. William Morris, and Mr. Roderick Jones presided at the organ.

10 June 1911 Pentwyn Church: Presentation to Mr. J. C. Payne Mr. John Mantle, being the oldest member of Pentwyn Church, was chosen to present Mr. Payne with a gold watch, albert and pendant, the inscription on the watch being as follows: "Presented to Mr. J. C. Payne by the Pentwyn Church people and his many friends in appreciation of his voluntary services as lay-reader, June 1st, 1911." In the unavoidable absence of Mr. Mantle through serious illness, the presentation was made by his daughter, Mrs. Lewis. In Mr. Mantle's address, which was read out by Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Mantle said: "It is a great and particular pleasure as a member of Pentwyn Church to have the honour conferred upon me of performing this little duty. Mr. Joseph Payne is a firm friend of mine, in personal and Christian ways. I must say that I have known him from his childhood, a period of about 30 years. As a scholar in the Sunday School, he has filled almost every branch of work, from a scholar up to a superintendent. His ministerial career commenced about 10 years ago, when he preached his first sermon at Pentwyn Church. It gave me great joy when I learnt that he had chosen the work of the Master. As a lay reader, he uses his great religious opportunities with zeal, discretion and self devotion. He is unwearied in his efforts, and is the centre of much active Christian work. He is an excellent and eloquent preacher. He works so hard amongst the people of Pentwyn. He is a splendid visitor of the sick, and not an empty handed visitor, whether his own flock or not. He is full of vigour and loves his own flock as his own Master. May the blessings of the supreme hour be poured upon Mr. Payne to guide and strengthen him to continue the noble work which he has commenced." Mrs. Attwell then presented Mr. Payne with a purse. She said, "The saying is, 'A prophet is not respected in his own country.' In many cases this is true. In Mr. Payne, who was born and bred in Fochriw, we have the grand exception. He is more that respected: he is loved by one and all. I have great pleasure, on behalf of the members of Pentwyn Church, and his many friends, in presenting Mr. Payne with this purse, and sincere hopes that God will spare him for many years to come to labour in his vineyard, and that he will crown his humble efforts with success." Mr. Payne responded saying, "On occasions like this one feels how feeble words are to express one's great feelings. You can easily understand with what emotion I look upon these your

splendid gifts, in recognition of spiritual work done in your midst. It is a joy to me to have kept the light of Christianity burning, however feebly, in Pentwyn Church. Our dear old church, situated at the top of the hill, since it sends its shadows over the dust of so many of our friends who have departed this life in the Christian faith, is a place of sacred memories. Such a place should occupy a central place in the affections of surrounding Christians. I feel deeply thankful to God, who has enabled me to advance his kingdom in this parish for so many years. I have been a lay reader for over ten years, and have been in charge of Pentwyn Church since December 1909, and during the whole time I have met with nothing but kindness and sympathy, at the hands of my flock, and my Nonconformist friends. I shall go away from this kindly and generous assembly conscious that God has blessed my humble spiritual efforts here, and if God spares me, to labour in His vineyard for another 20 or 30 years. I shall still, more than ever, need your help and co-operation, your sympathy and your prayers." Others who spoke were Mr. John Wood, Mr. Brown, Mr. Richards, Mr. John Evans, Mr. James Williams, and Brother Thomas Lewis, a fellow member, with Mr. Payne, of the Star of Fochriw branch of the I.O.G.T. During the intervals there was a full programme of solos and recitations.

17 June 1911 Carmel The anniversary services of this Church were held on Sunday and Monday last. The ministers for the occasion were of the Rev. J. Morgan Jones, Aberdare, and the Rev. D. Eurof Walters, Swansea. Very edifying and scholarly sermons were delivered, which were greatly appreciated by large congregations. The meetings were conducted by the Rev. D. Hughes Jones, pastor. Mr. Thomas Walters presided at the organ. The singing was in charge of Mr. David Davies.

1 July 1911 Noddfa After the procession, the Noddfa children returned to their chapel where an excellent spread was provided. A Coronation mug was given to each child. The tables, which were laid out in Coronation style, were presided over, and assistance rendered, by the following: Adult tables -Misses Hannah Evans, Jenny Edwards, Maria Thomas, Mary Rees, Mrs. Pugh, and Mrs. Rowena Evans; Children's tables: Misses S. E. Williams, Lydia Thomas, Mrs. Price, Mrs. M. Davies and others. The attendance was good, and the arrangements admirably carried out. Several of the Siloh (Penybank) Sunday school scholars were present.

1 July 1911 Nazareth The Sunday school turned out in strong numbers. After the procession, they returned to their chapel, where tea was provided. The chapel was decorated very tastefully for the occasion. The following ladies served at tables: Mrs. S. A. Jones, Mrs. Maggie Davis, Mrs. J. Jones, Mrs. Elias Davies, Mrs. H. Roberts, Mrs. Edgar, Mrs. I. Roderick, Mrs. Martha Parry, Mrs. Jennie Jones, Miss Mary Laurence, Miss Beatrice Jones, Miss Gwennie Rees. Assistance was rendered by Messrs. Peter Jones, Edward Parry, J. M. Jones, William Morris, William Jones, Griffith Pugh, Janes Lawrence, J. D. Jones, Rev. Isaac Roderick. After tea, Councillor J. Jones, on behalf of the school, presented all the children with coronation mugs, which were of a very pretty design.

1 July 1911 Carmel After the procession, Camel children went to the chapel vestry, where a rich spread had been provided. The tables were tastefully decorated, and were loaded with good things, to which the children did ample justice. The tables were presided over, and assistance of rendered, by the following: Mrs. D. Lewis, Mrs. E. Cole Jones, Misses M. A. Ballard, Catherine Jones, M. A. Lewis, Mrs. S. Ballard, Mrs. W. H. Davies, Miss E. Rowlands, Miss M. J. Davies, Mrs. Pugh, Mrs. T Jenkins, Mrs. Walters, Mrs. Griffiths, Mrs. Ballard, Mrs. H. Jones, Mrs. H. Thomas, Mrs. T. Llewellyn, Mrs. Ann Jones, Messrs. W. Wright, J. Evans and J. Phillips. The children were presented with coronation mugs.

1 July 1911 Pentwyn The children of Pentwyn Sunday school and Penybank Day school met together at 1:30 p.m. at Pentwyn Church, where an appropriate service was conducted by the Mr. J. C. Payne, lay reader, who also delivered a suitable address. The National anthem was sung, as well as appropriate hymns. A procession was formed, and it then paraded the village of Pentwyn, the children singing en route 'Onward, Christian Soldiers.' On their return march, a circle was formed outside the Church and the National Anthem sung once again. All then returned to the vestry, where tea was taken. The room was gaily decorated, Mr. F. Attwell and Mrs. Lewis being responsible. The tables were daintily laid out, and were filled with everything that was pleasant to the eye. The tables were presided over, and assistance rendered, by the following: Mrs. T. Jones, Mrs. F. Attwell, Mrs. T. Baldwin, Mrs Ballard, Misses M. A. Powell,

Ceredwen Davies, Maggie Jones, Mrs. Tyler, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Watkins, Mrs. M. Morgan, Mrs. W. Gwynne, Messrs. E. Jones, F. Evertt, M. Brown, F. Attwell, W. Gwynne, E. Watkins and E Jones. The secretarial duties were carried out by Mrs. M. E. Lewis, and Mrs. F. Attwell was the treasurer. There was a good programme of sports, for which Mr. Gwynne and Mr. Attwell were responsible. The day was brought to a close by an entertainment, an excellent programme being arranged. The following contributed: address - Mr. Payne; recitation - 'Little Bessie' - Miss Blodwen Watkins; recitation - 'Going to Church' - Master W. T. Williams; song 'Come and have a drink with me' - Mr. Bert Tyler; recitation - 'Man the Lifeboat' - Mrs. W. Gwynne; solo - 'The Lord is mindful of His own' - Mrs. Lewis; selections on the mouth organ - Mr. F. Attwell; solo - 'Don't get married on a Friday' - Mr. Ernest Jones; solo - 'A flower from Mother's grave' - Mr. T. Morgan; address - Mr. John Pugh; solo - 'Father, Pray for me tonight' - Miss M. Tyler. A keen competition then took place for adults, the test piece being the first verse of 'Jesu, Lover of my Soul.' The first prize was secured by Mrs. Morgan, and the second divided between Mrs. Lewis and Miss Mary Tyler. A similar competition for children under 14 years of age was held, the test piece being the first verse of 'Loving Shepherd of Thy sheep.' The first prize was divided between Miss Blodwen Williams and Miss Mary Lewis. The entertainment was presided over by Mrs. M. F. Morgan. The singing of the National Anthem, Mrs. Morgan taking the solo, brought to an enjoyable and ever memorable day to a close.

1 July 1911 St. Mary's At St. Mary's Sunday School, the scholars were provided with an excellent tea. The children met in the hall where there was a grand spread. The tables were presided over, and assistance rendered, by the following: Mrs. B. Angell, Mrs. Alfred Evans, Mrs. Josiah Richards, Misses J. A. Angell, S. A. Davies, Rosina Davies, Olive Harris, Cassie Harris, Mrs. J. Davies, Mrs. Gittens, Mrs. Payne, Mrs. White, Mrs. D. R. Jones, Mr. Payne, Mr. B. Angell, Mr. J. Richards. Mr. William Lewis, superintendent of the Sunday school, worked hard and unceasingly, from the very first, to bring the tea to a successful issue. Sweets were given to all the scholars.

22 July 1911 Pentwyn Church The Pentwyn Church Sunday School tea took place on Investiture Day. The scholars met in Church at 1:30 for a short service. After this, the scholars formed a procession, and headed by the Pontllytyn Brass Band, under the conductorship of Mr. William Mantle, paraded the streets of the villages of Fochriw and Pentwyn, the band playing appropriate music en route. The procession was large, and was also a very pretty sight with all the children in their nice dresses. After the procession, tea was taken, the tables being laid out to perfection. After tea, an excellent programme of sports was held.

29 July 1911 Presentation At Carmel vestry on Monday evening, Mrs. Elizabeth Lewis of Clydach Vale was presented with a marble clock by her Fochriw friends, on the occasion of her marriage and departure from Fochriw. Mrs. Lewis has taken a very active part in the public life of Fochriw and surrounding area, especially as a public singer of a high order. She will be greatly missed. Rev. D. Hughes Jones, Rev. R. D. Jenkins, and Mr. James Williams, spoke highly of her ability and willingness at all times to serve all good causes in the district. Mrs. Lewis very suitably thanked her friends for this token of respect towards her.

12 August 1911 St Mary's The annual tea in connection with St. Mary's Sunday School was held at the Institute on Tuesday last. The day was delightfully fine. The children met in Church. A short service was conducted by the Rev. A. E. Snow. After the service, a procession was formed, and, headed by the Fochriw Brass Band, the streets of the villages of Pentwyn and Fochriw were paraded. The band played appropriate music under its conductor Mr. William Powell. The procession was marshalled by the Vicar, Rev. Snow, Mr. Charles Payne, Mr. Williams, and Mr. William Davis. Later, tea was provided in the Institute. After tea, there were sports in the field near the Church, which was lent by Mr. Robert Slimmon, Fochriw Farm. The events included foot races, marathon races, tug-of-war, etc. The officials were Messrs. William Davis, (Manager), T. Williams, (Mechanic), T. Harris, Morgan Jones, and A. E. Evans. Messrs. Morgan Parry and Arthur Coggan also worked well, and collected a good sum towards the sports. Sweets were given to the scholars and helpers.

23 September 1911 Anniversary The anniversary services in connection with Noddfa Baptist Chapel were held on Saturday evening, Sunday and Monday, when excellent and

inspiring sermons were preached by Professor M. B. Owen, Carmarthen, and Rev. R. Jones, Tabernacle, Merthyr. All the services were well-attended.

23 September 1911 Pentwyn Church A service was held at Pentwyn Church on Sunday evening in memory of the late Mr. Prosser, landlord of the Penybank hotel, and also of Emily, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Tyler, Pentwyn. The service was conducted by Mr. J. C. Payne, lay reader, who also preached the sermon, taking his text from Psalm 90, v. 9: "We spend our years as a tale that is told." Appropriate hymns were sung by the choir conducted by the Mr. John Wood. Mr. Brown presided at the organ and played the "Dead March in Saul," the congregation standing. The Church was filled.

23 September 1911 Carmel On Sunday evening, a memorial service in commemoration of the late Thomas Jenkins, Dynevor-street, was held at the chapel. The pastor, the Rev. D. Hughes Jones, officiated. High tribute was paid the deceased as a faithful and conscientious Christian. At the close of the sermon, the "Dead March in Saul" was played by the organist, Mr. Thomas Walters.

7 October 1911 Harvest Festival Harvest Thanksgiving services were held at Nazareth chapel on Thursday week, and were well attended.

7 October 1911 St. Mary's Church Dedication Festival Services were held on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Wednesday. The preachers were as follows: Friday - the Rev. J. Davies, Deri; Sunday - the Rev. F. Rowlands, Tredegar; Wednesday - the Rev. W. K. Urquhart, Dowlais. Holy Communion was celebrated at 8a.m. on Saturday and Sunday. The Services were very well attended, and the sermons were most inspiring. Master Octavius Richards was at the organ, and Mr. John Williams conducted the singing.

7 October 1911 Concert A successful concert was held at St. Mary's Institute on Monday, the proceeds going towards paying off the debt on the building. The Rev. T. Rees, vicar, presided, and delivered an appropriate address. The programme was as follows: pianoforte solo - Mr. Jones, Pontlottyn; duet - Messrs. Shankland and Morris, Fochriw, "Bydd bur I Cymru Fad;" solo - Mrs. Probert, Pontlottyn, "Holy City," encore, "Bells of Aberdovey;" violin solo - Miss L. Isaacs, "Song without words," also encored; solo, Mr. C. Shankland, "Merch y Cadben;" solo, "Dream of Paradise," Miss Hughes, Pontlottyn; duet, Mr. C. Sahknand and Mr. Wm. Morris, "Mae Cymru'n Barod ar Ynys;" euphonium solo - Mr. William Mantle, Pentwyn, "Happy Moments," with variations; duet, Mrs. Probert and Miss Hughes, "A B C;" solo, Mr. Morris, "O na Byddai'n Haf o hyd;" violin solo, Miss Isaacs; solo, Miss Probert, "Alone on the Raft;" solo, Miss Hughes, "The Better Land;" solo, Mr. Morris, "Bwthyn Bach Melyn fy Nhad." Mr. D. Ivor Jones presided at the piano.

21 October 1911 Social On Thursday evening at Nazareth chapel, the Young People's Guild was opened for the winter session by a social. A considerable number attended. The following ladies served at the tables: Misses Jennie Jones, Katie Jones-Davies, Sarah Cheeke, Edith Parry, Maggie Slimmons, Margaret Ann Jones, Sophie Slimmons, Doris Davies, Mary Lawrence, Mrs. Hopkins, Mrs. E. Davies, Mrs. J. Jones, Mrs. H. Roberts, Mrs. Roderick, Mrs. J. D. Jones, Mrs. Maggie Davis, and Mrs. S. J. Jones. They were assisted by Wm. Jones, Roderick Jones, D. J. Hopkins, Edward Parry, Evan Davies, Willie Davies, Berkley Davies, Willie John Angell and J. D. Jones. In the course of the meeting, Mr. Henry Roberts entertained the audience with sacred selections on the gramophone.

28 October 1911 Harvest Festival Thanksgiving services were held at St Mary's Church on Sunday, Monday and Wednesday, when the pulpit was occupied by the following: Sunday - Rev. B. Glover, Pontlottyn; Monday (Welsh) - Rev. Thomas Rees, vicar; Wednesday - Rev. J. Hughes, Cyfarthfa. Mr. John Williams conducted the singing, and Mr. Octavius Richards was at the organ.

4 November 1911 Nazareth The Young People's Guild met on Wednesday evening, the Rev. Isaac Roderick in the chair. Councillor J. Jones read an interesting paper on "The History of Fochriw." The paper was brimful of facts and very humorous. After the paper, the following programme was gone through: solo - William Morris; an impromptu speech competition, the prize being divided between Katie Davies and Mattie Jones; recitation - Edith Parry; un-punctuated reading - prize winner, Mary Jane Jones; recitation - Muriel Jones. The meeting concluded with the singing of "Mae'n fy ngharu."

4 November 1911 Harvest Festival Thanksgiving services were held at Pentwyn Church on Thursday, Friday and Sunday, when the pulpit was occupied by the following: Thursday - Rev. J. Davies, Deri; Friday (Welsh) - Rev. T. Rees, vicar; Sunday - Mr. J. C. Payne, lay reader. The anthem, "Fear not, the land," was sung very effectively. The Church had been beautifully decorated, much fruit having been given, and afterwards, this was distributed to the sick in the villages, and to the patients of Penybank Hospital.

4 November 1911 Entertainment The first of the winter series of popular entertainments was given at Pentwyn Church school room on Monday evening, and was presided over by Mr. J. C. Payne. There was a large attendance. The programme was as follows: chairman's address; recitation - Master Tom Jones; solo - Mr. Thomas Jones; recitation - Master John Alban Davies; solo - Miss E. H. Davies; recitation - Master Thomas E. Rees; solo - Miss Mary Lewis; comical speech - Mr. W. J. Jones; solo - Mr. Albert Tyler; solo - Miss Agnes May Williams; solo - Miss Maggie Sarah Martin; solo - Miss Mary Tyler; solo - Miss Blodwen Watkins; solo - Miss Blodwen Williams; solo - Miss Ceridwen Davies.

11 November 1911 Entertainment Another of this series of entertainments was given at the Pentwyn Church school room on Monday evening last, and was presided over by Mr. G. Small. The following contributed to the programme: the chairman; solos - Master W. T. Morgan, Misses Mary Tyler, Blodwen Watkins, Ivy Tyler, Blodwen Williams, Agnes Williams, Messrs. J. C. Payne, A. Tyler, E. Jones, T. Jones; comic song - Mr. Small; mouth organ solo - Mr. Attwell; recitations - Masters W. T. Williams, Johnny Williams, Miss Blodwen Watkins. The singing of the National Anthem brought an enjoyable evening to a close.

18 November 1911 Entertainment Another of the weekly entertainments was held at the Pentwyn Church school room on Monday evening, when a good many were present. Mr. H. Brown presided.

18 November 1911 Nazareth The Young People's Guild was held on Wednesday evening. Councillor John Jones presided, and an excellent paper was read by Mr. William Jones, Brookrow, on "Ann Griffiths," the Welsh hymnist, which was most edifying and greatly appreciated by all. After the paper, there was an impromptu speech competition, and an un-punctuated reading competition. The winners were Mary Jane Jones and William Jones. The anniversary services were held at Nazareth chapel on Sunday and Monday last, when powerful sermons were preached by the Rev. William Lewis, and the Rev. William Lloyd, Bryntrion, to large congregations.

18 November 1911 Uncle Tom's Cabin There was a large attendance at Noddfa Baptist Vestry on Tuesday evening, when a lecture was given on H. B. Stow's admirable book. On Monday evening, slides were shown and an address given on "The Life of Samuel." Rev. M. S. Young was the lecturer. It is intended to talk to the children through the history of the Old and New Testament heroes and saints, during the winter session. Sometimes, however, there will be diversion from purely religious subjects to cover biographies and histories of a moral character. So far this idea promises to prove a large success, both from a financial and educational standpoint.

25 November 1911 Noddfa Chapel A fine magic lantern lecture was given on Tuesday evening. The pictures shown were "The Royal Navy," and "Teddy's Buttons." The pictures were very clear and distinct, and were much enjoyed by the large number present. The operator and lecturer was Mr. Williams, who did his work in an efficient manner. A pianoforte duet by the Sisters Hilda and Irene Phillips brought an enjoyable evening to a close.

25 November 1911 Entertainment Another of the series of popular entertainments was held at the Pentwyn Church schoolroom on Monday evening, a good number being present. Mr. John Small presided and delivered an appropriate address. The programme was contributed to by the following: recitations - Misses Sarah Jane Williams, Ceredwen Davies, Irene Davies, Mrs. William Gwynne, Masters Johnny Williams, Richard George, George Baldwin, and William Thomas Williams; solos - Miss S. J. Williams, Mr. Thomas Jones, Miss Ceredwen Davies, Mr. Albert Tyler, Mrs. F. Morgan, Mr. H. Brown, Miss Mary Tyler, Mr. J. Small, Miss Blodwen Williams; whistle solo - Mr. Brown; tin whistle and mouth organ duet - Messrs H. Brown and F. Attwell.

25 November 1911 Carmel Chapel The members of the Literary and Debating Society met on Wednesday evening. The chair was occupied by the Rev. D. H. Jones, who gave a short address, after which an inspiring paper was read by the Rev. R. D. Jenkins, on "The Influence of the mountains on the Nation." He introduced the subject by showing the influence of environment on individuals and thereupon the nation. The mountains were to some extent the cause of the independence which was so characteristic of the Welsh nation. This might be an advantage as well as a disadvantage. In politics, said the reader, this independent spirit might be plainly seen. The mountains might also account to a greater or lesser degree, for lack of enterprise and perseverance. Lastly, he dealt with the religious tendency of the Welsh, which he thought, was greatly assisted by the presence of the mountains - the solitude leading to meditation, and, consequently, to closer communion with the spiritual world. The paper was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Mrs. E. M. Davies, Mr. Thomas Lewis, and Mrs. E. Cole Jones also spoke. A duet was sung by the Misses M. A. Walters and Hannah Jones, with Miss Maggie Walters at the piano.

2 December 1911 Noddfa The pulpit at Noddfa was occupied last Sunday by Miss Davies, who preached inspiring sermons. A lantern lecture was given on Tuesday evening. The pictures showing were "Round-the-world through British territory." The pictures were very clear and distinct, and were much enjoyed by all present. The operator and lecture was the Rev. M. S. Young. A sketch was also given by Mr. Watkin Williams.

2 December 1911 Entertainment Another of the series of popular entertainments was held at the Pentwyn Church School-room on Monday evening, and was presided over by Mr. J. C. Payne. There was a large attendance, and a splendid programme was contributed to by the following: recitations - Master W. T. Williams, Miss Irene Davies, Master Tom Jones, Miss Mary Morgan, Master R. G. Attwell; comical story - Master W T Williams; solos - Misses Blodwen Watkins, Mary Tyler, Sarah J. Williams, and Blodwen Williams. Competitions: un-punctuated reading - 1. Miss Catherine Jones, 2. Master W. T. Williams; impromptu speech - 10 competitors - subject "Church" - 1. Master W. T. Williams, 2. Miss S. J. Williams, 3. Master W. T. Morgan.

2 December 1911 Nazareth Chapel The Young People's Guild was held last Thursday evening. The chair was occupied by Mr. William Jones, who gave a short address, after which an inspiring paper was read by the Rev. Isaac Roderick on "Islwyn," the greatest Welsh poet of the 19th century. He introduced the subject by describing the district of Ynysddu and Mynyddislwyn in the lower part of the Sirhowy Valley, where Islwyn at one time lived. He pointed out the influence of this environment on the poets mind. Islwyn started a new era in Welsh poetry. He departed from the old fashioned school, and led the younger poets of his day into new fields of thought. It is true that he composed many songs to the beauties of nature, but to him these were only secondary things. He sought a richer field than that of nature in the soul of man, and that great soul was always in touch with the spiritual and eternal. He studied man, and sang to the vastness of his living soul. In this sense he was a psychological poet. The speaker gave a very interesting account of his poetical works, and dealt very fully with Islwyn's masterpiece, "The Storm." Some parts of this poem, said Mr. Roderick, dealt with the natural storm, but he sang more particularly to the storm of sin and suffering in the soul of man. Suddenly, he rejoiced to see the light of the Sun of Righteousness clearing away the clouds and filling the soul with joy and peace. Islwyn died when he was 47 years of age, but his name will remain evergreen in the history of Wales. It was an excellent paper, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed it. A competitive meeting followed, in which the following children won prizes: Misses Doris Davies, Edith Parry, Maggie Davis, Mary Jane Jones, Katie Jones Davies. Mr. William Morris sang a solo, and Mr. Roderick Jones presided at the organ.

9 December 1911 Carmel The half-yearly meetings were held on Saturday and Sunday. The special preacher was Mr. Emlyn McDonald, a student at the Memorial College, Brecon. Very edifying sermons were delivered, and large congregations attended.

9 December 1911 Noddfa A very interesting lantern entertainment was given on Tuesday evening. The pictures shown were "The Pilgrim's Progress," and they were both edifying and interesting. The lecturer and operator was the Rev. M. S. Young. Others who contributed to the programme were: Elvis Phillips, Phyllis M. Williams and Mary Davies, who gave recitations,

and Misses Hilda and Irene Phillips, who gave a violin and pianoforte duet. A most pleasant evening was spent.

9 December 1911 Lecture On Monday evening, the Rev. Gwylfa Robert, Llanelli, delivered a very interesting and edifying lecture at Carmel chapel on the subject, "Pedair Briallan o Gymru." The Brialla turned out to be prominent men of the past; one a very prominent politician, another a politician, the third a musician, and the fourth a novelist. The lecture was full of interest from beginning to end. The chairman of was Dr. Eleaxer Davies, J P.

9 December 1911 Entertainment Another of the series of popular entertainments was given at the Pentwyn Church schoolroom on Monday evening, presided over by Mr. John Small. The following contributed to the programme: address - the chairman; solos - Miss Blodwen Williams, Mr. Tom Jones, Miss Mary Tyler, Mrs. F. Morgan, the chairman, Mr. J. C. Payne, Mr. Ernest Jones; recitations - Miss BlodwenWatkins, Master W. T. Williams, Miss Morfydd Williams, Master John Roberts, Miss Catherine Ann Jones, Mrs. William Gwynne. The chairman thanked the artistes, and brought an enjoyable evening to a close.

9 December 1911 Carmel Literary Society A meeting was held on Wednesday evening last, and the chair was occupied by the Rev. D. H. Jones. A recitation was given by Master Tom Mitchell. Miss A. G. Williams then read a paper entitled "Impressions of My Tour." It was a most instructive and edifying paper. Miss Williams has recently been on a three-month tour, during which time she visited Venice in Italy, Odessa in Russia, Khersoa and Throdosa in the Crimean peninsula, Spain, and Rotterdam in Holland. The paper was a very vivid account of the places visited. The scenery, magnificent buildings, manners and costumes of the people were dealt with in a most interesting fashion. The geography and history of the different places was connected in a most striking manner. The legends related were very amusing. Mrs. E. Cole Jones, Mr. James Williams and the Rev. D. H. Jones commented on the paper, and each complemented Miss Williams very highly on her excellent descriptive powers. There was a large number present, and the attention given proved that it was well appreciated and understood. Some splendid views were also handed round and inspected, which was a fine novelty, and added very much to the enjoyment of the evening.

16 December 1911 Noddfa A splendid magic lantern entertainment was given at the Noddfa Baptist vestry on Tuesday evening, when the second part of the "Pilgrim's Progress" was given. It was beautifully illustrated. The lecturer and operator were Rev. M. S. Young and Mr. Williams.

16 December 1911 Nazareth Chapel The Young People's Guild was held on Thursday evening, when Mr. William Morris presided, and delivered a short address. After this, the following programme was gone through: competition on the modulator: prize was divided between Mr. Richard Ellis Davies, and Mr. Willie John Angell; best essay on "David and Goliath" - Miss Katie Jones-Davies; a trio on the gramophone by Mr. Henry Roberts; competition for the best story - Miss Lizzie Mary Lawrence. The musical adjudicators were Mr. Roderick Jones and Mr. William Morris, and for literature, the Rev. Isaac Roderick and Mr. J. D. Jones.

16 December 1911 Entertainment Another of the series of popular entertainments was given at the Pentwyn Church class-room on Monday evening, when a good number attended. Mr. J. C. Payne presided. The following contributed to the programme: address by the chairman; solo - Miss Mary Tyler; recitation - Master J. A. Pugh; solo - Master Johnny Roberts; recitation - Miss Blodwen Watkins; duet - Mrs. and Miss Tyler; recitation - Master Tom Jones; solo - Mr. John Small; recitation - Master W. T. Morgan; solo - Mr. B. Tyler; recitation - Master W. T. Williams; recitation - Miss Ceridwen Davies; instrumental duet - Messrs. H. Brown and F. Attwell; solo - Mr. Thomas Jones; recitation - Miss S. P. Williams; solo - Mr. H. Brown.

16 December 1911 Carmel The fortnightly meeting of the Carmel Literary and Debating Society was held at the Vestry on Wednesday evening, and was presided over by the Rev. D. H. Jones. An excellent paper was read by Mrs. Dr. Davies on "Modern Civilisation and its effects on dress: is it defensible?" The reader dealt chiefly with furs - the cruelty attached to the trapping and slaughtering, and, the suffering of the poor animals, in order to satisfy the craving of ladies for personal adornment. The catching of the seal was described in the most pathetic manner. The cruel mode of trapping the beaver and ermine were also explained. The reader

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

23 December 1911 Noddfa Chapel A splendid magic lantern entertainment was given at the Baptist vestry on Tuesday evening. The pictures shown were from "Ben Hur," and were classical and interesting. The lecturer and operator was the Rev. M. S. Young. A pianoforte solo was played by Miss Irene Phillips, and solos were sung by Miss Lydia Thomas and Miss Maggie Morgan.

23 December 1911 Entertainment Another of the series of popular entertainments was held at the Pentwyn Church school room on Monday evening, and was presided over by Mr. J. C. Payne. The following contributed to the programme: speech - the chairman; solo - Miss Mary Tyler; recitation - Master William Morgan; recitation - Master John Davies; solo - Mr. Tom Jones; solo - Miss Tyler; recitation - Master John Roberts; solo - Mr. Albert Tyler; recitation - Mrs. W. Gwynne; instrumental duet - Messrs. A. Tyler and F. Attwell; solo - Mrs. F. Morgan; recitation - Miss Agnes May Williams; recitation - Mrs. Tyler. There was an impromptu speech competition, the subject being "A Clock." The following secured the prizes: 1. Master Eddie Jones; 2. Miss S. J. Williams; 3. Master Johnny Williams. The adjudicator was Mr. William Jones.

23 December 1911 Carmel Literary Society A meeting of the society was held at Carmel vestry on Wednesday evening, and was presided over by the Rev. D. H. Jones. The Misses Margaret and Martha Thomas gave a splendid rendering of "What shall it profit a man if he gained the world and lose his own soul?" The accompaniments were played by Mr. Henry Thomas. A paper was then read by Mr. Thomas Lewis entitled, "The Church and the Home." It was an excellent and very edifying paper. The close relationship of the two was clearly shown and the influence of each on the child. He dealt exhaustively with the "Family Altar," and expressed a wish that the good old custom should once more be restored to the homes of Wales. The reader, who took an optimistic view of the matter, firmly believed that the time was coming when religion would take the first place in the heart, in the home, and in society. He deplored the fact that such was not the case at present. All things were discussed in our homes before religious matters. The Bible, which should be conspicuous on the kitchen table and read daily, was merely an ornament kept in parlours and receiving an occasional dusting. The paper was commented upon by Mrs. Dr. Davies, Mr. Daniel Rowlands, Mr. William Walters, the Rev. R. D. Jenkins, and Rev. D. H. Jones. A solo was given by Miss Annie Evans, with Miss Hannah Evans accompanying.

30 December 1911 Noddfa: Christmas Tree The children of the Baptist Sunday School were presented with prizes from a Christmas tree on Thursday last, at the Vestry. They were greatly appreciated. They sang hymns, etc., before the distribution of the prizes. The presents were handed to the children by Miss E. Jones, Mrs. Williams, and Mr. G. Thomas. A magic lantern lecture was given on "Ben Hur" by the Rev. M. S. Young.

30 December 1911 Nazareth Chapel A meeting of the Nazareth Young People's Guild was held on Thursday evening. Mr. Roderick Jones presided. There was a very interesting programme to which the following contributed: reading - Mr. William Jones; un-punctuated reading competition - winner, Mr. William Jones; recitation - Miss Mary Jane Jones; translating English words into Welsh - Mr. William Jones; recitation - Master John Edgar; recitation - Miss Hilda Davies; musicality test - winners, Mr. John Davies, Miss Maggie Davis, and

Master Idris Jones; tune competition - winner, Miss Maggie Jones, second, Miss Hilda Davies; pianoforte solo - Mr. Roderick Jones.

30 December 1911 Social A social was held at Carmel Vestry on Wednesday evening, and was presided over by the Rev. D. H. Jones. The tables were presided over, and assistance rendered, by the following: Mrs. David Davies, Miss Emma Jane Davies, Miss Maggie Davis, Miss Olwen Hughes, Mrs. Davies, Brook Cottage, Mrs. Evans, Miss J. A. Jenkins, Mrs. S. Ballard, Mrs. W. H. Davies, Mrs. Turner, Miss Beatrice Griffiths, Miss Lucy Davies, Mrs. David Jones, Miss A. G. Williams, Miss Francis Mary Jones, and Miss S Jones. Afterwards, a fine programme was contributed to by the following: pianoforte solo - Miss Hilda Phillips; solo - "Are there any Angels blind?" - Miss Hannah Jones; recitation - "Girls of today" - Miss Ceridwen Thomas; solo - "The guiding star" - Miss M. C. Walters; pianoforte solo - Miss Annie Evans; recitation - Mr. H. Thomas; solo - Miss Ceridwen Thomas - "Smile Again"; duet for violin and piano - Miss Hilda Phillips and Miss Irene Phillips - "Rowe of Alandale;" solo - Mr. Thomas Walters - "Song of Wales;" recitation - "Hodge and the vicar" - Mr. Harry Hughes; duet - "Beautiful Land" - Miss M. Walters and Miss H. Jones; recitation - Miss Bronwen Ballard; un-punctuated reading - Mrs. David Jones and Mr. Llewelyn Rees; Welsh reading - Miss Bronwen Ballard. Mr. Thomas Walters was the accompanist.

30 December 1911 Christmas Tree and Entertainment A Christmas tree and entertainment was provided at the Pentwyn Church school room on Friday evening. The room was gaily decorated, and the tree laden with presents. Mr. J. C. Payne, lay reader, presided, and in the course of his address, referred to Sunday school work, and heartily thanked Mr. T. Baldwin, the energetic school secretary, and the teachers, for their valuable assistance. The school, he stated, was in a flourishing state. He then presented 110 scholars with Bibles, Prayer Books, story books and picture books. A large number of oranges, toys, etc., were also given, Messrs. F Attwell, and T. Baldwin, assisting in the presentations. The scholars were highly delighted with their presents. An excellent programme followed: solo - Mrs. F Morgan; recitation - Master J. A. Davies - "The African chief;" solo - Miss May Tyler; speech - Mr. T Baldwin; solo - Mr. Thomas Jones; comic singing - Mr. William Jones; solo - "Christmas Fun" - Mr. B. Tyler; recitation - "Man the lifeboat" - Mrs. William Gwynne; recitation - "Christmas Day" - Miss Blodwen Watkins; recitation - Miss Irene Davies; solo - Miss B. Watkins; recitation - Miss Mary Morgan. The Tree Committee was the following: Messrs. H. Brown, T. Baldwin, F. Attwell, W. J. Jones, and Thomas Jones. They were heartily thanked for their valuable assistance. The chairman also thanked Mr. Tyler for bringing the tree, the artistes, and all who in any way contributed to the success of the evening.

30 December 1911 Singing Festival The 12th Annual United Singing Festival was held at Carmel Chapel on Christmas Day by the three denominations - Methodists, Baptists and Congregationalists. The morning service was devoted to the children, and was presided over by the Rev. Moses S. Young, Noddfa. The following tunes were sung: "Diod Daw;" "Plant yr Ysgol Sul;" "Trefdroeth;" "Mi yarwnfod yn Angel;" "Taith yr ieuanc;" "Sw'n yr ieuanc flywir;" "Tr Ysgol Sul;" "Plant ydym ni;" and "Mae'n fy ngharu." The afternoon service was presided over by the Rev D. Hughes Jones, Carmel, when the following tunes were sung: "Boreu Hyfryd;" "Builth;" "Hwyr-fryn;" "Fefnbrith;" "Elijah;" "Rhosfairio;" "Sancteiddrwydd;" "Iew Tirion;" "Bom Street." The evening service was presided over by the Rev. Isaac Roderick, Nazareth, and the following tunes were sung: "Caerfyrddin;" "Tanymarian;" "Dyfrdwy;" "Castle Rising;" "Ynysowen;" "Nebron;" "Hedd;" "St. Catherine;" "Darowain." The singing was of a high order throughout. The conductor was Mr. Thomas Evans, precentor of Noddfa chapel, to whom much credit is due for the admirable way he did his work. The other precentors did all they could to help him in his arduous work. The accompanists were Miss Phillips, Mr. Roderick Jones, and Mr. Thomas Walters. Large congregations assembled at all the services, and the singing was much appreciated.

6 January 1912 Pulpit Mrs. E. Glyn Price occupied the pulpit at Noddfa on Sunday.

13 January 1912 Carmel Last Wednesday evening, the Rev. E. S. Jenkins, Abertyswg, 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.'

13 January 1912 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.

20 January 1912 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.

20 January 1912 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.

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.

27 January 1912 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.

27 January 1912 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.

3 February 1912 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.

10 February 1912 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 Hwyl' - Hilda Davies.

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.

17 February 1912 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.

24 February 1912 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.

24 February 1912 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.

24 February 1912 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.

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.

2 March 1912 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.

9 March 1912 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.

9 March 1912 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.

9 March 1912 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.

9 March 1912 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.

23 March 1912 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.

6 April 1912 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.

20 April 1912 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.

20 April 1912 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.

20 April 1912 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.

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.

27 April 1912 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.

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.

15 June 1912 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.

29 June 1912 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.

6 July 1912 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.

3 August 1912 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.

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.

7 September 1912 Noddfa On Sunday evening, Rev. B. Pennar Evans, late of Aberdeen, preached in English to a large congregation.

7 September 1912 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.

14 September 1912 Noddfa The annual preaching meetings were held on Sunday and Monday last. The pulpit was occupied by Rev. W. R. Lewis, Aberdare.

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.

5 October 1912 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.

12 October 1912 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.

12 October 1912 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.

12 October 1912 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.

12 October 1912 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.

12 October 1912 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 20th. 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.

26 October 1912 Carmel Harvest thanksgiving services were held at the chapel on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evening, Rev. D. H. Jones officiating.

26 October 1912 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.

2 November 1912 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.

9 November 1912 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.

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.

16 November 1912 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.

23 November 1912 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.

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, Pontlottyn; 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.

30 November 1912 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.

30 November 1912 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.

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.

14 December 1912 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. 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.

21 December 1912 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.

21 December 1912 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.

28 December 1912 St. Mary's Church A service was held on Christmas evening, when Rev. Williams preached.

28 December 1912 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.

28 December 1912 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.

28 December 1912 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.

28 December 1912 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.

28 December 1912 Noddfa A splendid eisteddfod was held on Christmas Day. All passed off successfully. A report will appear next week.

28 December 1912 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.'

28 December 1912 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.

4 January 1913 Fochriw Minister in America The Rev. and Mrs. M. S. Young are meeting with a splendid reception since their arrival in America. The following cuttings from the American press will be received with interest. It is stated from the "Slatington Herald:" "A meeting was held in the Baptist Church, town, Monday evening, the purpose of which was to recognise and welcome into his new charge the new pastor, Rev. M. S. Young, formerly of Fochriw, South Wales. The meeting proved to be a glorious success both for church and pastor, as the sentiment plainly showed for a co-operation of both for the furthering of the cause of the Lord. The call to the Church was delivered by the Rev. Henry Edwards, and the Speech of Acceptance by the Rev. M. S. Young. The spacious and magnificent church was crowded to its doors. After the meeting, a reception was held, refreshments being served by the Ladies' Aid Society."

Here is another cutting: 'Rev. and Mrs. Moses Young, late of Fochriw, were tendered a fruit shower by the members of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Baptist Church on Friday evening. About fifty of the ladies were present, and each presented the couple with a big jar of fruit. The society also presented them with an elegant dinner set. The evening was pleasantly enjoyed with music and various amusements.'

11 January 1913 Entertainment Another in the series of popular entertainments was given at St. Andrew's Church Schoolroom, Pentwyn, on Monday night. The following contributed to the programme: solo - Miss Sarah Williams; recitation - Master Percy Mantle; solo - Miss Ceridwen Davies; song - Mr. H. Brown; solo - Miss Blodwen Williams; song - Mr. J. C. Payne; recitation - Mr. W. J. Jones; solo - Master Wm. T. Morgan. Mr. H. Brown presided.

11 January 1913 Social A social was held at the St. Mary's Institute on Thursday evening under the auspices of the Penybank Council School. The room was beautifully decorated, and an excellent spread was provided. There was a good attendance. There were dances and games. Mr. S. Phillips was M.C., and Mr. Prosser, Pontlottyn, was at the piano.

18 January 1913 Noddfa The weekly meeting of the Band of Hope was held at the Vestry on Tuesday evening, when a good number were present. An excellent programme of solos and recitations was contributed by members. Mr. David Thomas presided. Mr. G. Thomas is the energetic secretary.

18 January 1913 Entertainment The last of the series of popular entertainments was held at Pentwyn Church Schoolroom on Monday evening. There was a large attendance, and Mr. J. C. Payne presided. There was an excellent programme the following contributing: solos - Miss Blodwen Watkins, Mr. Tom Jones, Miss Blowen Williams, Miss Ceridwen Davies, Mr. H. Brown; recitations - Miss Agnes Cooke, Miss M. A. Cooke (in Welsh); duet - Messrs. J. Wood and Tom Jones; quartette - Messrs. H. Brown, J. C. Payne, Mrs. Morgan and Mrs. Seaborne; step dance - Miss E. and Master C. Brown; march on whistle - Mr. H. Brown; songs - Master W. T. Morgan, Master Percy Mantle, Miss J. Seaborne, Miss Agnes M. Williams, Mr. C. Ballard; comic dialogue - Messrs. Joe Evans and W. J. Jones; instrumental duet - Messrs. H. Brown and F. Atwell. Mr. J. C. Payne heartily thanked those who had patronised the entertainments, and especially the artistes who had so willingly contributed. Mr. Tom Jones was thanked for his secretarial duties and Mr. W. J. Jones for acting as treasurer. The series had been a great success.

25 January 1913 Noddfa Band of Hope The young people of Noddfa chapel spent an enjoyable evening last Tuesday. Addresses were given on temperance, and prizes were given for the best rendering of 'Armour Bearer.' D. J. Davies and Clifford Davies divided the first prize. Master Evan Taswell and Miss Ettie Jones divided the prize for repeating the alphabet backwards. Mr. David Thomas presided.

25 January 1913 Nazareth The Young People's Guild met on Wednesday evening. Mr. Wm. Jones presided. The adjudicator for the evening was Mr. J. D. Jones, headmaster. The following programme was gone through: solo - Mr. Tom Lawrence; duet - Mr. D. J. Davies and Miss

Hilda Davies; paper on 'Hywel Harris,' one of the founders of the Calvinistic Methodist denomination, by Rev. I. Roderick; verses by Councillor John Jones of his own composition; competition in place-names won by Miss Mattie Jones; recitation by Miss Lizzie Mary Lawrence; place-names competition for adults won by Mr. Roderick Jones; duet - Miss Mattie Jones and Miss Hilda Davies.

1 February 1913 Noddfa Band of Hope Held on Tuesday evening and was well attended. There was a recitation on temperance followed by a number of competitions. Mr. C. Thomas presided.

1 February 1913 Noddfa The pulpit at Noddfa was occupied last Sunday by Mr. Matthias, Cwmtwrch.

8 February 1913 Nazareth The annual lecture was delivered at the chapel on Monday by Rev. W. F. Phillips, Caerphilly. Dr. E. Davies presided. The subject was 'The late Tom Ellis,' one who loved greatly the language, religion and ideals of the Welsh people.

8 February 1913 Nazareth Young People's Guild Held on Wednesday, Mr. J. D. Jones presiding. Rev. I. Roderick was the adjudicator for the evening. Programme: piano solo - Miss Katie Jones-Davies; duet - Miss Martha Davies and Mrs. R. Jones; recitation - Miss Doris Davies; paper - 'The Value of Education' - Mr. Idris Jones; duet - Mr. D. J. Davies and Miss Hilda Davies; recitation - Miss Edith Parry; duet - Misses Hilda and Martha Davies; impromptu speech - prizes won by Miss Lizzie Mary Lawrence and Miss Mattie Jones; solo - Miss M. Davies.

8 February 1913 Interesting Presentations at Fochriw: Services to St. Mary's Church Recognised On Monday at St. Mary's Institute, Mr. J. O. P. Richards, son of Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Richards, Llwyncelun Cottage, was presented with a beautiful gold watch, and purse of gold, subscribed by members of the church, to mark their appreciation of his services as organist. Mr. Richards is now 17, and has been organist since he was 11 - from the time St. Mary's Church first opened. Rev. R. A. Williams, curate-in-charge, presided. An excellent programme was gone through as follows: pianoforte solo - Mr. Richards; song - Miss Elvis Phillips; piano solo - Miss Hilda Phillips; duet - Master David J. Davies and Miss Hilda Davies. Rev. Williams then presented the inscribed watch, followed by Mrs. George Way, who presented the purse of gold. Mr. Richards replied, and there were further speeches from Mr. J. C. Payne, Mr. Thomas Lewis and Mr. H. Brown. The following again contributed to the programme: Miss Hannah Jones, Misses Hilda and Irene Phillips, Miss Blodwen Watkins and Miss Hannah Jones. Dancing then followed with Mr. S. Phillips as M. C. and Mr. J. Prosser at the piano.

15 February 1913 Noddfa Band of Hope Held on Tuesday week, a large number being present.

22 February 1913 Noddfa Band of Hope Held on Tuesday week when there was a lantern entertainment, manipulated by Mr. Joshua Evans. The following contributed to the programme: Charlie Edwards, Doris Davies, Ben Davies, Phyllis Williams, Mary Jones, Marjorie Lewis, Enid Evans, Gomer Williams.

1 March 1913 Noddfa Band of Hope Held on Thursday week, Mr. David Thomas presiding. At intervals, the Band of Hope choir sang hymns from the programme of the Baptist Singing Festival, which is held in the Rhymney Valley in April. The following also contributed: Doris Davies, Enid Evans, Phyllis Williams, Eleanora Jenkins, Lydia Cumpstone, Marjory Lewis, Charlie Edwards.

8 March 1913 Noddfa Meetings were held on Sunday, Rev. W. A. Williams, Pontypridd, preaching. On Monday, Rev. Williams lectured on 'Nod Bywyd.' Rev. Roderick presided. The Noddfa friends wish to thank Dr. and Mrs. Davies for their great kindness in entertaining their anniversary preacher.

8 March 1913 Noddfa Band of Hope Held on Tuesday evening, Mr. David Thomas presiding. The following was the programme: recitation - Miss Gwyneth Davies; song - Master Clifford Davies; recitation - Miss Doris Davies; competition for the boy or girl to explain the word 'Cyni.' Nine competed, and the prize was awarded to Miss Anna Williams.

8 March 1913 Carmel A social tea and entertainment was held on Friday, when a large number were present. The tables were presided over and assistance rendered by the following:

Mrs. D. Jones and Misses Sibley, Hannah Evans, Maud Llewellyn, Mary McArthur, Beatrice Griffiths, Mrs. David Jones, Miss Moriah Rees, Mrs. Pugh and Misses M. A. Lewis, A. G. Williams and Walters. Rev. D. H. Jones presided, and the following contributed to the programme: pino solo - Mr. Dd. Cole Jones; solo - Miss Ruth Griffiths; recitation - Miss May Rowlands; trio - Misses Rachel Walters, M. A. Walters and Hannah Jones; recitation - Miss E. M. Lawrence; paper by Miss E. Cole Jones; solo - Mr. T. H. Jones; address - Mr. E. M. Davies; piano duet - Mr. Harry Hughes and Miss Olwen Hughes; solo - Miss Hannah Jones; paper on 'The Late Tom Ellis,' by Miss M. A. Lewis; piano and violin duet - Miss Olwen Hughes and Mr. Harry Hughes; solo - Mr. T. Walters; solo - Miss Mary A. Walters; Welsh story - the Chairman.

15 March 1913 Noddfa Band of Hope Held on Tuesday, Mr. Dd. Thomas presiding. The programme included a spelling competition for boys and girls.

22 March 1913 Noddfa Band of Hope Held on Tuesday evening. The chair was taken by Mr. D. Thomas. The following contributed to the programme: solo - Enid Evans; recitation - Doris Davies; competition for children who recited three verses from 'Llawlyfr Moliant.' Prize divided between Phylis Williams and Annie Williams. There was a spelling competition. Eleven took part. The prize was divided between Masters Tom Thomas and Dummett.

29 March 1913 St. Mary's Church Services were held on Good Friday at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., Rev. Williams officiating.

29 March 1913 St. Andrew's Church Morning and evening services were held on Good Friday, Mr. J. C. Payne officiating. The Church was packed on Easter Sunday night, Mr. Payne preaching on the Resurrection, taking his text from Rev. 1, 17-18. The singing was accompanied by an orchestra, the instrumentalists being Messrs. H. Brown, Lewis Beynon, Harry Hughes, W. J. Parry, W. J. Jones, William Mantle, David Jones and Albert Mantle. Mr. John Wood conducted.

29 March 1913 Nazareth The Young People's Guild met on Good Friday when they enjoyed a tea and entertainment. The following ladies presided at the tables: Mesdames J. Jones, C. Checke, T. J. Hopkins, J. Lawrence and D. Davies, and Misses Mary Lawrence and Martha Davies. They were assisted by Mesdames J. D. Jones, Roderick and R. Jones, Messrs. James Lawrence, Idris Jones, Willie Adams-Jones and Peter Jones. After tea, Councillor J. Jones presided, and Mr. Roderick Jones was at the organ. The following programme was gone through: solo - Mr. Willie J. Davies; solo - Master D. J. Davies; sketch - 'Selecting a Minister' - Messrs. W. A. Jones, T. Lawrence, Willie Davies, Evan Davies, John Davies, Willie J. Angell and Idris Jones; solo - Miss Annie Maude Jones; recitation - Miss Lizzie Mary Lawrence; dialogue - Misses Katie Jones-Davies and Mary Jane Jones; duet - Master D. J. Davies and Miss Hilda Davies; duet - Mr. R. Jones and Miss M. Davies; dialogue - Rev. J. Roderick, Miss Mary Lawrence and Mr. J. D. Jones; solo - Miss M. A. Walters.

12 April 1913 Noddfa Band of Hope The weekly meeting was held at the Vestry on Tuesday evening, Mr. David Thomas presiding. The following contributed: songs - Miss Elizabeth Ann Evans, Miss Ruth Griffiths, Miss Gwenda Thomas, Miss Doris Davies, Miss Enid Evans; recitations - Miss G. Jenkins, Master Clifford Davies, Master Charles Edwards. There was also a spelling competition.

12 April 1913 St. Andrew's Church, Pentwyn The annual meeting in connection with the Church was held at the Vestry on Wednesday week, Rev. Gilbert Williams, Vicar, presiding. There were a large number present. Mr. J. C. Payne presented the accounts. Both Rev. Williams and Mr. Payne thanked all for their services in the past year, and hoped that both Church and Sunday School would continue in their flourishing state. The Vicar elected the following sidesmen: Messrs. Joseph Evans, Morgan Parry and C. Ballard. The people's sidesmen elected were Messrs. A. Cogan, Wm. Morris and Ernest Jones. Mr. Payne elected Mr. Tom Baldwin. Messrs. Wm. J. Jones and H. Brown were elected representatives of the Clergy Fund. Mr. Pearce and Mr. Randall, churchwardens, were also present.

12 April 1913 St. Mary's Church The annual meeting in connection with the Church, to pass accounts and elect sidesmen, was held on Wednesday week, and was presided over by the Vicar, Rev. Gilbert Williams. The churchwardens Messrs. A. Randall and S. Pearce were also present. Mr. Wm. Davies, treasurer, presented the accounts. The sidesmen elected were:

Vicar's: Messrs. Wm. Davies, Wm. Curtis, W. J. Payne and Josiah Richards. People's: Messrs. Wm. Sibley, Wm. Wilton, Herbert Edgar and Charles Payne. Messrs. Wm. Davies and W. J. Payne were elected representatives of the Clergy Fund.

12 April 1913 Carmel At this Church there was a singing festival instead of the usual Sunday School and evening service. Mr. David Davies (Pencerdd Morganwg) conducted. The afternoon session was for children, and the evening for adults. A feature of this festival was the orchestra: strings - Messrs. I. Beynon, Harry Hughes, Sidney Phillips, W. J. Jones, Willie Parry and Miss I. Phillips; brass - Messrs. W. Mantle, A. Mantle, Jenkin Pugh, Tom Powell and David Jones; organ and piano - Mr. Thos. Walters and Miss Hannah Evans. Rev. D. H. Jones heartily thanked the orchestra, they being members of many denominations in the village. Good singing, and plenty of it, pleased the hearts of scores of worshippers. The Church was packed.

26 April 1913 Nazareth The half-yearly meetings were held at this chapel on Sunday and Monday, Rev. W. F. Phillips, Caerphilly, being the preacher. There were large congregations. Mr. Wm. Morris conducted the singing, and Mr. Roderick Jones was at the organ. Substantial collections were made towards the cause.

26 April 1913 Noddfa Band of Hope The members of the Band of Hope had a splendid meeting on Tuesday. The following contributed: songs - Master Brinley Sibley, Miss L. Cumpstone, Miss Rachel Walters, Miss Ruth Griffiths; recitations - Miss Gwenda Thomas, Miss Doris Davies, Master Daniel Rowlands, Miss Phyllis M. Williams; address - Mr. Robert Walters. There was also a spelling competition. A most enjoyable time was spent on Tuesday evening at the Vestry, where an excellent tea had been provided under the auspices of the Band of Hope. After the tea, an excellent programme was gone through.

3 May 1913 Social and Dance Held at St. Mary's Institute on Thursday week, when a large number were present. There was an excellent spread, after which there was dancing and games. Mr. Harry Salmon was at the piano, with Mr. S. Phillips M. C.

17 May 1913 Nazareth The children's singing festival of the Calvinistic Methodist Churches of Dowlais district was held this year at Fochriw on Tuesday. It was a great success. Over 900 singers came from the following churches: Hermon, Libanus, Caeharris, Bedlinog, Fochriw, Deri. Mr. J. D. Jones, Fochriw, catechised the children in the afternoon, and Mr. J. T. Jones, Dowlais, in the evening.

17 May 1913 Presentation: Social Evening at St. Andrew's Pentwyn On Thursday week, a large number assembled at St. Andrew's Schoolroom, when Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jones, Glenview, were recipients of some lovely presents on the occasion of their leaving Pentwyn for Lancashire. There was an excellent spread, about 200 partaking, and this was followed by a splendid programme. Mr. J. C. Payne presided. Mr. Payne presented Mr. Jones with a dressing case, and Mr. H. Brown presented Mrs. Jones with a 'lady's companion.' Mr. C. Ballard, Mr. Wm. Morris and Mr. Jas. Williams then spoke. Mr. Payne thanked all who had given so freely to the social and the entertainment.

7 June 1913 Carmel Chapel The annual services in connection with the Chapel were held on Sunday and Monday. Revs. Lewis, Trelewis, and Davies, Cwmbach, preached to good congregations. The friends of Carmel are anxiously looking forward to a bright future under their esteemed minister Rev. D. H. Jones.

21 June 1913 Concert A concert was given in the St. Mary's Institute on Thursday week by the Scarlet Pierrot Troupe, Penydarren. All the artistes did their work exceedingly well.

28 June 1913 Confirmation The rite of confirmation was administered at the Parish Church on Friday evening by the Bishop of Llandaff. About 60 candidates presented themselves, there being 10 from Pentwyn Church, and two from St. Mary's.

28 June 1913 Memorial Service A service of memorial for the late Mr. Thos. Roberts, Martin-street, was held at St. Mary's Church on Sunday evening. Rev. W. Chappel occupied the pulpit. Mr. O. Richards played the Dead March from 'Saul' most effectively.

5 July 1913 Church Parade The Fochriw St. John Ambulance Brigade had their annual church parade last Sunday evening, when they marched to Nazareth Chapel under the command of Superintendent W. J. Ballard. The weather was beautiful. Rev. Isaac Roderick officiated, and the singing was conducted by Mr. Wm. Norris with Mr. Roderick Jones at the organ.

5 July 1913 Tea and Sports The Pentwyn Church annual tea and sports took place on Thursday. The children met at the church at 2 o'clock, and a short service was held, prior to the parade, which was headed by the Bedlinog Brass Band. The children paraded the streets of Fochriw and Pentwyn, and this was followed by tea, the catering being done by Mr. W. J. Angell. During the evening, sports were enjoyed.

12 July 1913 Fochriw Sunday Schools: Annual Demonstration On Monday, the various chapels held their Sunday School tea parties. The procession started from Carmel, and on reaching the village, the Nazareth School joined in, and afterwards the Noddfa School. Then the whole village was toured by the procession. After reaching their various places of worship and vestries, the children had tea. At Carmel, Mrs. Elizabeth Llewellyn prepared the tea, and Dr. Eleazer Davies and Rev. D. H. Jones distributed the sweets and bananas. After tea, the children went on the mountainside for games.

20 September 1913 Picnic The annual picnic in connection with St. Andrew's Sunday School, took place last Thursday at Cwnllwydrew Farm Fields, kindly lent by Mr. & Mrs. James Davies. The scholars were met by Mr. J. C. Payne, lay-reader, at Penybank, who marched them to the fields, where an excellent tea had been prepared. There were about 130 present. The adults were invited into the farm by Mr. & Mrs. Davies where a sumptuous repast was much enjoyed. Sports and games followed in ideal conditions, which contributed greatly to the success of the day. Thanks to all who so kindly assisted in the success of the day, especially our hosts, Mr. & Mrs. Davies.

27 September 1913 St. Mary's Church The pulpit of St. Mary's was occupied on Sunday evening by Rev. W. J. McCartie, who preached a sermon in memory of Mrs. Gettins, Guest-street. The mourners were present. The lessons were read by Mr. Josiah Richards. Mr. O. P. Richards played the 'Dead March in Saul.'

27 September 1913 St. Mary's Church The annual tea took place on Thursday week. The weather was excellent. The tables were presided over by the following: Mesdames Evans, Watkins, Thomas, Curtis, Miss Nan Prosser, Miss Violet Curtis, Mrs. Yeo, Miss E. Smith, Mesdames Richards, Jones, G. Way, S. Way, J. White, W. White, Rees, Watkins, and Messrs. Josiah Richards, Octavius Richards, Percy Pike, Wm. Curtis, T. S. Jones, Morgan Parry and C. Ballard.

27 September 1913 St. Andrew's Church Pentwyn Harvest thanksgiving services were held at the Church on Sunday, Monday and Wednesday. Mr. J. C. Payne, lay-reader-in-charge, preached on Sunday morning, Sunday afternoon, and Wednesday evening, Rev. W. J. McCartie on Sunday evening, and Rev. G. Williams on Tuesday. The services were well attended on Sunday, the Church being packed to overflowing. The singing was exceedingly good. Mr. John Wood was the conductor, and Mr. Brown the organist. The church was beautifully decorated, and thanks are due to all those kindly persons who gave fruit, vegetables and eggs. These have been distributed to the sick of the district.

4 October 1913 St. Mary's Church Harvest thanksgiving services were held at St. Mary's on Thursday and Sunday week. The preachers were as follows: Thursday - Rev. T. H. Pountney, curate of Gelligaer; Sunday morning - Rev. W. J. McCartie, curate of Pontlottyn; Sunday evening - Rev. W. Phillips, curate of Bargoed. There were large congregations. The fruit and vegetables were sent to the Union Infirmary Merthyr. Thanks to all who assisted with decoration and the gifts of fruit, flowers and vegetables.

4 October 1913 Noddfa On Tuesday evening, a lecture was delivered at Noddfa on the 'Chancellor of the Exchequer,' by Rev. D. Huws Jones, pastor of Carmel Congregational Church. The lecturer dealt with the influences that were brought to bear on the life of the Chancellor in his boyhood and youth. He was a son of the people and knew their struggles; therefore he did not forget the rock from which he was hewn. Non-conformity had also played a major influence. He knew the struggles of the Non-conformist fathers, and what they had to contend with in the form of opposition from the State religion and State Church. The sword had entered his soul when very young, and he had kept the Non-conformist spirit and aspirations alive and healthy throughout the years. Throughout, the lecture was of a high order, and was much appreciated by the audience. Dr. Eleazer Davies, J. P., Fochriw, presided. The proceeds of the lecture went in aid of the Philharmonic Benefit Society funds. After the usual votes of

thanks, the evening ended with the singing of 'Hen Wlad fy Nhadau,' which was led by Mrs. Thomas Walters.

1 November 1913 Memorial Services A service in memory of the departed brothers, 'the victims of the Senghenydd explosion,' was held at St. Mary's Church, and at St. Andrew's Church, Pentwyn, on Sunday evening. The offertories throughout the day were given to the relief fund.

1 November 1913 St. Andrew's Band of Hope The members of the St. Andrew's Church Band of Hope held their weekly meeting on Wednesday evening, a large number being present. The meeting opened with a hymn from Miss Blod. Williams. Miss Louisa Grimmett then engaged in prayer, followed by a duet from Misses Mary Morgan and Sarah Williams. Then followed: recitation - Miss Catherine Ann Jones; address - Mr. J. C. Payne; solo - Mr. Hughes; duet - Misses May Williams and Maggie S. Martin; address - Mr. C. Ballard; duet - Misses Mary Jones and Blodwen Watkins; solo - Mr. C. Ballard; address - Mr. Hughes; address - Miss E. M. Jones. Mr. Payne closed the meeting with prayer.

8 November 1913 St. Andrew's Band of Hope The members of the St. Andrew's Church Band of Hope held their weekly meeting on Wednesday evening. There were a large number present. Miss E. M. Jones presided. The opening prayers were led by Miss Blodwen Williams. The following contributed to the programme: solo - Miss Blodwen Watkins; duet - Miss B. Watkins and Miss Polly Jones; recitations - Miss A. M. Williams, Master Thomas E. Davies, Miss Maggie Sarah Martin; addresses - Messrs. H. Brown, J. C. Payne.

15 November 1913 St. Andrew's Band of Hope The members of the St. Andrew's Church Band of Hope held their weekly meeting on Wednesday evening. There were a large number present. Miss E. M. Jones presided. The following contributed to the programme: solos - Misses Polly Jones and Ceridwen Davies; short addresses - Messrs. Ballard and Payne; duet - Misses Morfydd Williams and Lucy Martin; address - Miss E. M. Jones.

22 November 1913 St. Andrew's Band of Hope The members of the St. Andrew's Church Band of Hope held their weekly meeting on Wednesday evening. There were a large number present. Mr. C. Ballard presided. The opening prayers were led by Master Wm. T. Morgan. The following contributed to the programme: solo - Miss Morfydd Williams; recitation - Miss Agnes May Williams; duet - Misses Maggie Davies and Morfydd Williams; song - Master Percy Mantle; duet - Misses Mary Jones & Blodwen Williams; recitation - Miss Alice Mills; chant - Misses Ceridwen Davies and Blodwen Williams; song - Miss Maggie Davies; recitation - Master Wm. Thomas Williams; recitation - Masters P. Mantle and George Jones; duet - Misses B. Williams and M. Jones; recitation - Master G. Jones; duet - Misses A. M. Williams and E. A. Davies; short addresses - Mr. Ballard and Mr. Payne. A book prize was offered for the best rendering of 'Jesu, Lover of my Soul.' There were six competitors, and the prize awarded to Miss Mary Morgan.

29 November 1913 St. Mary's Church A service in memory of the late Mrs. Davies, Guest-street, was held on Sunday evening, when Rev. W. Chappell preached. Appropriate hymns were sung under the conductorship of Mr. B. Angell. Mr. O. Richards was at the organ, and Mr. Josiah Richards read the lessons.

29 November 1913 Nazareth The annual preaching meetings took place on Saturday, Sunday and Monday. The preachers were the Revs. Daniel Davies, Pentre Rhondda, and T. E. Davies, Dowlais. The singing, which was of a high standard, was conducted by Mr. Wm. Morris, with Mr. Roderick Jones at the organ.

29 November 1913 St. Andrew's Band of Hope The members of the St. Andrew's Church Band of Hope held their weekly meeting on Wednesday evening. There were a large number present. Miss E. M. Jones presided. An excellent programme was contributed to by Misses Blodwen Williams, Pollie Jones, Blodwen Watkins, Master Clifford Everett, Mr. H. Brown, Misses Morfydd Williams, Maggie Morris, Ceridwen Davies, Sarah Morris, Maggie Sarah Martin, Agnes May Evans, Masters Johnnie Mantle, David Tyler and Thomas Elvet Davies. Short addresses were given by Miss Jones and Mr. Payne. An enjoyable evening was brought to a close with prayer.

6 December 1913 Entertainment A successful entertainment was given at St. Andrew's Church on Monday evening. Mr. J. C. Payne presided over an excellent programme was

provided which was as follows: organ solo - Mr. H. Brown; recitation - Miss E. M. Jones, Cwmbargoed; trio - Messrs. Brown, Ballard and Payne; recitation - Master Clifford Everett; song - Master W. T. Williams; solo - Mr. C. Ballard; duet - Master Christie and Miss Elsie Brown; solos - Tom Jones; recitations - Miss Jones and Master W. T. Williams.

6 December 1913 St. Andrew's Band of Hope The members of the St. Andrew's Church Band of Hope held their weekly meeting on Wednesday evening. There were a large number present. Mr. E. M. Jones presided. A programme of recitations, duets, solos and a competition were contributed to by members. Addresses were given by Mr. C. Ballard, Mr. H. Brown and J. C. Payne.

13 December 1913 St. Andrew's Band of Hope The members of the St. Andrew's Church Band of Hope held their weekly meeting on Wednesday evening. There were a large number present. Mr. C. Ballard presided. The following contributed to the programme: Misses Maggie Jones, Sarah Evans, Agnes May Williams, Blodwen Williams, and Masters Willie Davies, David Tyler, J. A. Davies and W. T. Williams. Addresses were given by Mr. C. Ballard and Mr. H. Brown.

20 December 1913 Half-Yearly Meetings At Carmel on Sunday and Monday, Rev. Gwilym Rees, Soar, Merthyr, officiated. The singing was conducted by Mr. D. Davies, with Mr. Thomas Walters at the organ. On Tuesday evening, a lecture was delivered by Rev. Crwys Williams, Brynmawr, on 'Gwerin Cymru.' Dr. E. Davies presided.

20 December 1913 St. Andrew's Band of Hope The members of the St. Andrew's Church Band of Hope held their weekly meeting on Wednesday evening. There were a large number present. Mr. E. M. Jones presided. The following contributed to the programme: recitations - Misses Sarah Evans and Alice Mills, Masters Percy Mantle, Richard George Attwell and Willie Grimmett; songs - Miss B. Williams and Master C. Everett; duets - Misses A. M. Williams & M. Morgan, Masters R. G. Attwell and David Tyler. Short addresses were given by Miss Jones, Mr. Ballard and Mr. Payne.

20 December 1913 Entertainment An entertainment was held at the Pentwyn Church Schoolroom on Monday night. There were a large number present, and Mr. J. C. Payne presided. The following contributed to the programme: organ solo - Mr. H. Brown; recitation - Miss Jones; solo - Miss Maggie Parker; duet - Misses S. J. Williams and Ivy Griffiths; recitation - Master W. J. Williams; solo - Mrs. Annie Morgan; recitation - Master Clifford Everett; solo - Mr. H. Brown; duet - Miss P. Jones and Miss Catherine Watkins; solo - Mr. J. Davies; recitation - Miss R. Jones; duet - Master Christy and Miss Elsie Brown; solo - Miss Ada Seaborne; recitation - Miss E. M. Jones; solos - Master Percy Mantle, Miss Jane Seaborne, Mr. C. Ballard, Mr. Davies, and Miss B. Watkins.

27 December 1913 Entertainment An entertainment was held at St. Mary's Institute on Thursday, Mr. Josiah Richards presiding. The following contributed to the programme: address - the Chairman; pianoforte solo - Mr. Octavius Richards; recitation - Mr. Sydney Way; solo - Master Atwell Woods; recitation - Master Charley Edwards; song - Miss Nan Prosser; recitation - Master Edwin Jones and Elvis Phillips; dialogue - Masters C. Edwards, A. Morris and B. Sibley.

3 January 1914 Band of Hope The members of the St. Andrew's Church (Pentwyn) Band of Hope held their weekly meeting at the schoolroom on Wednesday week, Mr. C. Ballard presiding. The meeting opened with prayer led by Mr. Ballard and the singing of a hymn. The following contributed to the programme: solo - Miss Ceridwen Jones; recitation - Master T. E. Davies; duet - Misses Morfydd and Lizzie A. Williams; recitation - Miss Sarah Williams; solo - Miss Blodwen Williams; duet - Miss Ceridwen Jones and Miss B. Williams; recitation - Miss Mary Morgan.

3 January 1914 St. Mary's Hall On Christmas Eve, the scholars of the Sunday School were given a tea in the Hall by the Superintendent, Mr. Josiah Richards, and the teachers, Mrs. Price Jones, Mrs. Davies (Bargoed), Miss Nan Prosser, Miss Watkins, Mr. Octavius Richards and Mr. J. Davies. The tables were attended by the following: Mesdames G. Way, E. Shiffy, J. Richards, Misses Nan Prosser, Violet Curtis. L. M. Evans and Mrs. Price Jones. One of the chief events of the evening was Father Christmas appearing in the person of Mr. Wm. Curtis. Each child was given an orange and sweets. A short entertainment was also given, the

contributors being Mr. O. Richards, Miss N. Prosser, Miss Price Jones, Miss Gwladys Watkins, Master Edwin Dummett, Miss M. Tyler, Miss Frances Wilton, Miss V. Curtis, Miss E. Way, Miss G. Williams. Master Edwin Jones gave a performance of the jolly wag. The singing of the National Anthem brought the evening to a close.

3 January 1914 Presentation On Christmas Eve, a Christmas Tree and entertainment took place at St. Andrew's Church Pentwyn, when about 200 parents and scholars assembled. The tree had been tastefully decorated with toys etc., both tree and toys being kindly given by Mr. & Mrs. Davies, Cwm Farm, Penybanc. Mr. J. C. Payne presided, and in an introductory address, spoke of the flourishing state of the school, and of the invaluable help of the teachers, and particularly, Mr. T. Baldwin, the energetic secretary of the Sunday School. Mr. Payne presented each child (140) with an orange and a book. Mr. H. Brown, also, was presented with a silver tea and coffee service, subscribed for by members of the church and friends, as a token of appreciation for his services as organist for the past three years. Mr. T. Baldwin made the presentation, and spoke glowingly of Mr. Brown's faithfulness, as did Mr. Payne. The entertainment followed the presentation

3 January 1914 Christmas Day at Fochriw: Around the Churches: Nazareth Calvinistic Methodist Church A very pleasant meeting took place on Christmas afternoon, over which Mr. J. M. Jones presided. He opened with an appropriate address to the scholars. Recitations and dialogues were given by Miss Lizzie M. Lawrence and Miss Hilda Davies. During the afternoon, every scholar was presented with a toy. In the evening, a very successful Eisteddfod was held, under the presidency of Mr. James Lawrence (senior). There was a splendid audience present. The adjudicators were: Music - Mr. Afan Edwards, Pengam; literature - Rev. Isaac Roderick, pastor. Children's choir - Mr. Idris Jones' choir; open duet - divided - Mr. Morris and friend/ Mr. D. J. Davies and Miss Hilda Davies; bass solo - Mr. John Davies; soprano solo - divided - Miss Maggie Davies/ Miss Mattie Jones; girls' solo - divided - Miss Hilda Davies/ Miss Mattie Jones; boys' solo - Master Dd. J. Davies; hymn tune, over 40 - Mr. W. Jones; sight singing - Miss Mayzie Davies; solo under 12 - Master John Edgar; quartette - Mr. Morris's party; traethawdi 'Nadolig' - Mr. Wm. Jones; barddoniaeth, 'Nazareth Fochriw' - Mr. Wm. Jones; open recitation - Mr. Edward Jones; recitation for children - Miss Muriel Jones; impromptu speech - Mr. Wm. Jones. The accompanists were: Mr. Roderick Jones, Miss Katie Jones Davies and Miss Maggie Davies. The secretarial duties were carried out by Mr. Idris Jones, and Mr. John Davies was treasurer.

3 January 1914 Christmas Day at Fochriw: Around the Churches: Carmel Congregational Church Successful meetings were held on Christmas Day, when the annual Gymanfa Ganu took place. The Chapel was well filled throughout the day. The morning was devoted to the children, when the Rev. D. Huws Jones, pastor, presided. A chapter from Scripture was recited by the following: Misses E. M. Lawrence, E. A. Angell, and Master T. J. Evans. All the children prayed 'Dyro i ni Dy Wenau.' Solos were rendered by Miss Miriam Thomas and Master T. H. Jones. Rev. Jones and Rev. Davies (Adulam, Merthyr), catechised the children on two chapters from the book 'Porth yr Eglwys.' The following hymns were beautifully sung: 'Maidstone;' 'Bydd yr Arwrw;' 'St. Catherine;' 'Plymouth;' 'O Iesu, 'rwy'n Dy garu;' 'Canwn ar y daith;' 'Ewch, dros yr hen, hen hanes;' 'Pob llwyth ac iath.'

The afternoon meeting was presided over by Rev. R. D. Jenkins. Rev. Davies, Merthyr, opened the meeting with a reading and prayer, followed by a fine solo from Mr. Thos. G. Davies, 'Pass it on.' The following hymn tunes were sung: 'Leoni;' 'Daryd;' 'Tallis;' 'Trefedyn;' 'Amwithig;' 'Turtle;' 'Buddugoliaeth.' The evening meeting was presided over by Dr. Eleazer Davies, J.P.. Solos were beautifully rendered by Mrs. C. Walters and Mr. Ashton (Aberfan). A quartette was finely sung by Messrs. S. Ashton, T. G. Davies, and Misses M. A. Walters and Hannah Cole Jones. The following hymn tunes were effectively sung: 'Bryn Seion;' 'Dorcas;' 'Adeste Fideles;' 'Maccabeaus;' 'Weimar;' 'St. Aelred;' 'Machynlleth,' and the Spanish Chant. The following chorus and anthems were exquisitely rendered by the choir: 'Worthy is the Lamb,' chorus; anthems, 'Eisteddai Teithiwr Blin' (D. Emlyn Evans), 'Fe Welir Seion fel y Wawr' (M. O. Jones), 'Sanctus' (G. T. Volger). The conductor was Mr. Septimus Ashton (Aberfan), and the accompanists Mr. Thomas Walters, Misses Hannah Evans, Annie Evans and Olwen Hughes. During the afternoon and evening meetings, they were strengthened by the

orchestral band, under the conductorship of Mr. Lewis Beynon, Fochriw. The instrumentalists were: 1st violins, Mr. L. Beynon, Sydney Phillips, and Miss Irene Phillips; 2nd violins, Mr. Harry Hughes and Mr. Wm. John Parry; 1st cornet, Mr. Jenkin Pugh; 2nd cornet, Mr. David Jones; tenor horn, Mr. Albert Mantle; euphonium, Mr. Tom Powell. Great praise is due to the instrumentalists, singers and all who in any way assisted in bringing the festival to a successful issue. Mr. Daniel Rowlands was secretary, and Mr. Thomas Lewis treasurer.

3 January 1914 Christmas Day at Fochriw: Around the Churches: Noddfa Baptist Chapel

On Christmas morning, Mr. Thomas Evans presided over the meeting. A large number of children contributed recitations, solos, etc. All the children were presented with suitable books. During the afternoon, a meeting of a similar character was held for adults, with Mr. David Thomas as president. In the evening, a very successful Eisteddfod was held, Mr. H. Williams presiding. The test pieces were as follows: solo, boys under 10 - divided, Masters Dd. J. Thomas/ Clifford Davies; solo, girls under 10 - Miss Enid Evans; recitation under 12 - Master Dd. J. Thomas; solo, boys under 15 - Master Dd. J. Thomas; solo, girls under 15 - Miss E. A. Evans; recitation under 15 - Master Tom Thomas; solo, over 40 - divided, Mr. Crad. Shankland/ C. M. Jones; contralto solo - Miss Hilda Davies; soprano solo - Miss May Rose Rees; tenor solo - Mr. John Evans; bass solo - Mr. C. Shankland; traethawd 'Lletygarwch' - Mr. David Thomas; duet - Mr. C. Shankland and W. H. Davies; party of eight voices - Mr. John Evans' party. The adjudicators were: Music - Mr. Dd. Harris, Penyardren; recitations - Mr. J. R. Voyle, Rhymney. The accompanist was Miss Hilda Phillip, the secretary Mr. Joshua Evans, and the treasurer Mr. Ben Thomas.

3 January 1914 Christmas Day at Fochriw: Around the Churches: St. Andrews Church, Pentwyn

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

10 January 1914 St. Andrew's Church Band of Hope The weekly meeting was held at the schoolroom on Wednesday. Several members contributed solos and recitations. Mr. Payne gave an address. Mr. C. Ballard presided.

10 January 1914 Noddfa A concert was held on New Year's Eve at Noddfa, Dr. Eleazer Davies, J.P., presiding. A large audience was entertained to excellent singing from Miss Gladys Partridge, R.C.M.; Miss Gladys May Smith, Brynmawr; Mr. David Thomas, National Winner, Abergavenny Eisteddfod; Mr. W. J. Davies, National Winner, Abergavenny Eisteddfod. The audience was given a rich musical treat, and was in every way a great success. Miss Hilda Phillips accompanied.

10 January 1914 Railway Mission, Cwmbargoed A tea was given on New Year's Eve, when a large number was present. The tea was followed by an entertainment.

10 January 1914 St. Mary's Institute A social and dance was held on New Year's Eve. There was dancing from 6.45pm. to midnight. The M.Cs were Messrs. Tom Evans and John Poodle, and Mr. Alfred Jenkins, Pontlottyn, was pianist. On New Year's Day, an entertainment was held, with Mr. O. Richards presiding. The following contributed to the programme: pianoforte solo - Mr. O. Richards; song - Master Harold Harris; recitation - Master Hartwell Wood; song - Miss L. M. Jones; recitation - Miss E. Way; song - Miss Doris Davies; dialogue - Misses Lydia, Doris and Margery Lewis; song - Master Charley Edwards; recitation - Master Sydney Way; song - Miss L. M. Jones.

17 January 1914 St. Andrew's Church Band of Hope The weekly meeting was held at the schoolroom on Wednesday. Miss E. M. Jones presided. The meeting opened with a hymn and prayer. The following contributed to the programme: Miss Jones, Cwmbargoed; solo - Miss B. Williams; address - Mr. C. Ballard; duet - Misses Ceridwen Jones and Mary Jones; duet - Misses B. Williams and Mary Morgan.

17 January 1914 Entertainment An entertainment was given at the St. Andrew's church Schoolroom, Pentwyn, on Tuesday, over which Mr. Baylis, Cwmbargoed, presided. The

following contributed to the programme: organ voluntary - Mr. H. Brown; solo - Miss Sarah Williams; recitation - Miss E. M. Jones; solo - Mrs. Annie Morgan; recitation - Miss Susie Probert; song - Mr. J. C. Payne; recitation - Miss May Jones; song - Mr. Joseph Evans; dialogue - Masters D. Tyler and E. J. Morgan; stump speeches - Mr. Baylis; duet - Misses Polly Jones and Ceridwen Davies; comic song - Mr. Brown; humorous address - Mr. Baylis; whistling solo - Mr. H. Brown. An enjoyable evening was brought to a close with the singing of the National Anthem.

24 January 1914 St. Andrew's Church Band of Hope The weekly meeting was held at the schoolroom on Wednesday. Several members contributed to what proved an excellent programme. Mr. C. Ballard presided.

24 January 1914 Entertainment A successful entertainment was held at St. Mary's Institute on Thursday evening, and was presided over by Mr. Josiah Richards. The programme was as follows: pianoforte solo - Mr. Octavius Richards; hymn - Miss E. Way; recitation - Master Hartwell Woods; song 'Down in the Valley' - Miss A. L. Jones; recitation - Miss E. A. Jones; song 'The Shamrock' - Master B. F. Jones; The singing of 'Land of My Fathers' brought the evening to a close.

31 January 1914 Entertainment A successful entertainment was given at the St. Mary's Institute on Thursday, Mr. Josiah Richards presiding. The following contributed to the programme: songs: Misses L. M. Jones, Ruth Griffiths, Elizabeth Way, Enid Evans, and Master Aneurin Thomas; recitations: Misses Gwladys Watkins, Elizabeth A. Jones, Masters Hartwell Woods and Edwin Jones. The prize for the best recitation of the 53rd Psalm was won by Miss E. A. Jones. Misses Olwen and Ruth Griffiths rendered a duet.

31 January 1914 St. Andrew's Church Band of Hope The weekly meeting was held at the schoolroom on Wednesday. Miss E. M. Jones, Cwmbargoed presided. The programme was: trio - Misses Agnes May Williams, Lucy Mary Martin & Lizzie Ann Williams; duet: Masters Tom Jones and David Tyler; recitation: Miss Ivy Tyler; address: Miss Jones; recitations: Masters Tom Mantle and F. Pierce; solo: Master Tom Jones; duet: Misses Sarah Williams and Agnes Tyler; duet: Misses Mary Jones and Blodwen Watkins.

7 February 1914 Pentwyn Pulpit The pulpit at St. Andrew's Church was occupied on Sunday by Rev. W. J. Brown, Manchester, who preached inspiring sermons, which were much appreciated. Mr. J. C. Payne took the service, and Mr. C. Ballard read the lessons. Mr. J. Wood, choirmaster, conducted the singing, with Mr. H. Brown at the organ.

7 February 1914 Entertainment An entertainment was given at St. Andrew's Church Schoolroom on Tuesday, Mr. H. Brown presiding. The programme was as follows: solo - Miss Sarah Williams; recitation - Master Percy Mantle; instrumental solo - Mr. H. Brown; solo - Mrs. Morgan; recitation - Master T. Williams; song - the Chairman; recitation - Miss Ceridwen Davies; solo - Mr. Tom Jones; recitation - Master Edward T. Morgan; solo - Mr. C. Ballard; recitation - Master W. T. Williams; whistle solo - Mr. Brown; dialogue - Miss Agnes May Williams & Miss Lizzie Ann Williams.

7 February 1914 Band of Hope The members of the St. Andrew's Church Band of Hope held their weekly meeting in the Schoolroom on Wednesday, Miss E. M. Jones, Cwmbargoed, presiding over a good attendance. The following programme was gone through: opening hymn and prayer; recitation - Miss A. M. Williams; duet - Miss Morfydd Williams & Miss Ivy Tyler; recitation - Miss E. A. Davies; song - Miss May Jones; duet - Misses M. S. Martin & A. M. Williams; song - Miss Mary Morgan; song Miss Sarah Williams; address - Miss Jones.

14 February 1914 Band of Hope The members of the St. Andrew's Church Band of Hope held their weekly meeting in the Schoolroom on Wednesday, Miss E. M. Jones, Cwmbargoed, presiding over a large attendance. The following programme was gone through: hymn and prayer; duets - Misses Morfydd Williams and Ivy Tyler; Sarah Williams and Mary Morgan; Blodwen Williams and Mary Morgan; recitations - Masters David Tyler and Edward J. Morgan; songs - Misses Mary Morgan and Blodwen Williams; addresses - Miss Jones and Mr. C. Ballard; singing of the Doxology.

14 February 1914 Entertainment An entertainment was given at the Schoolroom on Tuesday, Mr. J. C. Payne presiding, and opening the evening with a short address. The programme was as follows: solo - Miss Blodwen Watkins; recitation - Miss Susie Probert; solo

- Mrs. Ann Morgan; duet - Misses Ceridwen Jones and Blodwen Williams; recitation - Miss W. M. Jones; duet - Misses B. Williams and Mary Morgan; solo - the Chairman; recitation - Master W. T. Williams; duet - Misses Morfydd Williams and Lizzie Ann Williams; solo - Master Percy Mantle; recitation - Miss May Jones (Cwmbargoed); duet - Misses Maggie Sarah Martin and Agnes May Williams; recitation - Mr. C. Ballard; solo - Mr. Tom Jones; recitation - Mr. J. Evans. Prizes for the best behaviour were awarded to Masters Edward Jones and Glyn Jones. Mr. A. F. Wynne was the adjudicator.

21 February 1914 Lecture A Welsh lecture entitled 'Gwersi ar y Line,' was given at Nazareth Chapel on Monday, by Rev. H. T. Stephens, Aberdare. Mr. J. C. Jones presided. There was a large attendance.

21 February 1914 Band of Hope The members of the St. Andrew's Church Band of Hope held their weekly meeting in church on Wednesday, when a large number were present. Mr. C. Ballard presided. The meeting opened with the hymn 'Come, sing with holy gladness,' after which Master W. T. Morgan prayed. The following contributed to the programme: duet - Misses Blodwen Williams and Ceridwen Jones; solo - Miss Sarah Williams; recitation - Master Percy Gwynne; duet - Masters Thomas Jones and David Tyler; chorus - 'Loving Shepherd of Thy sheep' sung by all members; solo - Master Thomas Jones; address - Mr. J. C. Payne; recitation - Master Charles Tyler. Text cards were awarded to Master John A. Davies for good behaviour.

28 February 1914 Entertainment A successful entertainment was held at St. Andrew's Church Schoolroom on Tuesday, Mr. J. C. Payne presiding. The following contributed to the programme: recitation - Master Percy Mantle; solo - Miss Blodwen Williams; recitation - Master Johnny Williams; duet - Misses Mary Morgan and Mary Jones; recitation - Master David Tyler; solo - Miss A. Morgan; recitation - Miss E. M. Jones; solo - Mr. C. Ballard; duet - Masters Willie Jones and Tom Jones; solo - Miss Mary Morgan. An impromptu speech competition took place, the subject being 'Coal.' The prizes were secured by the following: 1. Master W. T. Morgan; 2. Master Charlie Tyler. The Chairman adjudicated.

28 February 1914 Band of Hope The members of the St. Andrew's Church Band of Hope held their weekly meeting in church on Wednesday evening, when a good number were present. Mr. C. Ballard presided. The following contributed to the programme: duet - Misses Blodwen Williams and Blodwen Watkins; recitation - Master David Tyler; solo - Miss Maggie Davies; recitation - Master Geo. Baldwin; duet - Masters Thos. Jones and D. Tyler; recitation - Master Habakkuk Ballard; address - Miss E. M. Jones (Cwmbargoed); recitation - Master Percy Mantle; solo - Master Tom Jones; duet - Masters H. Ballard and Geo. Baldwin; address - Mr. C. Ballard.

7 March 1914 Band of Hope The members of the St. Andrew's Church Band of Hope held their weekly meeting in church on Wednesday, when a large number were present. Mr. C. Ballard presided. The programme was contributed to as follows: solo - Master Thomas Jones; recitation - Master D. Tyler; solo - Miss Winnie Williams; address - the Chairman; solo - Miss Blodwen Williams; address - Miss E. M. Jones; solo - Miss Sarah Williams; trio - Miss H. Ballard, Percy Mantle and Percy Gwynne; duet - Misses Polly Jones and Mary Morgan. Mr. Payne brought a pleasant and edifying evening to a close with prayer.

7 March 1914 Nazareth The Church celebrated St. David's Day by having a bachelor's tea and concert. The following gentlemen presided at the tables: Messrs. T. Lawrence, John Davies, Evan Davies, Idris Jones, Evan John Jones, Willie Davies, Willie Adams-Jones and E. Roberts. The cutting was done by Mrs. I. Roderick, Mr. Edward Jones and Mr. William Jones. The building was beautifully decorated and all thoroughly enjoyed themselves. After the tea a concert was held, when the following programme was gone through: solo - Miss Maggie Davies; Bardic address - Rev. I. Roderick; solo - Miss Eluned Lawrence; dialogue (Owen Glyndwr) - Johnny Edgar, C. J. Lawrence, Lizzie M. Lawrence and Griffith Jones; solo - Miss Hilda Davies; dialogue - Misses Maggie Maud Jones, Edie Maud Davies, Hilda Davies and L. M. Lawrence; solo - Miss Mattie Jones; recitation - L. M. Lawrence; overture - Miss K. Jones-Davies; dialogue (the position of women in church) - Misses Mary Lawrence, M. Davies, K. J. Davies, Mary Jane Jones and Mattie Jones; overture - Mr. W. A. Davies; recitation - Miss L. M.

Lawrence; verses - Mr. Wm. Jones; solo - Mr. Johnny Davies. A splendid meeting was closed by the rendering of 'Hen Wlad fy Nhadau,' by Miss Hilda Davies. Mr. Wm. Jones presided.

14 March 1914 Noddfa Half-yearly meetings were held at this church on Sunday, when Rev. S. G. Bowen, Bryncemmaes, Pembrokeshire, preached three sermons which were appreciated by large congregations. The singing, which was of a very high standard, was conducted by Mr. Thomas Evans, junior, with Miss Hilda Phillips at the organ. On Monday evening, the reverend gentleman lectured on 'Luther a'r Bywstfil Rhufeinig.' There was a large audience. Rev. Huws Jones, Carmel, presided.

14 March 1914 Band of Hope The members of the St. Andrew's Church Band of Hope held their weekly meeting in church on Wednesday, when a large number were present. Mr. C. Ballard presided. The meeting opened with the singing of the hymn 'Loving Shepherd of Thy Sheep,' followed by prayer, led by Master W. T. Williams. The following contributed to the programme: duet - Misses Sarah Williams and Mary Morgan; solo - Miss Ivy Taylor; recitation - Master Hab. Ballard; address - Mr. J. C. Payne; recitation - Master Clifford Everett; duet - Misses L. Grimmell and Mary Jones; solo - Master Percy Mantle; recitation - Master Tudor Jones; solo - Miss Blodwen Williams; address - the Chairman.

21 March 1914 Band of Hope The members of the St. Andrew's Church Band of Hope held their weekly meeting in church on Wednesday, when a large number were present. Miss E. M. Jones, Cwmbargoed, presided. After the opening hymn, Mr. C. Ballard engaged in prayer. The following contributed to the programme: recitations - Master Percy Mantle, Miss Maggie Davies, Master Glyn Jones, Miss E. A. Williams; duets - Misses M. Williams and E. A. Davies, Misses Ivy Tyler and Lizzie A. Williams, Misses Maggie Davies and I. Tyler, Misses E. A. Williams and I. Tyler; address - Miss E. M. Jones; solo - Miss L. Grimmitt. Mr. J. C. Payne brought the evening to a close with prayer.

28 March 1914 Band of Hope The members of the St. Andrew's Church Band of Hope held their weekly meeting in church on Wednesday, when a large number were present. Miss E. M. Jones, Cwmbargoed, presided. After the opening hymn, Miss Blodwen Williams led the meeting in prayer. The following contributed to the programme: duet - Misses L. A. Williams and L. M. Martin; solo - Master Glynwyn Edwards; duet - Misses Edna Edwards and Ivy Taylor; recitation - Master Percy Mantle; duet - Misses Lucy Martin and Agnes Williams; recitation - Master Percy Gwynne; duet - Misses Sarah Williams and Maggie Morgan; recitation - Miss Blodwen Williams; song - Master David Tyler. Mr. Payne brought a most enjoyable evening to a close with prayer.

4 April 1914 Band of Hope The members of the St. Andrew's Church Band of Hope held their weekly meeting in church on Wednesday, when a large number were present. Mr. C. Ballard presided. The following contributed to the programme: songs - Misses Blodwen Williams, May Williams, Sarah Williams and B. Williams, Masters Percy G. Thomas and Elved Davies; trios - Misses M. Williams, M. Davies and E. A. Williams, and Masters Percy Mantle, Percy Gwynne and H. Ballard; dialogue - Master H. Ballard and Miss Morfydd Williams; duets - Misses L. M. Martin and Bessie Davies, Ivy Tyler and Edna Edwards, B. Davies and S. Gwynne; recitation - Master David Tyler. Short addresses were given by Miss E. M. Jones and the chairman..

4 April 1914 St. Mary's The Patronal Festival was held on Wednesday week and on Sunday. Holy Communion was celebrated at 8 o'clock on Wednesday morning by the vicar. The service was fully choral, with Mr. Octavius Richards at the organ. A well-attended service was held in the evening, when Rev. Canon T. Jesse Jones, rector of Gellygaer, preached. The service was conducted by the Vicar. After the sermon, Canon Jones read out the receipt for the last payment of the loan received. The church was now free from debt. On Sunday morning, Rev. W. Chappell conducted the service and preached, and in the evening the vicar took the service. There were large congregations. The lessons were read by Mr. Josiah Richards.

18 April 1914 Band of Hope The members of the St. Andrew's Church Band of Hope held their weekly meeting in church on Wednesday, when a large number were present. Mr. C. Ballard presided. The following contributed to the programme: solo - Myrtle Gwynne; recitation - Alice Mills; duet - Sybil Gwynne and Lucy M. Martin; recitation - Percy Mantle;

duet - Edna Edwards and Sybil Gwynne; solo - Jennie Jones; duet - Percy Mantle and Percy Gwynne; solo - Edna Edwards.

25 April 1914 Carmel On Sunday, there was a singing festival in place of the ordinary service. The choir sang various hymns and anthems, and also Handel's 'Worthy is the Lamb.' The standard of singing was high and praise is due to Mr. David J. Thomas, the conductor. Also, Mr. Lewis Beynon conducted the band with great credit. Thanks to Mr. Tom Walters, Misses Anne Evans and Olwen Hughes, the accompanists.

2 May 1914 Band of Hope The members of the St. Andrew's Church Band of Hope held their weekly meeting in church on Wednesday. The following contributed to the programme: solo - Sybil Gwynne; recitations - Percy Mantle, Percy Gwynne, Alice Mills; duets - S. Gwynne and P. Davies, P. Mantle and B. Gwynne; solo - Myrtle Gwynne; short addresses - Miss E. M. Jones and Mr. C. Ballard.

2 May 1914 Cantata The pretty cantata 'White Garland' (G. C. Allen) was performed at Noddfa Baptist Church, by Sunday-school children on Thursday and Friday week. Action songs were performed before the cantata. Miss Hilda Phillips, organist of the church, conducted, and Miss Maggie Morgan accompanied on the piano. They were assisted by Miss Irene Phillips, and Messrs. Sydney Phillips, Lewis Beynon, and Harry Hughes, violinists. The stage arrangements were admirably performed by Messrs. H. Williams, Thomas Evans (senior), and T. E. Evans, and Mesdames G. Phillips, J. Mathews, J. Pugh, T. Evans and Miss Mattie Morgan. The principal singers were: Miss Mary Rees, Miss Elvis Muriel Phillips, Miss Elizabeth A. Evans, Miss Lilian J. Evans, Master Thomas J. Jones, Masters Gomer Williams and Tudor Williams. The action songs were: 'How'd you like to be a baby girl,' 'When Grannie comes home from the Fair,' 'Mister Boggie Man,' (the most popular item of the evening), 'Macnamara's Band,' and 'Welsh Girls.' The standard of the whole performance reflects great credit on the conductor and the choir. Praise is also due to Mr. Samuel Evans, Mr. Wm. H. Jones and Mrs. Tom Evans, who gave their assistance during the practices.

9 May 1914 Band of Hope The members of the St. Andrew's Church Band of Hope held their weekly meeting in church on Wednesday, when a large number were present. Miss E. M. Jones, Cwmbargoed, presided. The following contributed to the programme: duet - Misses Sybil Gwynne and Edna Edwards; song - Bessie Davies; recitation - Percy Mantle; solo - Blodwen Williams; dialogue - Ivy Tyler and Sybil Gwynne; duet - Percy Mantle and Percy Gwynne; song - Sarah Williams; recitations - Mr. C. Ballard, Ivy Tyler; address - Miss E. M. Jones; duet - Bessie Davies and Ivy Tyler.

9 May 1914 St. Andrew's Church The annual vestry was held in the schoolroom on Wednesday evening, the vicar, Rev. G. Williams, presiding. The balance sheet was presented by Mr. C. Ballard, and this proved very satisfactory. The following were unanimously elected as sidesmen: Messrs. Morgan Parry, Thomas Baldwin, Joseph Evans, Caradog Ballard, A. Coggan, Ernest Jones, Wm. John Jones and A. F. Gwynne. Votes of thanks were accorded to Mr. J. C. Payne, licensed lay-reader, Mr. J. Wood, choirmaster, and Mr. H. Brown, organist, for their services during the year. The Vicar complimented all on their good work and excellent balance sheet, and expressed the hope that Mr. Payne would soon be back at work among them, having been confined to bed for the past six weeks. Mr. Ballard said he had been instructed by Mr. Payne to thank all who had assisted so ably in the work of the church in the past year, and asked for their hearty co-operation in the year ahead. The Vicar was thanked for presiding.

16 May 1914 Band of Hope The members of the St. Andrew's Church Band of Hope held their weekly meeting in church on Wednesday. Miss E. M. Jones presided. The following contributed to the programme: duet - Sarah Williams & Mary Morgan; song - Glynwyn Evans; recitation - Clifford Everett; duet - Morfydd Williams & Ivy Tyler; recitation - Thos. Elved Davies; song - Blodwen Williams; duets - Lucy Mary Martin & Lizzie A. Williams, Sybil Gwynne & Morfydd Williams; address - Miss E. M. Jones; duet - Ivy Tyler & Lucy M. Martin.

16 May 1914 St. Mary's Church The annual meeting in connection with the church was held at the Institute on Wednesday, Rev. G. Williams, vicar, presiding. After the passing of the accounts, the following were elected sidesmen for the year: Messrs. Josiah Richards, Wm. Sibley, Frank Way, P. H. Cumpstone, E. Cheffey, Wm. Thomas, Wm. Curtis and Mr. Perrott. Mr. Octavius Richards was thanked for his services as organist.

23 May 1914 Nazareth C. M. The half-yearly meetings in connection with the church were held on Sunday and Monday last, when large congregations were present. The pulpit was occupied by Rev. J. Vadre James (Newbridge), who preached powerful and edifying sermons. The singing, which was of a very high standard, was conducted by Mr. Wm. Morris, whilst Mr. Roderick Jones presided at the organ.

23 May 1914 Band of Hope The members of the St. Andrew's Church Band of Hope held their weekly meeting in church on Wednesday. Miss E. M. Jones presided. The following contributed to the programme: duet - Morfydd Williams & Lizzie A. Williams; recitations - Ivy Tyler, Sarah Williams; song - Lucy M. Martin; address - Miss E. M. Jones; hymn 'Loving Shepherd of Thy Sheep,' sung by all; song - Morfydd Williams; recitations - Percy Gwynne, Lizzie A. Williams, Percy Mantle; duet - Sybil Gwynne and Bessie Davies; address - Mr. C. Ballard; duet - I. Tyler and M. Williams; song - Louise Grimmett; song Sarah Williams; Recitation - Sybil Gwynne. The singing of the hymn 'Now the Day is Over,' and prayer brought the meeting to a close.

6 June 1914 Treat The Sunday School scholars of the Baptist Church had their annual outing to Brecon on Tuesday last, leaving Fochriw by special train in the morning. A very large number accompanied the scholars, and a most enjoyable time was spent.

13 June 1914 Carmel Chapel The annual preaching meetings were held on Sunday and Monday last. The following occupied the pulpit: Rev. T. George, Tredegar, and Rev. Derfel Roberts, Hirwain, both of whom preached powerful and edifying sermons, which were much appreciated by the large congregations. An English sermon was preached on Sunday evening by Rev. George, the singing being conducted by Mr. David Davies, (Pencerdd Morganwg), and Mr. Thomas Walters presiding at the organ. The rendering of chants and anthems is a new feature at Carmel, and the church will do well to keep up the practice. The effect of the late Gymanfa Ganu was greatly felt to the good.

20 June 1914 Siloh Baptist Chapel, Penybank On Wednesday, special services were held under the auspices of the Rhymney Valley Baptist District Meeting. The services took place at 2 and 6 p.m. Rev. Llew Morris (Pengam) presided in the afternoon, with Rev. M. Evans (Hengoed) and Rev. Rees (New Tredegar) preaching in Welsh. Rev. T. Roberts (Abertyswg) presided in the evening, with Rev. Lewis (Cwmsyfiog) preaching in English, and Rev. D. Griffiths (Penuel, Rhymney) preaching in Welsh. The singing was ably conducted by Mr. Thomas Evans (junior), Fochriw. It is hoped that these meetings will infuse new life into the people of Penybank. At present, services are only held once a month, when the friends of Noddfa render all possible help. School is held at Siloh every Sunday, under the superintendency of Mr. H. Williams, who is an active worker. Thanks to all who assisted.

20 June 1914 Noddfa Mr. Isiah Williams of the Cardiff Baptist College will be ordained at Noddfa on Monday next, and will then take charge of the church.

11 July 1914 Outings Members and children of Carmel and Nazareth, held their annual teas on Monday last. Both chapels left by special train to spend the day at Llangorse and Brecon. The weather turned out satisfactory. The party returned home about 8.30 pm.

11 July 1914 Tea St. Andrew's Church, Pentwyn, held their annual tea and sports on Thursday last, when a very large number were present, especially considering the weather. The scholars assembled in the church and were addressed by the Vicar. The procession then formed, headed by the Deri Silver Band, under their conductor Mr. Wm. Powell, and paraded the streets of the village. The little ones looked well with their flags and banners etc. They then returned to the church where tea was served. Afterwards, sports were held. Thanks are due to all who worked so ably in the unavoidable absence of Mr. Payne through illness.

25 July 1914 Outing On Saturday, about 70 members of St. Andrews Church journeyed to Weston, leaving Fochriw station by special train at 7.30 a.m., the boat leaving Newport at 9.15 and arriving in Weston at 10.50. They arrived home at 11.50 p.m. The weather was lovely, and the trip much enjoyed. Thanks to the secretary and treasurer, Messrs. Wm. Jones and Thomas Jones.

1 August 1914 St. Mary's Annual Tea The annual tea and sports was held at the Institute on Thursday. A short service was held in the church prior to the tea, the curate-in-charge, Rev. R. A. Williams, officiating. The lessons were read by Mr. J. Richards, and Mr. O. Richards was at

the organ. The tables were tastefully laid out, and were presided over by the following: Mrs. Curtis, Miss V. Curtis and Miss Nan Prosser; Mrs. Angell, Mrs G. Way and Miss Angell; Mrs. R. Evans, Mrs. M. A. Dummett and Miss A. M. Sibley; Mrs. Chaffey and Mrs. Perrott. Assistance was rendered by the following: Mrs. F. Way, Mrs. Jones, Miss R. Davies, Mrs. Davies, Mrs. J. White, Mrs. Wm. White, Mrs. J. Richards, Mrs. Tyler, Messrs. J. Richards, G. Richards, F. Way and Mr. Chaffey. Mr. Perrott and Mr. Sibley superintended the sports and were very useful throughout. Rev. B. Glover was also present, and received the good wishes of his many friends, who wished him well in his new place.

8 August 1914 Noddfa There was a large attendance at Noddfa on Sunday evening last. There were, in addition to Noddfa members, numbers from various other churches in the village. The pulpit was occupied by their respected pastor, Rev. Esaia Williams, who delivered a powerful and edifying sermon on Baptism. After the sermon, the congregation sang 'Bendigidig fydor Iesu,' after which the revered Pastor administered to five persons the sacred rite of Baptism. At the end of the service, five other persons asked to be granted the privilege of baptism. Mr. Samuel Evans conducted the singing, and Miss Hilda Phillips presided at the organ.

22 August 1914 Noddfa On Sunday last, 11 persons were baptised. With the five baptised on August 2nd, 16 people have been baptised in a fortnight. Rev. Esaia Williams administered the sacred rites. Four more are waiting to be baptised. While the rites were being performed, the large congregation sang 'Dilyn Iesu' with great effect. Rev. Williams took his text from Rom. vi. 4, and preached a powerful sermon on baptism. Mr. Thomas Evans conducted the singing, with Miss Hilda Phillips at the organ.

5 September 1914 Condolence At the close of service at St. Andrew's Church, a vote of condolence was passed with the relatives of the late Lord Mayor in their sad bereavement.

10 October 1914 Harvest Festival Harvest thanksgiving services were held at Carmel on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday last, all of which were well attended.

17 October 1914 Nazareth Harvest thanksgiving services were held on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday last. The services were well attended, Mr. W. Morris conducting the singing. Mr. Roderick was the organist.

17 October 1914 Harvest Festival: St. Mary's Services were held on Sunday and Monday. The preachers were: Sunday morning and afternoon - Rev. G. Williams, vicar; Sunday evening - Mr. Geo. Evans of St. David's College, Lampeter; Monday evening - the Vicar. Mr. Josiah Richards read the lessons, Mr. B. Angell conducted the singing, and Mr. O. Richards played the organ.

21 November 1914 Noddfa: Preaching Meetings The annual meetings were held on Sunday and Monday last. The preachers were the Rev. B. Williams (Abernant), who preached four times on Sunday and Monday, and Rev. Isaiah Williams, pastor of Noddfa, Fochriw. The collections, which realised £16. 10s., were towards the building fund. Mr. Evans conducted the singing, and Miss Hilda Phillips presided at the organ.

28 November 1914 Entertainment A very successful entertainment was held at St. Andrew's Church Schoolroom on Tuesday evening last.

5 December 1914 In Memoriam A service was held at St. Andrew's Church on Sunday evening last, in memory of the late Mrs. Jones of the Mount Pleasant Inn. Mr. J. C. Payne preached an appropriate sermon, taking as his text, Matt. xxiv. 42. The lessons were read by Mr. C. Ballard. The singing was conducted by Mr. John Wood, and Mr. Harry Hughes presided at the organ. The 'Dead March' was very effectively played.

12 December 1914 Entertainment A very successful entertainment was held at St. Andrew's Schoolroom last Tuesday evening. Mr. Henry Brown took the chair, and delivered an interesting opening address. The programme was as follows: solo - Mr. Brown; song - Mr. C. Ballard; recitation - Mr. Joseph Evans; solo - Miss Blodwen Williams; trio - Messrs. Brown, Ballard and Payne; solo - Mr. A. Coggan; comic song - Mr. Brown; song - Miss E. Herman; solo - Miss Annie Morgan; quartette - Messrs. Brown, Payne, Mrs. Morgan and Miss Polly Jones; solo - Miss Mary Morgan; quartette - Misses P. Jones, Ceridwen Davies, Messrs. Payne and Ballard. An enjoyable evening was brought to a close with the singing of the National Anthem.

19 December 1914 St. Mary's Institute A meeting was held on Tuesday week to arrange for a series of entertainments and dancing classes to be held during the winter months. Mr. H. Edgar was appointed treasurer, and Mr. P. Pike secretary. The class commenced on Saturday last and was well attended.

19 December 1914 Entertainment A most successful entertainment was held at the Pentwyn Schoolroom on Tuesday evening, when a good company was present. Mr. J. C. Payne took the chair, and opened the evening with a short address. The following contributed to the programme: Mrs. Morgan, Miss May Jones, Miss Ceridwen Davies, Master W. T. Williams, Mr. H. Brown, Master Wm. Jones, Mr. A. Coggan, Misses Ivy Tyler and Lucy M. Martin, Miss Jones (Cwmbargoed), Miss Lily Morgan, Miss M. Jones, Miss B. Williams, Miss Mary Morgan and Miss Emily Herman. The evening closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

19 December 1914 Carmel The half-yearly services were held last Sunday and Monday evenings, when Rev. Williams of Ybysybwl delivered his messages to most attentive congregations. The singing, which was of a very high standard, was conducted by Mr. David Davies, whilst Mr. T. Walters presided at the organ.

19 December 1914 Lecture: Carmel On Tuesday evening, a lecture was delivered by Rev. Glasnant Jones on the subject "Gurnos." "Gurnos," ready wit and answer have almost become proverbial. His keen observation, his buoyancy, and his great sympathy with democracy and all things democratic, had compelled every true Welshman to honour him. While Glasnant Jones continues to lecture on 'Gurnos,' there is no fear of his honours fading away.

26 December 1914 Entertainment Another in the series of popular entertainments was held at the Pentwyn Schoolroom on Tuesday evening last. Mr. G. Evans took the chair and gave an appropriate opening address. There were a good number present. The evening closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

26 December 1914 Band of Hope The members of the St. Andrew's Band of Hope held their weekly meeting on Wednesday. Miss E. M. Jones (Cwmbargoed) presided, assisted by Messrs. Arthur Coggan and George Evans. Addresses were given by Miss Jones and Mr. Payne, and recitations by Masters Edward Evans, Willie Jones and T. O. Jones. Miss Ivy Tyler gave a solo. The evening was brought to a close with prayer.

2 January 1915 Christmas at The Fochriw Churches : St Andrew's Church at Pentwyn The annual Christmas tree and prize distribution to the Sunday school scholars took place on Thursday evening, when a large number of teachers, scholars, and parents were present. Mr. J. C. Payne, licensed lay reader in-charge, presided, and opened the proceedings with an interesting address, after which a short concert of a sacred character was held as follows: organ solo – Mr. H. Brown; solo – Mrs. Morgan.; recitation - Miss E. M. Jones; quartette – Messrs. H. Brown, J. C. Payne, Miss C. Davies, and Miss M. Jones; solo - Miss Elsie Brown; recitation - Miss R. Jones. Mr. T. Baldwin, the secretary of the Sunday School, gave an appropriate address in which he appealed for volunteers from the senior class to become teachers in the junior classes. He reminded the senior pupils that they would not only be helping in the good work that was being done, but they would find it very interesting and instructive to themselves. He also said how sorry he was to find that many of the boys on leaving the day schools to commence work, drifted away from the Sunday school, which was a great mistake on their part. It was at that stage that they would most benefit from the influence of their Sunday school. Mr. Brown also gave a short address, after which Mr. Payne, assisted by Mr. Baldwin, presented about 150 scholars and teachers with books. Mr. Payne, in reviewing the work of the past year, which had been very satisfactory, said he wished to thank all the teachers and others who helped him so heartily in the good work that was being done. He especially thanked Mr. T. Baldwin, secretary; Mr. H. Brown, organist; Mr. J. Wood, choirmaster, and Mr. C. Ballard.

2 January 1915 Christmas at The Fochriw Churches: Nazareth On Christmas Day at Nazareth, a Christmas Tree was held in the afternoon, when the Rev. Isaac Roderick presided. The following persons presented the children with handsome gifts from the tree: Messrs. J. D. Jones, School House; E. Parry; R. Jones; William Jones. The following children contributed to the programme: recitation - Miss L. M. Lawrence; duet - Miss Hilda Davies and Miss Mattie Jones; recitation - Addie Lawrence; song - the children - conducted by the Mr. William Morris; recitation – Mr. Griffiths Jones. In the evening a splendid eisteddfod was held when Councillor

John Jones, Central Stores, presided. The adjudicators were: music – Mr. B. Angell, Fochriw; literature - Rev. Isaac Roderick. The secretary was Mr. Roderick Jones, and the treasurer Mr. Edward Parry. The successful competitors were as follows: recitation, children under 10 - divided between Muriel Jones and Griffith Morris; soprano solo - Miss Martha Davies, Aelybryn; recitation, under 14 - L. M. Lawrence; solo, under 10 - divided between May Davis and Muriel Jones; open recitation - William Jones; contralto solo - A. M. Jones; short speech on "Home" - William Morris; solo for girls - Hilda Davies; reading at first sight - Willie Adams-Jones; solo, over 40 - William Jones; dialogue - Edward Jones and Willie A. Jones; three verses on "Robin Redbreast" - William Jones; quartet - divided between A. M. Jones' party, and M. Davies and party; best letter - William Jones and William Morris; duet - A. M. Jones and Mrs. R Jones; baritone solo - divided between Idris Jones and William Morris; party of 8 – Mr. Evans John Jones and party. The singing of a Christmas hymn ended a most successful evening.

2 January 1915 Christmas at The Fochriw Churches: Noddfa Baptist Church During Christmas Day, three meetings were held. In the morning, the minister, the Rev. Esiah Williams, delivered a very appropriate sermon to the children bearing on the birth of Christ. In the afternoon, a competitive concert was held exclusively for the children of the Church. The meeting was quite a success. The way in which the solos were rendered, and the recitations given, was a credit to the children, and also to the Church for catering so well for the young talents. Another competitive concert was held at night. This was a meeting for adults and proved a real success. Competitors were numerous. These meetings have become an annual treat at Noddfa. Great praise is due to the young men of this Church for their support and good attendance at the meetings. The prizes were distributed as follows: recitations: under 10 - 1. Gwenda Thomas; 2. Elvis Phillips; 3. Enid Evans; under 13 - 1. Tudor Williams; 2. Joshua Thomas; under 16 - 1. Phyllis Williams; Psalm 146 (open) - 1. Tudor Williams; 2. Thomas Evans & Sam Evans; solos: girls under 10 - 1. Enid Evans, 2. Gwenda Evans 3. Phyllis Evans; boys under 16 - Clifford Davies; 2. Thomas John Jones, with consolation prizes to David Rees and Joshua Thomas; girls under 16 - 1. Elizabeth Ann Evans; 2. divided between Elvis Phillips and Enid Evans; boys under 10 - 1. Clifford Davis; 2. Joshua Thomas; alto solo - Maggie Morgan; bass solo (novice) - Thomas Evans; tenor solo (novice) - Wm. Henry Jones; tenor solo - divided between John Evans and William Evans; hymn, over 40 - John Evans; bass solo - Thomas Evans; soprano solo - divided between Miss Mary Rees and Mrs. J. Williams; hat trimming for gentleman - Seaborne Williams; darning stockings - Tom Evans; Children's Choir - 1. conductor Miss Elizabeth A. Evans; 2. conductor, Miss Esther Thomas; 3. conductor, Mrs. C. Thomas; Chief choral - 1. Mr William H Jones' choir; 2. Mr. William Evans' choir. The chairman was the Rev. E. Williams; the adjudicators were: music: Mr. William Morgan, Dowlais; recitations – Mr. E. Elias; the accompanists - Miss Hilda Davies and Mr. John Evans.

2 January 1915 Christmas at The Fochriw Churches: Musical Festival at Carmel At this Christmas Day event, the conductor was Mr. John Thomas of Dowlais. The chairman was the Rev. D. Hughes Jones and the vice-chairman of Mr. Daniel Jenkins. Mr. Thomas Lewis was treasurer, and Mr. Daniel Rowlands, secretary. The leaders of the rehearsals were; adults – Mr. Daniel Jenkins; children – Mr. Thomas Walters. The accompanists were Mr. Thomas Walters, assisted by Misses Annie Evans and Olwen Hughes, and Mr. J. Elias Davies. A children's service was held in the morning. In the unavoidable absence of Dr. Davies, the Rev. D. Hughes Jones presided. The programme was: recitation - Edna Burrows; duet - Lydia and Ceinwen Ballard; solo - Doris Davies; catechising the children – Mr. Howell Thomas. At the evening meeting, the president was the Rev. D. Hughes Jones. The Rev. T. S. Davies conducted the devotional part. Various hymn tunes from the Congregational Hymnal were rendered, the chant "Trecelyn," and the anthem, "Ti ydwyt loches i mi" being especial favourites. A solo was rendered by Miss F. M. Williams. At the evening service, the president was the Rev. R. D. Jenkins, who also led the devotional portions. The programme consisted of the anthems "Ti ydwyt loches i mi" and "Yr amser a gyflawnwyd" and the chorus, "Thanks be to God." The conductor was enthusiastic in praising the choir for its rendering of this difficult chorus. The entire programme reflects great credit on the committee. Quartet: Miss M. A. Walters, Mrs. T. Walters, Messrs T. Walters and J. Jones; short speeches – Mr. Thomas Lewis and Mr. Thomas

Jenkins. Messrs D. Jenkins and T. Walters deserve the highest praise for their assiduous rehearsing of the choirs, and it is a matter for general congratulation that the labours of all were brought to such successful fruition. The service closed with the Benediction, pronounced by the chairman, after the usual votes of thanks had been accorded.

9 January 1915 Entertainment A successful entertainment was given at Pentwyn school room on Tuesday evening, Mr. G. Evans presiding. The following contributed to the programme: solos - Miss Elsie Brown, Mr. A. Coggan, and Mr. J. C. Payne; duets - Miss Polly Jones and Miss Blodwen Williams; Mr. Brown and Miss Jones; address - Mr. Payne; comic song - Mr. H. Brown; quartet - Messrs. Brown, Payne, Miss C. Davis and Miss P. Jones; instrumental duet - Mr. H. Brown and Master C. Brown; solo - Mr. G. Evans. An enjoyable evening was brought to a close with a vote of thanks to the chairman and the singing of the National Anthem.

16 January 1915 Band Of Hope The St Andrew's Church Band of Hope held their weekly meeting on Wednesday evening, Mr. A. Coggan and Mr. G. Evans presiding. They spoke encouraging words to the children. An interesting programme was contributed to by several members, and an enjoyable evening was spent.

16 January 1915 Magic Lantern A lecture was given in the vestry of Noddfa Baptist chapel on Tuesday evening, on "The Life of David" by the Rev. E. Williams, pastor. He gave an excellent account of David's life, which proved edifying and inspiring. The lecture was illustrated by lantern pictures, which were much enjoyed by the large number present. The lantern was manipulated by Mr. J Evans.

6 February 1915 Departure of Mr. J C Payne: Farewell Sermon At Pentwyn Fochriw has just lost one of her most prominent townsmen in the person of Mr. J. C. Payne, who is leaving in order to prepare for ordination, and has taken an appointment offered by the Rev. Canon Lewis, at St Mark's Church, Gelli, Ystrad Rhondda. Mr. Payne has for over 20 years been engaged as engineman at the local colliery of Messrs Guest, Keen and Nettlefolds, and during the whole of this time has actively associated himself with every social function in Fochriw, but his efforts were more particularly identified in connection with church work. His interest in this direction matured early, and he was a voluntary lay-reader in the parish of Pontlottyn for 14 years, officiating at Tirphil, Pentwyn, Troedrihiwfuwch, Newtown and Pantywaun. Six years ago he was appointed licensed lay reader to St Andrew's Church, Pentwyn, and the energy and devotion which he applied to his work raised the Church to its present flourishing state with a crowded congregation. Amongst other duties which he discharged, were those of Chaplain to Cwlwm-y-Brodoriaeth, R.A.O.B., and secretary of the Soldier's and Sailors Association. During the last 10 years, he has represented the "Merthyr Express" at Fochriw, and his contributions to these columns have been much appreciated. We regret the loss of his valuable services in this capacity. Mr. Payne has taken a bold step with commendable courage, and one that involves very considerable personal sacrifices, in order to follow more closely the work he loves. The choice, however, will bring its own reward in the ultimate realisation of his ambition. The Church at Pentwyn, and his friends at Fochriw, will undoubtedly miss his genial companionship, but their loss will be others' gain.

Mr. Payne preached his farewell sermon on Sunday evening, when the Church was packed from chancel to door. At the conclusion, he referred to the growth of the Church since he had taken up the duties nearly six years ago, when, at the request of the late vicar, the Rev. T. Rees, he opened the Church after it had been closed for three years. Tonight, he said, he was proud to be able to say they had a flourishing Sunday School of 150 scholars, a strong staff of teachers, the Band of Hope, an excellent service, and various other organisations for the welfare of the Church, and also a full Church of worshippers. During his ministry, the Church had been renovated, and new heating stove put in, and an acetylene lighting plant installed throughout the Church and vestry, the gift of the late Viscount Tredegar. He said it was very hard for him to leave such a flourishing Church and a loving congregation. He was not leaving because he was tired of his work; he loved the work and the people, who worked so harmoniously for the good of the Church. He was leaving with the object of preparing for ordination. He hoped that they would continue the good work that they had been doing in the past. Nothing would hurt him more in his new sphere than to hear that the good work was falling away at Pentwyn.

Appropriate hymns were sung under the conductor Mr. John Wood, with Mr. H. Brown presiding at the organ.

13 February 1915 Nazareth Chapel The annual lecture was given at this chapel on Monday evening, the Rev. Isaac Roderick presiding. The lecturer was Miss Eluned Morgan, Cardiff, whose spoke on "Griffith Jones, Llanddowror, and the Welsh Awakening."

20 February 1915 Carmel Chapel The pulpit was occupied by Mr. Thomas, Brynteg, Fochriw, on Sunday evening last. He preached an eloquent sermon to a large congregation.

6 March 1915 Noddfa Chapel A social was held at Noddfa Baptist Chapel to celebrate St David's Day. The provisions were given by the ladies of the Church, and the young men were also very liberal with their contributions. The tables were waited on by the following: Mrs. J. Evans, Mrs. J. Thomas, Mrs. J. Pugh, Mrs. John Rees, Mrs. D. Davies, Mrs. J. Williams, Miss Beatrice Jones, Miss Hannah Evans, Miss Maggie Evans. A shooting range was prepared in a corner of the room. The young people nick-named the target "The Kaiser." A considerable sum of money was raised by this means. Miss Hilda Phillips accompanied the concert on the piano. Solos were rendered by the Mr. David Thomas and Mrs. J. Williams. Prizes were awarded for the following: stump speech – Mr. S. Williams; translating a piece into Welsh – Mr. David Thomas. Three minute speeches were delivered by many, all of whom paid a fine of one penny for every English word spoken. The toll was very heavy on some. A sketch, prepared by Mr. David Thomas and Miss Mary Rees was performed. The gathering was kept in a state of continuous laughter throughout the performance. At the end of the evening, Miss Mary Rees sang the Welsh National Anthem, all joining in the chorus.

6 March 1915 Nazareth Chapel The St David's Day Annual Festival was held at the chapel on Monday evening. It was celebrated in the form of a popular banquet and concert. The following ladies served at the tables: Mesdames Martha Parry, Mary Lawrence, M. J. Jones, L. Roberts, L. Parry, M. A. Lawrence, Emily Davies, Mattie Jones, Martha Davies. After the banquet, the following programme was gone through: address by the president, Councillor John Jones; solo - Willie Edgar; recitation - Lizzie Mary Lawrence; overture on the organ - Miss Katie Jones-Davies; drama - the Nazareth Dramatic Society; overture on the organ – Mr. Willie A. Davies; quartette – Mr. Willie Adams-Jones and friends; recitation - Edward Jones; solo - Willie Edgar. The singing of "Hen Wlad fy Nhadau" brought the evening to a close, Miss Mary Richards leading the singing.

13 March 1915 Noddfa Chapel On Sunday last, the half-yearly meetings of the chapel were held. The officiating minister was of the Rev. E. Llŵchwr Jones, Bedwas. On Monday night, he delivered a lecture on "Vavassor Powell," the Rev. Esaia Williams, pastor, taking the chair. Rev. D. Huws Jones, Congregational minister, and Rev. Isaac Roderick, Calvinistic Methodist minister, thanked the speaker for his excellent address.

27 March 1915 Lantern Entertainment A series of war and local pictures were shown at Noddfa Baptist Vestry on Tuesday, to a very large number of adults and children. The lantern was managed by Messrs. Seaborne Williams and Johnny R. Walters. The chair was occupied by the Rev. Isaiah Williams, who gave interesting lectures as the pictures were shown. During the intervals the following sang and recited: duet - Phyllis Williams and Elvis Phillips; songs - Mary Dilys Evans, and Phyllis Powell; recitations - Elsa Matthews, Johnny Evans, and Edmund Davies. Miss Hilda Phillips ably presided at the piano. Mr. Thomas B. Edwards also rendered valuable service during the evening. The singing of the National Anthem brought a most enjoyable entertainment to a close.

3 April 1915 Noddfa Chapel A concert was held at the above place last Tuesday. The chair was taken by the Reverend E. Williams. Clifford Davies opened the concert by singing "Only an Armour Bearer." The following contributed to the programme: solos - Mary Dilys Evans, Mrs. J. Williams, Mary Rees; recitations- Misses M. Lewis and Enid Evans; violin solo - Irene Phillips; sketch - "All in a Muddle" - Misses Mary Rees, Hilda Phillips, Irene Phillips, Lily M. Rees, Elvis Phillips, and Messrs. David Thomas, S. Williams, and D Rees; sketch - "John a Mari yn y Ffair" - Miss Mary Rees and Mr. D. Thomas; duet - Elsa Matthews and Joshua Thomas; Phyllis Williams and Enid Evans; trio - Misses E. A. Evans, L. J. Evans, Lizzie Thomas. Miss Hilda Phillips ably presided at the piano. The concert was brought to a close by the singing of "Hen Wlad fy Nhadau."

10 April 1915 Operetta At the council schools on Friday and Saturday, a performances of the operetta "Pearl, the Fisher-maiden," was given by the Carmel Sunday School Choir, conducted by Mr. Thomas Walters, A.L.C.M. The school was crowded for the occasion, the acting and singing being a very high standard, and the dresses making a magnificent display of colours. The chief performers were: Mrs. C. Walters; Mr. J. Jones; Miss M. J. Walters; Mr. M. Cole; Mr. Daniel Jenkins; Mr. H. Thomas; Mr. Ll. Rees; Mr. H. Hughes; Miss F. Williams; Master B. Sibley; Mr. J. E. Davis; Master D. Rowlands. The accompanist was Miss H. Evans, Aelybryn.

22 May 1915 Nazareth Chapel Half yearly meetings of this chapel where held on Sunday and Monday, with large congregations. The preacher was of the Rev. B. Watkins, Ferndale, who preached appropriate sermons. Mr. W. Morris conducted the singing, whilst Miss K. Davies presided at the organ.

5 June 1915 Annual Tea The adults and children of Noddfa Chapel held their annual tea on Wednesday last. The little ones had looked forward to the treat. They all sat down to the good things which had been provided for them. After the tables had been cleared, they all went to the mountain, where they spent a very happy time playing games etc. Praise is due to all the help to make the event such a success.

12 June 1915 Memorial Service A memorial service to the late Mr. John Lewis was held at Carmel chapel on Sunday last. Rev. D. Hughes Jones preached to a very large congregation. The "Dead March" was played by Mr. Thomas Walters, organist, whilst the singing was conducted by the Mr. David Davies.

19 June 1915 Carmel Chapel The annual services of the chapel were held on Sunday and Monday last. The preacher was the Rev. T. E. Nicholas, Llangybi, Cardiganshire. He preached most edifying and inspiring sermons. Mr. David Davies conducted the singing.

26 June 1915 Fochriw "Slackers:" Vicar's Indictment An extraordinary passage appears in the Pontlottyn Church Magazine for this month, from the pen of Rev. G. A. Williams, vicar. It reads as follows: "During the concert held at St. Mary's Church Hall, Fochriw, the performers did their parts right well, when the behaviour of not a few is taken into consideration. They were not aided by the patriotic enthusiasm which characterised the Pontlottyn concerts. This is not to be wondered at, for, if report be true, there are more "slackers" in Fochriw than in any other village in the parish of Pontlottyn, yea, in the civil parish of the Gellygaer. Methinks that twelve months in khaki would tend to civilise not a few who are over-endowed with animals spirits." Similar remarks were also passed at a recent Gellygaer Council meeting by the Rev. Canon T. J. Jones, and of Mr. W. Hammond, Tirphil, about the 'slackers' at Fochriw.

3 July 1915 A Pentwyn Presentation: Mr. J. C. Payne's Record of Service On Thursday evening week, a presentation took place at the Federation Hall, Pentwyn, when Mr. J. C. Payne was made the recipient of a handsome marble clock, subscribed for by the members of the Fochriw branch of the Enginemen, Stokers and Surface Craftmen's Association, and other workmen of the colliery, as a token of their great esteem for him, and to mark the occasion of his leaving Fochriw to take up an appointment offered him by the Reverend Canon Lewis at St Mark's Church, Gelli, Ystrad Rhondda. A good number of members and friends were present, the proceedings being presided over by the Mr. Edward Lewis. The Chairman spoke in glowing terms of Mr. Payne. He had always been a faithful member of the Association, had filled many positions of trust, and had always carried out his duties honestly and straightforwardly. They heard a lot of recruiting for his Majesty's Army in these days, but Mr. Payne was recruiting for the army of the King of Kings. He sincerely hoped that he would continue with this good work and rise to a high position in the Church. A fine programme of songs, recitations and instrumental solos, given by Mr. Payne's colleagues, followed. Mr. Lewis then made the presentation of the clock. Others who spoke were Mr. Alfred Evans, Mr. Fred Wootten, Mr. Harry Hughes, Mr. H. C. Seaborne (the secretary of the branch), and Mr. M. Jones. The singing of the National Anthem brought the evening to a close.

10 July 1915 Chapel Teas The annual tea in connection with the Carmel Congregational Chapel and Nazareth Calvinist Methodist Chapel took place at their respective chapels on Monday last, when a large number of friends and children sat at the tables. After tea, games etc. were played.

17 July 1915 St Andrew's Church, Pentwyn: Presentation to Mr. J. C. Payne On Thursday last week, the annual tea in connection with St Andrew's Church Sunday school Pentwyn, took place when teachers and scholars, about 150 in number, attended. A public meeting was afterwards held, the occasion being a presentation to Mr. J. C. Payne of an illuminated address and suitcase, subscribed for by the Vicar, Pentwyn Church people and friends, in appreciation of his six years ministry at St Andrew's Church, and as a token of the high esteem in which he is held, and to mark the occasion of his leaving. Mr. T. Baldwin, superintendent of the Sunday School, presided, and made the presentation to Mr. Payne. The address was as follows, and included excellent photos of Mr. Payne, and of Pentwyn Church:

"St Andrew's Church, Pentwyn, Fochriw. In presenting to Mr. J.C. Payne this address, together with a suitcase, we the congregation and friends of St. Andrew's Church, desire to express our deep regret that we are losing you after nearly six years work as licensed lay reader in charge of our Church. We ask you to accept, with this small token of esteem, our heartfelt thanks for all that you have done amongst us. Your labour has been earnest, sincere, and thorough in every branch of Church work which has fallen in part or in whole to your care. We rejoice to believe that the result of all your labour has been an increase in the spiritual and moral good of those among whom you have worked, and we trust that in so helping and serving, you yourself have met with divine rewards of grace and encouragement. It is our sincere prayer that our Heavenly Father made graciously continue to bless your work for him in the new sphere of labour to which he has been pleased to call you, and that there, as here, you may be privileged to strengthen the Lords people, and gather fresh trophies to his kingdom. " T. Baldwin, W. J. Jones, A. Coggan, M. Parry, E. Jones, J. Evans, G. Evans, A. Gwynne (sidesman), H Brown (organist), John Wood (choirmaster), Gilbert Williams (vicar). Mr. H. Brown, Mr. W. J. Jones, Mr. T. J. Gwynne, and Mr. J. Williams then spoke, all showering great praise on Mr. Payne for his good work. Mr Payne responded.

17 July 1915 Concert: Noddfa Chapel The Penywern and Dowlais Male Voice Choir, conductor of Mr. Evan Thomas, gave a concert at Noddfa Chapel last Wednesday evening. Many artistes assisted. Master Jenkins Whiting has a splendid voice and sang sweetly. Mr. E. Evans made a very successful debut. Mr. Tudor Davies proved an excellent chairman.

31 July 1915 Noddfa Chapel Mr. James J. Lewis, of Dowlais, rendered the solo "Yr Arglwydd yw fy Mugail" to the congregation on Sunday evening.

31 July 1915 Tea Party A tea party in connection with the Siloh Chapel, Penybank, was held on Monday. The helpers were Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. D. Evans, Mrs. J. Williams, Mrs. Sydney Phillips, Mrs. Thomas Evans, Mrs. Matthews and others. The children were treated to buns and milk, the milk being supplied by Mrs. Evans, Penybank Farm. The party later went to the field adjoining the chapel, kindly lent by Mr. Evans, and played games. Praise is due to Mr. H. Williams for is good organisation of the arrangements. The Sunday School of Siloh is very flourishing at present. Credit is due Rev. I. Williams, Noddfa Chapel, who has charge of Siloh, for the flourishing condition of the Church.

4 September 1915 Fancy Affair At Fochriw On Thursday last, at Fochriw, a Fancy Fair was held under the auspices of Noddfa Baptist chapel. The fair was held at Mr. R. Slimmons' field, the weather being ideal. The procession was large and the different dresses and costumes made an imposing spectacle. The Fochriw Brass Band headed the procession. The band, which comprised most of the old members, had been got together and trained by their respected conductor, Mr. W. J. Powell, who has spared no pains in bringing them to a state of great efficiency. After parading the streets of the village, the procession made its way to the Fair Grounds. The opening ceremony was performed at the entrance to the field by Mrs. Dr. Davies, who delivered a most appropriate speech. After the fair was declared open, the company entered the field. Hundreds of people visited the field during the afternoon. The chief attractions were: sketches, a fish pond, musical chairs, hoop-la, shooting range, hat-trimming for men, nail driving for ladies, fruit stall, flower stall, fancy stall, cigarette and sweet stall. The Band played appropriate music at intervals during the evening. Other musical items were given by Mr. J. J. Lewis and Mr. J. P. Jones. Mr. W. S. Williams and Mr. T. Thomas gave conjuring feats which were very well received. The president was Mrs. George Phillips; the treasurer Mrs.

D. T. Evans (mechanic); the secretary, Mrs. T. Matthews (butcher). The accompanists were Mr. J. Evans and Mr. H. Hughes.

11 September 1915 Annual Meetings The annual meetings in connection with Noddfa Chapel were held on September 4th, 5th, and 6th. The officiating ministers were the Rev. James Griffiths, Aberdare, and Rev. W. J. Williams, Aberystwyth. Both gentlemen preached inspiring sermons to large congregations.

2 October 1915 Harvest Festival The harvest Festival in connection with St Andrew's Church, Pentwyn, was held on Sunday and Monday. The preacher on Sunday was Mr. D. Greening, Pontlottyn. On Monday evening, the pulpit was occupied by Mr. J. C. Payne, who preached a powerful sermon. The services were well attended. Mr. Harry Hughes presided at the organ.

9 October 1915 Harvest Festival Harvest Festival Services were held at St. Mary's Church, on Sunday and Monday last, the Church being nicely decorated. The preacher on Sunday was the Rev. J. Davies, Pontlottyn, and on Monday of Rev. T. Richards, vicar of Bargoed. Both preached powerful sermons to large congregations. Mr. O. Richards presided at the organ.

16 October 1915 Local Eisteddfod A very successful eisteddfod, under the auspices of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T., took place at Carmel Congregational chapel on Thursday last. After the opening speech of the president, the competition started. The following were winners: children's solo - 1. Ceinwen Ballard, 2. Mary J. Cole and Mary Jones; recitation - 1. Ceinwen Ballard, 2. Mary Jones; children's solo - Stella Cole; girls' solo - 1, Mary J. Cole; best verses on eisteddfod - Mr. Sam Lewis; recitation - Ceridwen Thomas, Brynteg; best bag - divided between Elsie Griffiths and Annie G. Thomas; unpunctuated reading - divided between Myfanwy Cole and May Rowlands; tenor solo - Mr. Thomas Walters; best essay - Mr. William Thomas Jones; soprano solo - Miss Ceridwen Thomas, Martin-street; recitation - Mrs. C. Walters; bass solo - Mr. Moses Williams; best letter - Miss Maggie Griffiths; children's choir - Young Beginners, conductress, Miss Florrie Williams; quartette - the Martin-street quartet. The adjudicators were: music - Mr. Tom Jones, Pontlottyn; recitations - Mr. David Jones, headmaster of Ystrad Mynach School; prize bags - Mrs. E. Cole Jones, headmistress of Fochriw Infants' School; conductor - Brother Moses Williams; president - Brother Charles Payne; treasurer - Brother W. T. Jones; accompanist - Brother J. E. Davis; secretary - Brother Thomas Walters.

23 October 1915 Annual Meetings Large congregations assembled at Nazareth Chapel on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, for the anniversary services. Two well-known preachers delivered eloquent discourses - Rev. J. D. Davies, Llanelli, and Rev. Michael Williams, Cilfynydd. The singing was conducted by the Mr. W. Morris, whilst Miss Katie Davies and Mr. Roderick Jones presided at the organ.

13 November 1915 Special Mission Services Special services were held at St. Mary's Church on Sunday, when Mr. Parnell, Caerphilly, preached to large congregation. Appropriate mission hymns were sung. Mr. O. Richards presided at the organ, while Mr. B. Angell conducted the singing.

4 December 1915 Appointment: the Reverend Rhys D. Jenkins The many friends of Rev. R. D. Jenkins, Fochriw, will be interested to learn that he has received a hearty and unanimous invitation to the pastorate of Goshen Welsh Congregational Church, Rhymney. He is well fitted to fill the position, but he will be greatly missed by his numerous friends in Fochriw and District, where he is held in very high esteem.

18 December 1915 Carmel Chapel The half yearly meetings in connection with the chapel where held on Sunday and Monday, when the pulpit was occupied by the Rev. W. H. Price, Talgarth. The singing was conducted by Mr. David Davies, with Mr. Thomas Walters at the organ.

25 December 1915 The Rev. Rhys D. Jenkins The Rev. Jenkins has accepted the pastorate of Goshen Welsh Congregational Church, Rhymney, and hopes to commence his duties there at the beginning of January. Mr. Jenkins has associated himself with every good movement for the welfare of Fochriw, and the uplifting of his fellowmen.

25 December 1915 Welsh Drama On Thursday and Saturday last, two excellent performances of the Welsh drama "Asgro Lan" by R. G. Berry, were given by the Carmel

Dramatic Society at the Council Schools to large audiences. The acting was all that could be desired, and reflects great credit on the abilities of the members. The scenery and dresses were very effective, and the drama was well received. The following took part: Mr. David Evans, Mrs. M. A. Walters, Mr. Evan Morgan Davies, Mr. Howell Thomas, Mr. Tom Jones, Mr. Harry Hughes, Mr. Moses Williams, Mr. D. Rowlands, Mr. David Lewis, Mr. Tom Jenkins, Mr. Simon Lewis, Mr. Thomas Walters, Mr. T. J. Jones, Mr. James Jones, Mr. Evan Williams. The stage-managers were: Messrs. T. J. Jones and D. Harris. Miss Olwen Hughes presided at the piano on Saturday evening.

1 January, 1916 Singing Festival The annual singing festival was held at Carmel Congregational Chapel on Christmas Day, and was well attended. The singing was conducted by Mr. D. Roberts, Bargoed. The chairman in the morning was the Rev. R. D. Jenkins, in the afternoon, Mr. David Lewis, and in the evening, the Rev. D. Hughes Jones. The various hymns and anthems were nicely rendered by the choir. Solos were rendered by Miss E. A. Angell, Mr. W. J. Davies, Mr. M. A. Walters; quartette – Mr. D. Jenkins and party. The accompanists were Mr. Thomas Walters, Miss Olwen Hughes, Mr. J. E. Davis and Mr. David Thomas.

1 January, 1916 Nazareth Calvinistic Methodist The members of this chapel celebrated Christmas Day by hymn singing for the children in the afternoon and the service of praise for adults in the evening. Mr. William Morris was the conductor of this singing at both meetings. Miss Katie Jones-Davies and Mr. W. A. Davies were the accompanists. Mr. J. M. Jones presided in the afternoon. The children sang appropriate hymns very sweetly. A dialogue was given by C. J. Lawrence and G. Morris, and a recitation by Gwynfor Morris, after which the Rev. Isaac Roderick addressed the meeting. Fruit was distributed to the children at the close. The evening service was well attended. The Rev. Isaac Roderick presided. The tunes were selected from the Pontmorlais Festival Programme, and an enjoyable evening was spent. A quartet was excellently rendered by Messrs. W. Adams-Jones, Willie Edgar, Miss Martha Davies and Miss Hilda Davies, with Miss Maggie Davies at the organ. A solo was rendered by Master Johnny Edgar, after which an interesting address was delivered by Councillor John Jones, on Congregational singing. He advised the young people to arrange every part to sit together at the Sunday services, so that the best Congregational singing might be maintained.

8 January, 1916 Concert A well-attended concert was held at Noddfa Chapel on New Year's Eve. The chair was occupied by the Rev. E. Williams, pastor. The programme was contributed to by the following: Miss Davis and Miss Francis, Rhymney; Mr. Tom Phillips, Dowlais. Many of the songs and recitations were illustrated by a powerful lantern manipulated by Mr. Joshua Evans. Solo, "The Sailor's Grave" – Mr. T. Phillips; solo, "Daddy" - Miss Davies; recitation, "Beautiful Snow" - Miss Francis; solo, "Death Of Nelson" – Mr. T. Phillips; solo, "The Holy City" - Miss Davies. Numerous sets of slides were shown on the lantern, including the story "For The Masters Sake."

22 January, 1916 Social A social and dance was held at St. Mary's on Monday evening, and was well attended. The masters of ceremonies were Messrs. Arthur Woods and W. Jenkins, whilst Mr. Harry Salmon ably assisted at the piano. Miss E J Williams was secretary and Mrs. White was treasurer.

12 February, 1916 Nazareth Chapel A lecture was delivered at the above place on Monday night by the Rev. S. E. Prydderch, Nantymoel, on "Y Teulu." Mr. J. D. Jones, headmaster of Fochriw Council School, presided.

12 February, 1916 Presentation to the Rev. R. D. Jenkins: Successful Ministry at Fochriw On Tuesday evening, a very interesting presentation meeting took place at Carmel Chapel, the occasion being the presentation to the Reverend Rhys D. Jenkins, of a gold watch, chain and pendant, and a set of 20 books, subscribed by the Carmel Church members and friends, as a token of the high esteem in which he is held, and to mark the occasion of his leaving to take up the pastorate of Goshen Welsh Congregational Chapel, Rhymney. The Reverend Jenkins has been one of Fochriw's most prominent ministers for many years, taking a leading part in all causes for the uplifting and the betterment of the place. He has held many important offices in connection with the chapel, having been secretary and deacon. His labour has always been earnest and sincere for the spiritual and moral good of those amongst whom he laboured. For eight years he has been a member of their Gellygaer District Council, overseer for three years,

school of manager for five years, and a Welsh teacher at Fochriw and Deri for 10 years, under the Glamorgan Technical Committee. The chairman was the Rev. D. Hughes Jones, who spoke in glowing terms of the excellent qualities of Mr. Jenkins, his kind nature and his ready help in all cases. The presentation was made by one of the oldest members of the chapel, Mrs. Lewis Jones. The watch bore the following inscription: "Presented to the Rev. Rhys. D. Jenkins by Carmel Church, Fochriw, on the occasion of his induction at Goshen, Rhymney, as a token of appreciation of his faithful services, 8th February, 1916." Mr. David Griffiths, one of the deacons, then presented Mr. Jenkins with a handsome set of 20 books. Mr. Jenkins, with much feeling, said he hardly knew how to thank them for their great kindness and good feeling towards him. He was sure he had not laboured for any earthly reward, but had done it because he loved the work. Mr. Sam Lewis read appropriate verses, and Mr. George Sibley then spoke. Mr. Thomas Lewis played a high tribute to Mr. Jenkins for the noble self-sacrificing work he had done in connection with the chapel. He was full of good works. Mr. Griffiths Jones, deacon, Goshen, Rev. J. R. Salmon, Pontlottyn, Rev. Peregrine, Rhymney, and Mr. J. D. Jones, schoolmaster, also spoke. There was an excellent programme of music. A vote of thanks to the artistes, speakers and chairman, brought the meeting to a close.

11 March 1916 Noddfa Chapel The half yearly meetings in connection with the above Chapel were held last Sunday, when sermons were preached to large congregations by the Reverend J. Jenkins, (Gwili). The singing was conducted by Mr. Thomas Evans, junior, whilst Miss Phillips presided at the organ. On Monday evening, a lecture was delivered by the Reverend Jenkins, the subject being "Bywyd a Phenillion Telyn." Rev. I Williams, pastor, presided.

1 April 1916 Concert A concert was held at Noddfa Chapel on Thursday evening week, the chapel being lent for the occasion. An excellent programme of music, etc, was given by Bargoed Orpheus Party, under their conductor Mr. D. Roberts. Solos, duets, quartettes, and choruses were rendered by the party. Miss Adelaide Roberts presided at the piano, and the chair was occupied by the Reverend E. Williams. The proceeds of the concert were towards the St. John Hospital funds.

15 April 1916 Presentation A very interesting presentation meeting took place at Carmel Chapel on Tuesday evening, when Mr. George Phillips, grocer, was made the recipient of an illuminated address and fountain pen on behalf of the members and friends of Carmel Chapel, as a token of their high appreciation of his services as treasurer for the last 18 years, and to mark the occasion of his retirement. The chairman was the Rev. D. Hughes Jones, who spoke very highly of Mr. Phillips' qualities. The address was presented by Mr. William Ballard, one of the oldest deacons, and the fountain pen by Mr. George Sibley. Mr. Phillips acknowledged the gifts in very suitable terms. Speeches were also made by the Rev. R. D. Jenkins, the Rev. E. Williams, the Rev. J. M. Jones, and Mr. T. Lewis. During the evening an excellent programme of music was contributed to by the following: solos – Messrs. David Cole, Howell Thomas, David Cole Jones, Mrs. Hannah Davies and Miss E. M. Sibley. Violin selections were given by Miss Irene Phillips, accompanied by Miss Hilda Phillips. The accompanist was Mr. Thomas Walters.

22 April 1916 Memorial Service A memorial service for the late Willie A. Grimmett, was held at St. Mary's Church on Sunday evening. There was a large attendance. The sermon was preached by Mr. D. Greening, Pontlottyn. Mr. O. Richards played the "Dead March" at the end of the service.

13 May 1916 Easter Vestry The annual Easter Vestry in connection with St. Mary's took place on Monday evening last, and was presided over by the Rev. Gilbert Williams (vicar). The statement of accounts showed a balance on the right side. The following officers were elected: Church secretary, Mr. W.J. Payne; treasurer, Mr. H Edgar; sidesmen, Messrs Josiah Richards, J. Wood, W. Sibley, G. Way, W.J. Payne, H. Edgar, M. Evans, W. Wilton; organist, Mr. Octavius Richards; choirmaster, Mr. Berkeley Angell. During the evening a Church Council was appointed.

20 May 1916 Eisteddfod A very successful eisteddfod was held at St. Mary's Institute on Thursday week, when there was a record number of entries. The adjudicators were: music – Mr. W. Jenkins, Penywern; recitations - Rev. Isaac Roderick; preliminary music – Mr. David

Davies, (Pencerdd Morganwg); mining – Mr. John Bevan, M.E., Fochriw; accompanist – Mr. Octavius Richards. The secretarial duties were performed by Mr. M. Evans, and Mr. H. Edgar was treasurer. The president was Mr. John Bevan, M.E.. Awards: Chief choral, Fochriw United, Mr. John Evans, conductor; soprano solo, Mrs. Hannah Davies, Fochriw; contralto solo, Miss Hitchings, Dowlais; tenor solo, Mr. James John Lewis, Dowlais; bass solo, Mr. J. Brown, Deri; solo for children, Miss May Powell, Treharris; recitation for children, divided between Deslie Turner and Gwenda Thomas; solo for children, Miriam Thomas; recitation for children - John O. Thomas, Bedlinog; pianoforte solos - Robert J. Evans; violin solo - Frances Wilton; open recitation - Archie Powell, Penydarren; prize bags – Mrs. George Way, Aelybryn; pair of knitted gloves - Miss J. A. Angell, Fochriw; essay – Mr. Dan Williams, Pontlottyn; essay – Mr. Harold Richards, Rhymney; novel Love Letter – Mr. J. James, Deri.

27 May 1916 Nazareth Chapel The half yearly meetings in connection with Nazareth Chapel where held on Sunday and Monday last when the Reverend Williams, Mardy, preached to large congregations.

27 May 1916 Memorial Service A memorial service in memory of the late Dr. Eleazer Davies, J.P., took place at Carmel Congregational chapel last Sunday, the building being full.

10 June 1916 Annual Meetings The annual meetings in connection with Carmel Chapel where held on Sunday and Monday. The Rev. Evan Jones, Porth, and the Rev. T B Matthews, Penydarren, preached most eloquent and edifying sermon. Mr. David Davies led the singing, with Mr. Thomas Walters at the organ.

were already serving with the colours.

8 July 1916 Tea Parties The annual tea parties in connection with Carmel Congregational, Noddfa and Calvinistic Methodist Churches were held at their respective chapels Monday, and were largely attended, the wants of the children being carefully looked after in each case. After doing ample justice to the good things provided them at the tables, sweets, fruits etc., were distributed amongst them. Afterwards, the respective chapels indulged in sports etc. on the mountain, a very pleasant time being spent.

22 July 1916 Tea Party The annual tea party connected with St. Mary's Church took place on Thursday week at St. Mary's Hall, and it proved to be one of the more successful teas, from a financial and numerical point of view. The weather, though not very promising in the morning, cleared up in the afternoon. The children met at the Church at 3:30p.m., when the Reverend Gilbert Williams, vicar, addressed them, basing his remarks on the hymn they had just sung, "There's a Friend for Little Children." Afterwards, the procession, numbering 200, formed, and headed by the Fochriw Brass Band, under Mr. William Powell, paraded the streets of Fochriw and Pentwyn. The children made a very pleasing spectacle in their dresses of various colours, carrying banners, etc. After the parade, the children sat down to an excellent tea, after which sweets were distributed to each child. Later a sports was held. The Band played selections and dance music during the evening on the field adjoining the Church.

12 August 1916 Annual Tea Party The annual tea party in connection with Siloh Baptist Chapel, Penybank, took place on Thursday week. There was a large attendance, which included the Fochriw Brass Band.

12 August 1916 Noddfa Chapel The pulpit at Noddfa Chapel was occupied by the Rev. Moses Young, on Sunday last. He was home from America for a short holiday. He preached powerful sermons which were greatly appreciated by the large congregation.

19 August 1916 Memorial Service A memorial service in memory of the late Private W. J. Williams, Penybank, was held last Sunday evening, the service being very impressive. Mr. D. Greening, licensed lay reader, preached a powerful sermon, which was well received. Appropriate hymns were sung under the conductor, Mr. B. Angell, with Mr. O. Richards at the organ. The "Dead March" was played at the end of the service.

30 September 1916 Unveiling Ceremony A very interesting meeting was held at the Fochriw Library on Tuesday evening, on the occasion of the unveiling of a painted portrait of the late Reverend James Jones, who was minister of Carmel Congregational Church for over 21 years. The life-size portrait was the gift of Mrs. E. Cole Jones, head teacher of the Fochriw Infant' school, and widow of the late Reverend Jones. Mr. William Ballard, senior deacon of Carmel Chapel, was asked to unveil the portrait. The Reverend Jones and the late Dr. Eleazer

Davies were pioneers in the founding of the library, and they had not spared themselves to make it a success. Mrs. Cole Jones presented the portrait to the Library. She said that some months ago, at the time of the presentation of the late Dr. Davies's portrait, it was suggested to her that it would be fitting if a portrait of her late husband also adorned the walls of the Institution. Dr. Davies and her husband were public men and bosom friends, and it pleased her greatly to see both portraits hang side by side.

21 October 1916 Nazareth Chapel The annual meetings in connection with the chapel where held on Sunday and Monday. The preacher was the Rev. William Thomas, Maesteg. The singing was under the able conductorship of Mr. William Morris, with Miss Katie Jones Davies and Mr. Willie Davies presiding at the organ.

4 November 1916 Harvest Festival Harvest Thanksgiving services were held at St. Mary's Church on Thursday and Sunday last. Through the kindness of a number of the members and friends, the Church had been beautifully decorated. The festival commenced with Holy Communion on Thursday morning, the vicar officiating. In the evening, the pulpit was occupied by Mr. J. C. Payne, who preached a very powerful sermon on "Thanksgiving" to a crowded congregation. On Sunday at 11 a.m., the preacher was the Reverend Gilbert Williams, Vicar, who preached an eloquent sermon, and at 2.30 and 6 p.m., the Rev. H. J. Millard, Abertysswg, delivered a highly instructive sermon in connection with the National Mission of Repentance and Hope. There were large congregations throughout. The conductor of singing was Mr. B. Angell. Mr. Octavius Richards presided at the organ. The offertories throughout were towards the Llandaff Church Extension Society. The fruit was afterwards sent to the Caerphilly Red Cross Hospital.

18 November 1916 Entertainment A very successful entertainment was held at St. Mary Hall on Tuesday evening, presided over by Mr. W. J. Payne. The programme was contributed to by the following: solos - Blodwen Watkins, Enid Evans, Jane Seaborne, Addie Baldwin, Glynwen Evans, Harold Harris; violin selections - Frances Wilton; duets - Laura and Betty Harris, Maggie S. Martin and L. M. Martin, Addie Baldwin and Annie Mills; chorus - Miss Z. Davies and party; recitations - Harold Harris, Trevor Lawrence, W. T. Williams, Edna Edwards, Ben Davies; dialogue - Mildred Hughes and Ivy Curtis. Open singing competition, "Meet Me at the Fountain" 1. Enid Evans; 2. Benjamin Davis. The adjudicator was Mr. B. Angell. The concert concluded with a sketch entitled "A Midnight Visitor," those taking part being Messrs. W. J. Payne, William Thomas and Willie Hughes.

2 December 1916 Entertainment An entertainment was held at St. Mary Hall on Tuesday evening, and was presided over by Mr. W. J. Payne. An interesting programme of music etc. was contributed to by Misses Blodwen Watkins, Amy James, Myrtle Harris, Elsie Lewis, Addie Baldwin, Mildred Hughes, Ivy Curtis, Lena Way, Phyllis Williams, Lena Harris, Olive May Payne, Phoebe Jones, Willie Robert, Harold Harris, Dan Davies, Ivor Phillips; violin selections, Master Francis Wilson; singing competition, prize divided between Addie Baldwin and Jane Seaborne; duet competition Dan Jones and Phyllis Williams. The adjudicator was Mr. B. Angell. The programme concluded with the amusing sketch entitled "Wireless Telegraphy." The following took part: W. J. Payne, William Thomas, W. Hughes, W. Curtis. Charles Chaplin competition: divided between J. Cole and E. Jones.

9 December 1916 Ministerial The Reverend and Mrs. J. Francis made their advent to the parish on Tuesday. The reverend gentleman commenced his duties on Sunday last, when he occupied the pulpit of St. Mary's Church, and preached powerful and edifying sermons, which were much appreciated by large congregations. Formerly, Rev. Francis was curate at St. Mary's, Aberavon, where his departure was keenly felt. The Connexional District of Fochriw was offered to Mr. Francis by the Lord Bishop of Llandaff. The district is composed of Fochriw, Pentwyn, Pantywaun and Deri.

9 December 1916 Entertainment An interesting entertainment took place at St. Mary's Hall on Monday, presided over by the Reverend John Francis, who gave an address. The programme was contributed to by the following: Ivor Phillips, Trevor Lawrence, Enid Evans, Phyllis Williams, Mildred Hughes, Ivy Curtis, Addie Baldwin, Olive May Payne, Lena Reece, Blodwen Watkins, Catherine Watkins, Enid Evans and party; competition, Psalm 23, prize divided between Glynwen Edwards and Jennie M Davis. The adjudicator was the Reverend

Francis. The concert concluded with a laughable sketch entitled "Painless Extraction," the characters being Messrs. W. Payne, W. Thomas, W. Hughes, W. Curtis, and C. J. Lawrence.

16 December 1916 Entertainment An entertainment was held at St. Mary's Hall on Tuesday evening, presided over by the Rev. J. Francis. The following contributed to the programme: Blodwen Watkins, Ivy Baldwin, Muriel Baldwin, Dulcie Turner, Gwladys Shankland, Glynwen Edwards, Francis Wilton, Johnny Edgar, W. D. Jones, Peter Griffiths, Zenith Davies and party. Open recitation competition, 1. Blodwen Watkins, 2. divided between Lucy Turner and Eileen Morgan. In a laughable sketch entitled "The Haunted House," the characters were Messrs. W. J. Payne, W. Thomas, W. Hughes, and W. Curtis.

23 December 1916 Entertainment A very successful entertainment was held at St. Mary's Hall on Tuesday evening last, presided over by the Rev. J. Francis. The following contributed to the programme: Blodwen Watkins, Mary Morgan, Ivy Curtis, Mrs Morgan, Ivor Phillips, Thomas J. Evans, Johnny Edgar, Willie Jones, Harold Harris, Charlie Edwards, Muriel Baldwin, Elizabeth Laurence; open singing competition, the prize was awarded to Zenith Davies. The adjudicator was Mr. B. Angell.

30 December 1916 St. Mary's Church Christmas Day was observed at St. Mary's Church with services throughout the day - Holy Communion at 7a.m. and 11a.m., evensong and sermon at 6p.m. All the services were well attended, especially the early celebration. The Rev. John Francis, vicar, officiated, preaching edifying sermons. The singing was conducted by Mr. B. Angell.

30 December 1916 Entertainment A very pleasant evening was spent at St. Mary's Hall on Friday evening last, when an entertainment and distribution of prizes for Sunday school scholars was held. The Reverend John Francis presided, and distributed about 150 books to the scholars. Mr. W. J. Payne, Sunday school superintendent, also addressed the scholars. Several contributed to the programme. Votes of thanks to Miss J. A. Angell, secretary, and others, brought a pleasant evening to a close.

30 December 1916 Carmel Chapel A singing festival was held at Carmel on Christmas Day. The Rev. D. Hughes Jones presided at the morning service. The conductor was Mr. William Hughes, Dowlais; Messrs. Thomas Walters, John E. Davis, David Thomas, and Willie Angell were the accompanists. The morning service was introduced by a recitation of a chapter by Miss Delcie Turner. The following tunes were rendered in the morning service: "Y Gwanwyn Ddaeth;" " Mae Arnaf Eisieu'r Iesu;" " Mor Hyfryd yw Gweled y Plant yn Gytun;" "Cysegrwn ein Horiau;" "Pantywaun;" "Ireiddiol;" "Byddin Dirwest;" anthem, "I'r Brenin Iesu Seiniwn." Solos were rendered by the Miss Mary Jane Cole and Miss Mary Jones.

In the afternoon, Mr. William Ballard presided, when the following tunes were rendered; "Dowlais;" "Pastor Bonus;" "Dymuniad;" "Ceridwen;" "Lincoln;" " Carmel;" Bryngwyn;" "Dies Irae;" anthems, "Duw sydd Noddfa" and "Duw oedd y Gair." A solo was rendered by Miss E. M. Sibley.

At the evening service, Mr. David Lewis presided, and the Reverend Bell introduced the service, after which the following tunes were sung: "Pembroke;" "Bryn Moriah;" "Irfona;" "Phillippi;" "Amman;" "Eden;" chorus, "Be Not Afraid." The hymn entitled "Aelybryn" was sung in memory of the late Dr. Eleazer Davis, and was composed by Mr. David Davies, (Pencerdd Morganwg). It was sung with much feeling. A solo was also rendered by Mrs. H. Davies.

30 December 1916 Drama On Thursday and Friday evenings last week, the people of Fochriw were entertained to a fine treat, when the members of the Carmel Dramatic Society gave a fine production of the Welsh drama "Ar y Groesffordd," at the Council School to a very large audience. The acting of the various parts was all that could be desired. The following took part: Mr. James Williams, Mr. James Jones, Mr. Samuel Lewis, Mr. Thomas Walters, Mr. T. H. Jones, Mr. Evan Williams, Mr. T. R. Evans, Miss Mary A. Walters, Miss Mary MacArthur. The duties of stage manager were ably carried out by Mr. T. Jones, assisted by Mr. D. Harris.

30 December 1916 Noddfa Chapel A very successful Eisteddfod was held at the above place by the members during the afternoon and evening of Christmas Day. The adjudicators were: singing – Mr. Morris Llewellyn, Rhymney; recitation - Rev. G. Williams, Rhymney; chairman - Reverend Esaiiah Williams. The accompanist was Miss Hilda Phillips. The chief awards were :

solo "Dad o'r Nef" - Gwenda Thomas; solo "O, am ras i Garu'r Iesu" - 1. Enid Evans, 2. Phyllis Watkins; solo "Eto mae lle" - divided between Dilys Evans and E. Matthews; solo "Robin Goch" - 1. Enid Evans, 2. D. J. Evans; hen don, Thomas Evans; bass solo "Yr Eryr Mawr" - divided between Thomas Evans and Albert Walters; tenor solo "Hiraeth" - Robert Thomas; contralto solo "Dacw'r Gwanwyn yn y Gofwg" - Enid Evans; soprano solo "Cartref" - Enid Evans; champion solo "Y Banerwr" - Johnny Williams; recitation, Psalm 104 - Thomas Evans; open recitation - Rees Thomas; children's party, not over 16 years "Bydd Canu yn y Nefoedd" - divided between Mrs. Tom Evans's party and Mr. Tom Evans's party; barddoniaeth, dau bennill i'r "Gyfeillach" - Mr. David Thomas, junior. The secretarial duties were ably carried out by Mr. David Thomas, Plantation-street, whilst Mr. Robert Thomas, Dynevor-street, carried out the duties of treasurer.

30 December 1916 Nazareth Chapel A splendid singing festival was held at the above Chapel on Christmas Day in the afternoon and evening. Mr. James Lawrence presided at the afternoon meeting. Mr. Griffith Pugh introduced the service. The conductor of the singing was Mr. William Morris. Miss Katie Jones-Davies and Mr. Willie A. Davies were the accompanists. The following tunes were rendered at the afternoon service: "Banerau Dirwest;" "Unwaith am Byth;" "Yn y Man;" "Llef y Cenhadon;" "Wrth y Groes;" "Cartref yn y Nef;" "Mae'r Iesu yn Derbyn Plant;" "Mordaith Bywyd." Recitations were given by Eluned Lawrence and Gwynfor Morris. The Reverend Isaac Roderick delivered a very interesting speech. Mr. G. Pugh presided at the evening meeting, when Mr. James Lawrence introduced the service, and the following tunes were rendered very effectively: "St. Saviour;" "Havilah;" "Elijah;" "Stepney;" Trefderyn;" "Rhosbeirio;" "Cefn-bedd Llewelyn;" "Y Jerusalem Nefol;" "Commonwealth;" "Gethsemane;" "Gnoll Avenue;" "Duffryn Baca." Nellie Morris gave a recitation. Rev. Isaac Roderick addressed the meeting. A solo entitled "Paham y sefi draw?" was rendered by Miss Mattie Jones. Councillor John Jones gave an excellent address on "The Art of Singing," and said that he had never enjoyed the singing more than this year.

6 January, 1917 Noddfa Chapel On Monday evening last at Noddfa Baptist Chapel, an excellent performance of the operetta "Flowerland" was performed to a large audience. All did their work excellently and the singing was of the high standard. Great praise is due to all.

20 January, 1917 Entertainment An interesting entertainment took place at St. Mary Hall on Tuesday evening, the Reverend John Francis presiding. The programme was contributed to by the following: Blodwen Watkins, Glynwen Edwards, Edna Edwards, Ivor Phillips, Harold Harris, Johnny Edgar, Addie Baldwin, Hubert Wilton, Eileen Morgan, Vera Wilton, Willie Jones, Freddie Pearce David Tyler, Gwenda Thomas. A large number competed in the open singing competition, the prize being divided between Addie Baldwin, Enid Evans, Blodwen Watkins and Master Ben Davies. The adjudicators were Mr. B Angell and the Vicar.

20 January, 1917 Drama in Aid of the Fochriw Soldiers' and Sailors' Fund Another excellent performance of the Welsh drama "Ar y Groesfordd" was given at the Council School by the Carmel Dramatic Company last Saturday evening to a large audience. The members of the company gave their services free to assist in raising a fund to provide comforts and gifts for soldiers and sailors. One hundred lads have gone from the Fochriw district. About nine have made the supreme sacrifice. The committee and people of the village feel a deep sense of gratitude to the society for their charitable action. Councillor John Jones said a fund had been registered, known as the Fochriw Soldiers' and Sailors' Fund, with the Reverend D. Hughes Jones as chairman, Mr. W. J. Payne as treasurer, Miss H. Evans as secretary, and Mr. James Williams as auditor, to whom the proceeds of this performance were handed.

27 January, 1917 Entertainment An interesting entertainment took place at St. Mary's Hall on Monday evening, presided over by the Rev. John Francis, vicar. The programme was contributed to by Irllys Jenkins, Glynwen Edwards, Edna Edwards, Enid Evans, Blodwen Watkins, Elizabeth Lawrence, Phyllis Williams and party, Harold Harris, Johnny Edgar. There was also an amusing sketch entitled "Who Died First?" The following took part in the sketch: Messrs. W. J. Payne, William Thomas, Mrs. S. A. Payne, and Miss L. M. Evans.

3 February 1917 Entertainment A very interesting entertainment took place at St. Mary's on Tuesday evening, presided over by the Rev. John Francis, vicar. The following contributed to the programme: Misses Nan Prosser, Blodwen Watkins, Mildred Hughes, Valentine Harris,

Sarah Price, Irllys Jenkins, Ivy Curtis, Doris Davies, Olive May Payne, Marjory Lewis, Vera Wilton, William Jones, William Roberts; violin selections, Frances Wilton. The programme concluded with a laughable sketch entitled "A Stupid Servant" Messrs. W. J. Payne and William Thomas playing the parts.

3 February 1917 Social A very pleasant social evening was spent at St. Mary's Hall on Thursday evening week, when the Church people of Fochriw spent a pleasant evening with the new vicar and his wife, both of whom have become very popular among the people since their advent to the parish. The hall had been tastefully decorated, the flags of the Allies being very prominent. An excellent spread had been provided by the people of the Church, all eatables having been given by friends. About 160 people sat down to tea. Among those present were the late vicar and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Gilbert Williams, Pontlottyn. After tea, an excellent programme of music etc. was gone through. The Reverend Francis occupied the chair, and thanked all for their kindness and attendance that evening. The Rev. Gilbert Williams spoke in glowing terms of Rev. Francis' good qualities, assuring the people that they had one of the best. He had known him for the last 17 years and could testify to the Reverend Francis's and Mrs. Francis's good and Christian qualities. Others who contributed to the programme were: Misses Blodwen Watkins, Nan Prosser, Lydia Evans, Judith Angell, Edith Williams, Adelaide Baldwin, Gwenny Rees, Mrs. O. Williams, Mrs. S. A. Payne, and Mr. Berkley Baldwin. Votes of thanks were accorded the tray holders and others who worked to make the social a success.

10 February 1917 Entertainment An entertainment was held at St. Mary Hall on Tuesday evening, when Mr. W. J. Payne presided over a good attendance. A feature of the entertainment was an instrumental quartet by Messrs. W. J. Powell, T. Rees, H. Thomas, and D. J. Davies. All are members of the Fochriw Brass Band, their playing being greatly appreciated. The concert concluded with a laughable sketch entitled "Cupid's Frolics." The following took part: Miss Gwenny Rees, Messrs. W. J. Payne, W. Thomas, W. Hughes, W. Curtis.

17 February 1917 Entertainment An interesting entertainment was held at St. Mary's Hall presided over by the Reverend Francis. The following contributed to the programme: Blodwen Watkins, Myra Evans, Edna Edwards, Glynwen Edwards, Maggie Davis, William T. Williams, Raymond Hemmings, Dan Davies, Ben Davies, Sarah Williams, Doris Davies, Willie Jones, Ed. Davies, Harold Harris, Lena Rees, Sylvia Adams, Olive May Payne; scripture competition, divided between Frances Wilton and Blodwen Watkins. The proceedings terminated with a laughable sketch entitled "Midnight Train." Characters: Messrs. W. J. Payne, William Thomas, William Hughes, William Curtis and R. White.

24 February 1917 Entertainment An interesting entertainment was held at St. Mary Hall on Tuesday evening, presided over by the Reverend Francis. The following contributed to the programme: solos - Blodwen Watkins, Sylvia Adams, Lydia Evans, Lena Rees, Rowena Harris, Myrtle Harris, Ivy Tyler, Mary Tyler, Adelaide Baldwin, Edith Williams, Messrs. Howell Thomas, William John Payne, Gilbert Harris, Clifford Davies, Gwennie Reece, Messrs. B. Angell, W. J. Angel, H. Thomas, Mrs. L. A. Shankland and Miss J. A. Angell; recitations Glynwen Edwards, Eirwen Edwards, Ivor Phillips, Edna Edwards, Edmund Davies, Willie Jones; instrumental quartet, Messrs. W. J. Powell, H. Thomas, T. Rees and A. Mantle. The programme concluded with a laughable sketch entitled "Wireless Telegraphy," the characters being, Messrs. W. J. Payne, William Thomas, William Curtis, Bob White, and Miss G. Rees. The accompanist was Mr. John Evans.

3 March 1917 Soiree A very successful soiree was held at Carmel Chapel on Thursday evening week, on the occasion of the departure of the Reverend D. Hughes Jones from Carmel to Siloah, Llanelly. After the tea, there was an entertainment, in which many of the local junior artistes participated. There were also, prize competitions. Awards: unpunctuated reading, Misses Evelyn Davies and May Rowlands; impromptu speech, Mr. Brinley Sibley; spelling championship, Miss Mary H. Cook and Master Aneurin Thomas. Mr. Moses Williams occupied the chair.

17 March 1917 Lantern Lecture An interesting lantern lecture was given at St. Mary's Hall on Tuesday evening by the Reverend John Francis, who gave a very edifying account of the work done by the Church of England Waifs and Strays Society.

24 March 1917 Lantern Lecture A lantern lecture was given at St. Mary's Hall on Tuesday evening by the Reverend John Francis, the subject being "Jessica's First Prayer." It proved most interesting and was thoroughly enjoyed by the large number present. The proceeds were devoted to the Waifs And Strays Society.

31 March 1917 Lent Reverend Gilbert Williams, vicar of Pontllytyn, was the special preacher at the Lent Service at St. Mary's Church on Wednesday evening last.

7 April 1917 Lent The special Lent preacher at St. Mary's Church last Wednesday was the Rev. W. Brazell, Pontllytyn, who preached an appropriate sermon.

7 April 1917 Competitive Concert A successful competitive concert in aid over the Fochriw Soldiers' And Sailors' Fund was held at Carmel Chapel last Saturday evening. The president was the Rev. J. Francis, vicar; conductor, Mr. David Thomas; adjudicator, Mr. John Price; accompanist, Mr. Thomas Walters. The President explained the object of the meeting. Awards: female novice solo, Miss Hilda Davies; male novice solo, Mr. Evans, Penywyn; female champion solo, Mrs. Tom Davies, Fochriw; male champion solo, Mr. T. R. Jones, Dowlais. Votes of thanks for the use of the chapel etc were made by the President and Mr. Charles Payne. The secretarial duties were carried out by Miss Hannah Evans, Aelybryn. The evening closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

14 April 1917 Easter Services Good Friday was observed at St. Mary's Church by a service at 10:30a.m., and an illustrated lantern addressed on "Our Lord's Passion" in the evening, when the Rev. John Francis gave an excellent address, which was well received by the large congregation. Services were held at the Church on Easter Sunday - Holy Communion at 7a.m. and 11a.m., children's service at 3p.m., and evensong and sermon at 6p.m. The newly-formed surpliced choir made its initial appearance. Reverend J. Francis officiated throughout day, with Mr Octavius Richards at the organ. The Church was prettily decorated with flowers by the Reverend and Mrs. Francis. There were large attendances for throughout the day.

21 April 1917 Annual Easter Vestry Meeting The Annual Easter Vestry Meeting in connection with St. Mary's Church was held on Friday week. The statements of accounts proved very satisfactory. Mr. W. J. Payne was elected churchwarden.

28 April 1917 Presentation to Fochriw Curate On Thursday evening week at St. Mark's Church Schoolroom, Gelli, Rhondda, the Reverend and Mrs. J. C. Payne were presented with a valuable canteen of cutlery, a silver flowers stand, and a oak palm stand and tub, subscribed for by the members of St. Mark's Church and friends, to a mark the occasion of their marriage, which took place on December 6th, 1916. The chair was taken by the Reverend Canon Lewis, vicar, who spoke in glowing terms of Mr. Payne's work and his good qualities. He wished the couple every happiness.

5 May 1917 Performances Two excellent performances of the musical war masque "The Empire's Honour," were given at the Church Hall on Thursday and Saturday last by members of St. Mary's Church, under the conductorship of Mr. Berkley Angell. Rev. John Francis, vicar, presided. The principal characters were sustained by Mrs. W.J. Payne, Mrs. Perrot, Mrs. W. Hughes, Mrs. G. Mantle, Misses Gwenny Rees, M. Gough, M. Watkins, B. Harris, B. Watkins, M. Baldwin, M. Hughes, Ivy Curtis, Addie Baldwin, M.F. Morgan, E. Way, Mary Morgan, R. Davies, Claudia Davies, Mrs. E. Price, Mrs. Lydia Evans, Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Archer, Mr. W.J. Payne, Messrs. W.J. Curtis, Ed. Dummett, Masters Willie Morgan, ... Hughes, Messrs. Bob White, A. Coggan, H. Archer, Rev. J. Francis, Misses M. Dummett, H.E. Wood, Master Sydney Way, Mr. Albert Lewis, Mr. W. Morris, Master E. White, Master Francis Williams, Mrs. F. Williams and Mrs. P. Edwards, M... J.A. Angell (The Empire's Honour), Miss Winnie Evans, Miss May Davies. Accompanists: Mrs. Morgan and Mr. W. Hughes; stage manager: Mr. Charles Payne.

26 May 1917 Pulpit The pulpit at Carmel Congregational Chapel was occupied on Sunday by the Rev. W. Bowen, Penygroes, who preached to large congregations.

26 May 1917 Cantata Three performances of the cantata, "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," were given at the Old Council Schools on Thursday, Friday and Saturday last. Mrs. Hannah Davies, Brynteg, enacted the role of Snow White, and charmed the large audience, while Miss Hilda Davies, Aelybryn, was a huge success as the wicked Queen. Mr. Hywel Thomas and Mr. James Jones proved equally successful in their respective roles. All the other

characters were ably sustained. Great praise is due to the conductor, Mr. Thomas Walters, A.L.C.M. The accompanist was Miss H. Evans.

26 May 1917 Nazareth Chapel The half yearly meetings were held on Sunday and Monday at Nazareth, when the Rev. William Lewis, Cwmparc, preached powerful sermons to large congregations. Miss Katie Jones Davies presided at the organ and Mr. John Davies was the conductor.

9 June 1917 Carmel Chapel The annual meetings in connection with the above Chapel where held on Sunday and Monday last, the Rev. E. J. Rosser Evans, Dowlais, and the Rev Edwin Jones, Pontypridd, preaching very edifying and appropriate sermons to large congregations. Mr. T. Walters presided at the organ, and Mr. David Davies conducted the singing.

30 June 1917 St Mary's The pulpit of St Mary's Church was occupied on Sunday, by the Reverend Luther Evans, vicar of Blackwood, who preached to large congregations.

30 June 1917 "The Empire's Honour" A grand performance of the musical war masque, "The Empire's Honour," was given at the Church Hall, Deri, on Thursday week, by the St. Mary's Church choir, Fochriw, under the conductorship of Mr. Berkley Angell. The chairman was the Reverend John Francis. The characters were ably sustained by the following: Mrs. W. J. Payne, Mrs S. Perrott, Mrs. G. Mantle, Mrs. W. Hughes, Miss G. Rees, Mrs. Sam Way, Miss M. Gough, Miss M. Watkins, D. Harris, B. Watkins, M. Baldwin, M. Hughes, J. E. Curtis, D. Baldwin, M. F. Morgan, E. Way, M. Morgan, R. Davis, C. Davies, Mrs. G. Price, L. M. Evans, Mrs. J. Morgan, Mrs. H. Archer, Mr. W. J. Payne, W. Curtis, E. Dummett, W. Morgan, C. Hughes, W. Thomas, G. Hughes, B. White, H. Archer, Rev. J. Francis, Miss M. A. Dummett, E. Woods, Tom Angell, Sydney Way, A. Lewis, W. Morris, E. White, F. Wilton, Mrs. Williams, P. Edwards, Miss J. A. Angell, Mrs. O. Williams, Miss May Davies. The accompanists were Mrs. Morgan and Mr .W. Hughes. A vote of thanks was accorded the company by Councillor D. J. Edwards, seconded by the Reverend D. Jones.

7 July 1917 Annual Treats The annual tea parties in connection with Carmel Chapel, and Nazareth, and Noddfa were held on Monday in beautiful weather. The children attended in large numbers and were well cared for by the older members of the congregations.

21 July 1917 Tea Party The annual tea party in connection with St. Mary's Church took place on Thursday. The Sunday school scholars and others met at the Church, and headed by the Fochriw Brass Band, under their conductor Mr. W. J. Powell, they paraded the streets of the village. The procession was a large one and the children looked a pleasing spectacle in their various holiday attire. On returning to the Church Hall, an excellent tea was provided, to which all did justice. After tea, sports and games were indulged in on the mountain. The vicar and others had arranged a fine programme. The band played appropriate music throughout the evening.

21 July 1917 Eisteddfod A well attended eisteddfod was held at Noddfa Chapel on Saturday. The conductor was the Rev. Esaiiah Williams; adjudicators - music, Mr. John Thomas and Mr. D. J. Thomas; literary, Rev. D. L. Morris (Llew Ogwy); accompanists, Miss Hilda Phillips and Mr. Tom Walters; secretary, Mr. Thomas Evans; treasurer, Mr. Albert Walters. Awards: solo, girls under 10, Miss Price, Dowlais; solo, boys under 16, Master Lewis, Dowlais; solo and under 16, Enid Evans; soprano solo, divided between Mrs. Hannah Davies and another; contralto solo, Mrs. H Davies, Fochriw; tenor solo, Mr. Richard Lewis, Dowlais; bass solo Mr. Tom Jones, Dowlais; mixed choir, Dowlais; Juvenile choir, Fochriw, conductress Miss Marsie Davies.

4 August 1917 Consecration of Extension to Pentwyn Churchyard The Bishop of Llandaff visited Fochriw on Saturday last and consecrated the extended portion of Pentwyn Churchyard.

22 September 1917 Annual Meeting The annual meetings in connection with Noddfa Baptist Chapel where held on Sunday and Monday last. The meetings were very well attended, the Rev. Rees, Tredegar, preaching most edifying sermons. The singing was conducted by Mr. Thomas Evans, with Miss Hilda Phillips presiding at the organ.

29 September 1917 Pulpit The pulpit of St. Mary's was occupied by the Rev. J. C. Payne on Sunday last, who preached powerful sermons throughout the day to large congregations. Mr. O. Richards presided at the organ and the singing was conducted by Mr. Berkley Angell.

6 October 1917 Concert A concert was given at Noddfa Chapel on Wednesday last week by the Penywern and Dowlais Male Voice Party. The artistes were: soprano, Madame Nana Lewis Thomas, Clydach Vale; bass, Mr. Lewis Evans, Cardiff; solo violin, Mr. W J Berry, Dowlais; accompanist, Mr. Arthur Hughes. The audience, which was a large one, was delighted with the excellent renderings of the Choir and artistes, encores being the order of the evening.

13 October 1917 St. Mary's Church Harvest Festival Services were held at St. Mary's Church on Wednesday, Thursday, and Sunday, and were very largely attended. The Church was beautifully decorated. The special preachers were the Rev. Gilbert Williams, vicar of Pontlottyn, the Rev. David Davies, Bedlinog, the Reverend John Francis, vicar. At the close of the festival, four hundredweights of fruit and vegetables were sent to Caerphilly Military Hospital.

13 October 1917 Organ Recital An organ recital was given at St. Mary's Church on Monday by Mr. W. J. Watkins, A.R.C.O., assisted by Mr. James John Lewis, Dowlais.

3 November 1917 Annual Meetings Annual meetings in connection with Nazareth chapel where held on Sunday and Monday, when the Rev. Evan Price (Ieuan Gorwydd), preached edifying sermons. Miss Katie Jones Davies and Mr. Willie Davies presided at the organ, Mr. John Davis conducting the singing.

15 December 1917 Half-Yearly Meetings The half-yearly meetings in connection with Carmel Chapel, where held on Sunday and Monday, when the Reverend D. Hughes Jones, former pastor of the chapel, preached. Mr. David Davies conducted the singing, and Mr. Thomas Walters presided at the organ.

15 December 1917 St. Mary's Church The pulpit at St. Mary's Church was occupied on Sunday morning and afternoon by Rev. Stanton, Argoed, a nephew of Mr. C. B. Stanton, M.P., and in the evening by the Reverend Dewi Williams, vicar of the Rhymney, who preached powerful sermons to large congregation. The offertories were given to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel. The singing was conducted by Mr. Berkley Angell, and Mr. Octavius Richards presided at the organ.

22 December 1917 Entertainment An entertainment was held at St. Mary's on Tuesday evening, presided over by the Reverend John Francis. The following contributed: recitations, Harold Harris, Mervyn Francis, Latimer Evans, Ivor Phillips, Edmund Davies, Willie Jones, Eirlys Jenkins, Glynwen Edwards, Edna Edwards, Lena Way, Nancy Davis, Olive May Payne, Clarise Pritchard, Ivy Curtis, Myrtle Harris, Phoebe Cole, Ursula Harris; violin selections, Francis Wilton; solos, Lizzie M. Davis, Rowena Harris, Carada Adams; quartette, A. Davies and party, Lizzie M. Davies and party. The accompanist was Mr W. Hughes.

29 December 1917 Church Services Church services were held at St. Mary's Church on Christmas Day, and were well attended. There were celebrations of Holy Communion at 7, 8, and 11 o'clock, the celebrant being the Rev. John Francis. In the evening, a carol service was held, when a number of the children took the solos, the congregation joining in the choruses. The Vicar gave an instructive address on "The Birth of Christ." Mr. Berkeley Angell, choirmaster, trained the singers, and Mr. Octavius Richards presided at the organ.

29 December 1917 Carmel Chapel The annual Gymanfa Ganu was held at Carmel Chapel on Christmas Day, with a large attendance. The conductor for the day was Mr. Abel E. Jones, Rhymney. A pleasing feature was the assistance of the newly formed string band, which gave a very creditable performance. The presidents were: morning, Mr. Howell Thomas; afternoon, Mr. Evan M. Davies; evening, Mr. William Ballard; accompanists, Messrs. Thomas Walters, David Thomas, Willie Angell, Aneurin Thomas and Miss Hannah Evans. The conductors of the rehearsals were Messrs. David Davies and Daniel Jenkins; chairman, Mr. Daniel Jenkins; treasurer, Mr. David J. Thomas; secretary Mr. Evan D. Jones.

29 December 1917 Noddfa Chapel An eisteddfod was held at Noddfa Baptist Chapel on Christmas night. Awards: solo for girls under 8, Elsa Mathews, Dilys Evans, Hettie Williams; recitation and under 10, 1. Gwenda Thomas, 2. Maggie H. Williams; recitation girls under 16, Enid Evans; contralto solo, divided between Misses E. A. Evans and Enid Evans; bass solo, 1. Mr. Albert Walters, 2. Mr. Aneurin Evans; recitation under 16, 1. Edith Walters, 2. divided between S. L. Evans and Phyllis Williams; solo over 50, Mr. John Evans. The adjudicators were: music, Mr. T. Evans senior; literature Mr. D. Thomas; secretary, Mr. T. Walters;

accompanist, Miss H. Phillips. The eisteddfod was followed by a very amusing comedy sketch, characters being represented by Mrs. T. Evans, Misses M. Rees, H. Phillips, I. Phillips, H. Evans, M. Rees, E. A. Evans, E. Phillips.

29 December 1917 Entertainment An entertainment was held at St. Mary's on Christmas Eve, presided over by the Rev. John Francis. An excellent programme was contributed to by: Glynwen Edwards, Phoebe Cole, Edna Edwards, Adelaide Baldwin, M. A. Griffiths, W. Roberts, L. Evans, T. Harris, Ivy Curtis; violin selections, Francis Wilton; duet, Trevor Lawrence and Robert Wilton, Addie Lawrence and Edmund Davies; choruses, Jack Lawrence and friends, W. Lawrence, L. Angell, and B. Davies. There were also open recitation and impromptu reading competitions, the evening concluding with a laughable sketch entitled "Absent-minded Characters." The following took part: Messrs. W. J. Payne, W. Hughes, Harold Harris, W. Wilton. The accompanists were Messrs. O. Richards and L. Angell.

5 January 1918 Watch-Night Service An impressive watch-night service was held at St. Mary's Church on New Year's Eve, conducted by the Rev. John Francis. The service was well attended. The Vicar earnestly appealed for all present to make good resolutions for the coming year, and urged the necessity of prayer.

5 January 1918 Entertainment An entertainment was held at St. Mary's Hall on Thursday evening last week, and was presided over by the Rev. John Francis. An excellent programme was contributed to by Willie Jones, William Williams, Percy Gwynne, Hubert Wilton, Robert Wilton, Latimer Evans, Maggie H. Williams, Elspeth Lewis, Sybil Gwynne, Myrtle Harris, Eiluned Lawrence, Edna Edwards, Glynwen Edwards, Carada Adams, Gwenda Thomas, Vera Wilton, Rowena Harris. There was a duett for violin and organ played by Masters Francis Wilton and Aneurin Thomas, and also selections on the organ from Master Thomas. In the singing competition the winners were Sybil Gwynne, Gweneda Thomas, and Myrtle Harris. The evening concluded with a laughable sketch, the actors being Messrs. W. J. Payne, W. Curtis, W. Hughes, W. Morris, O. Morris, A. Lewis, and H. Harris.

5 January 1918 Noddfa Chapel A concert was held at Noddfa Chapel on Monday, December 31st, and there was a large attendance. The following took part: soprano, Madam S. Thomas John, Merthyr; contralto, Miss Mafanwy Walters, New Tredegar; tenor, Mr. W. J. Jones, Rhymney; bass, Mr. James Evans, Rhymney; accompanist, Miss Hilda Phillips, Fochriw; chairman, Rev. Esaiiah Williams. The programme was as follows: duet for tenor and bass, "Mae Cymru'r Barod"; waltz song for soprano; tenor solo, "Ei Walia Wen"; contralto solo, "Bless thou the Lord, O my Soul"; bass solo, "Y Marchog"; duet for tenor and contralto, "A lover and his lass"; duet for tenor and bass; song for soprano, "A May Morning"; song for tenor "The Sailors' Grave"; song for contralto, "The Blind Ploughman"; song for bass, "The Lowland Sea"; quartette, "Good Night Beloved."

12 January 1918 Entertainment An entertainment was given at St. Mary's Hall on Tuesday evening, presided over by the Rev. John Francis. An excellent programme was contributed by Willie Jones, Lorne Slimmons, Sybil Gwynne, Adelaide Baldwin, Ivy Adams, Carada Adams, Ursula Harris, Harold Harris, Myrtle Harris, Gwenda Thomas, Nellie Morris, Nancy Davies, Olive Payne, Morfydd Williams, Mildred Hughes, Ivy Curtis, Lena Way, Lizzie Davies. In the singing competition, the winners were: Dan Evans, Ben Davies, Griffith Morris, Robert Wilton, Lizzie Davies; dialogue, Ivy Curtis and Mildred Hughes; violin selections, Francis Wilton. The evening finished with a laughable sketch, presented by Messrs. W. J. Payne, W. Curtis, W. Hughes, W. Morris, O. Morris, O. Richards, J. Lewis, and H. Harris.

12 January 1918 Entertainment An entertainment was held up at St Mary's Hall on Tuesday evening, presided over by the Vicar. Many contributed to the musical programme.

19 January 1918 Entertainment An entertainment was held at St. Mary's Hall on Tuesday evening, presided over by the Rev. John Francis, vicar. The following contributed to a musical programme: duet, Enid Evans and Elvis Phillips; Ivor Phillips, Griffith Morris, Vera Wilton, Elizabeth Lawrence, Nelly Morris, Elvis Phillips, Blodwen Watkins, Carada Adams, Nancy Davies, W.J. Gittoes, Ivy Adams, Willie Jones, Olive May Payne, Lena Rees, Maggie H.

Williams, Clifford Hughes, Alan Lewis, Owen Morris. A singing competition was held, the winners being Elvis Phillips, Lorne Slimmons, and Griffith Morris. The whole concluded with a laughable sketch by Messrs. W.J. Payne, W.J. Curtis, W.N. Hughes. The adjudicators were Mr. B. Angell and the Rev. J. Francis. The accompanist was Mr. Octavius Richards.

26 January 1918 The Reverend Moses Young The numerous friends of the Reverend Moses S. Young, late pastor of the Noddfa Baptist Church, and now pastor of the Slating Baptist Church, Pennsylvania, will be pleased to know that he is now in France with the American troops, having been appointed secretary of the American Y.M.C.A.. His Church has given him a six months leave of absence. He arrived in Paris on 9th January, and left on 16th January for some place near the front. The Reverend Young was very popular in Fochriw, and married Miss G. M. Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Williams, Brynawel, about six years ago, leaving shortly afterwards for America, where he is greatly respected.

26 January 1918 Entertainment An entertainment was given at St. Mary's Hall on Tuesday evening, and was presided over by the Vicar. The following contributed to a musical programme: Adelaide Baldwin, Nancy Davies, Sylvia Adams, Carada Adams, Ivy Curtis, Mildred Hughes, Blodwen Watkins, Aseneth Davies, Rowena Harris, Jesse Davis, Annie May Morgan, Cassie Shankland, Lettice Davies, Jack Williams, George Jones, Thomas Jane Morgan, Lorne Slimmons, Ben Davies, Cassie Shankland, Mervyn Francis, Robert Wilton, Willie Jones, Willie Roberts, Griffith Morris, Harold Harris, Cissie Evans, Ivy Tyler, Morfydd Williams, Muriel Jones, May Davies, Jenny M. Davies. A laughable sketch concluded the programme, the characters being sustained by Messrs. W. J. Payne, W. J. Curtis, W. N. Hughes, Owen Morris, W. Morris, A. Lewis, and H. Harris.

2 February 1918 Entertainment An entertainment was held at St. Mary's Hall on Tuesday evening. A singing competition was also held, the winners being Myrtle Harris and Morfydd Williams. The evening concluded with a laughable sketch, Messrs. W. J. Payne, W. J. Curtis, W. N. Hughes, Owen Morris, W. Morris, A. Lewis, taking the parts.

9 February 1918 Entertainment An entertainment was given at St. Mary's Hall on Tuesday evening, when the Vicar presided. A large number of children contributed to the musical programme. The evening concluded with a laughable sketch, "Painless Extraction," the following taking part: Messrs. W. J. Payne, W. Curtis, W. Hughes, W. Morris, O. Morris.

16 February 1918 Entertainment An entertainment was held at St. Mary's Hall on Tuesday evening, the vicar presiding. A large number contributed to a musical programme. The laughable sketch "Wireless Telegraphy," concluded the programme, the following taking part: Messrs. W. J. Payne, W. J. Curtis, W. N. Hughes, O. Morris, W. Morris, A. Lewis, and H. Harris. The singing of the National Anthem brought the evening to a close.

16 February 1918 Presentation A pleasant evening was spent at St. Mary's Hall on Friday last, the Reverend John Francis presiding. Mrs. R. E. Davies was made the recipient of a handsome case of cutlery, given by her friends at St. Mary's, to mark the occasion of her marriage. Mrs. Davies was a faithful member, and also secretary of the Sunday School and Bank. The musical programme was contributed to by several of the members. The presentation was made by Mr. W. J. Payne. Mrs. Davies thanked the people for their kindness.

23 February 1918 Waifs' and Strays' An interesting lantern lecture was given at St. Mary's Hall on Tuesday evening, by the Rev. John Francis, vicar, on the work of the Church of England Waifs' and Strays' Society.

23 February 1918 Lecture An edifying lecture was given on Tuesday evening by Dr. D. M. Phillips, M.A., Ph.D., at Nazareth Chapel, on "Y Dyn Ieuanc Anffaeledig." Councillor John Jones presided.

9 March 1918 At Carmel St David's Day was celebrated at Carmel Chapel, and a fine Welsh programme was contributed as follows: chwareu'r berdoneg, Aneurin Thomas; unawd, Ruth Griffiths a S. J. Cole; adroddiadau, Miss Edna Burrows a Mr. David Lewis; canu'r penillion, "Babanod"; dadl, Lewis Angell a'i gyfeillesau; cor merched; "Tra Bo Dau," Miss Maria Jones; araeth, Mr. Moses Williams; sketch, "Y Mwyaf Ei Werth i'r Byd," Henry Evans a'i Gyfeillion; deuawd, perdoneg a'r cwrth, Aneurin a Miriam Thomas; darlleniad, Mrs. E. Cole Jones; deuawd, "Y Fwyalchen Ddu Bigfelen," Misses Maria and Sarah Jones; sketch, "Dyledswydd

Merched Cymru," Miss Nan Angell a'i Chyfeillasau; cor merched; y ddrama fer, "Pwy Bia'r Gadair?"

9 March 1918 Special Services Special services were held at Nazareth chapel on Sunday, when Adjutant W. Robinson, District Officer, Salvation Army, Cardiff, preached powerful sermons to large congregations at 10:30a.m. and at 6:00p.m. His subjects were "Seal of the Children of God" and "Christianity in Action."

16 March 1918 Lecture A very interesting lantern lecture was given at St. Mary's Hall on Tuesday evening by the Reverend John Francis, on the subject "Cecil Whyndous' Quest." The lecture was very interesting and much appreciated. The proceeds would be devoted towards the Waifs' and Strays' Society.

16 March 1918 Noddfa Chapel A concert was held at Noddfa chapel on Thursday, when the following delighted the audience with their singing: soprano, Miss Gwladys Morgan, Dowlais; contralto, Miss Maggie Davies, Ynyshir; tenor, Mr. Manuel Jones, Ferndale; bass, Mr. John Williams, Mountain Ash; accompanist and solo pianist, Mr. Arthur Hughes, Dowlais.

6 April 1918 Palm Sunday Large numbers visited Pentwyn Churchyard on Sunday. A service was held at St. Andrew's Church at 3pm. The Church was well filled. The Reverend John Francis, vicar, conducted a very impressive service, and also preached a powerful sermon. Mr. O. Richards presided at the organ, and Mr. Berkley Angell conducted the singing.

6 April 1918 Easter Services were held at St. Mary the Virgin on Good Friday and Easter Day. All the services were conducted by the Reverend John Francis. The Church was beautifully decorated with Easter lilies and choice flowers. During the evening, the choir, under their conductor Mr. Berkley Angell, rendered the anthem "Arise from the Dead." The solos were sung by the Vicar and Mr. Angell. The organist was Mr. Octavius Richards. During the children's service, the Lenten boxes on behalf of the Church of England Waifs' and Strays' Society were returned. Thanks are due to the self-sacrifice of the people who took the boxes. This deserving society will benefit from between £10 to £15.

13 April 1918 Carmel Chapel A grand operetta, the "Mystic Mirror," was given by the Carmel Chapel Sunday School Choir, under their conductor Mr. W. J. Angel, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, before crowded audiences. The chief characters were ably sustained by Madame H. C. Davies, Mr. Howell Thomas, Mr. T. J. Lewis, Mr. James Jones, Master Henry Evans, Miss Maria Jones, Miss M. Cole, Mr. Henry Hughes, and Miss Doris Davies. The accompanists were Miss H. Evans and Mr. Thomas Walters. Mr. Thomas Jones was the stage manager, and was assisted by Messrs. Howell Thomas and David Harris. Mrs. E. Cole Jones also rendered great help. The Fochriw String Band rendered excellent help; first violin, Miss Irene Phillips, Miss Miriam Thomas, Mr. Harold Williams; second violins, Messrs. D. J. Thomas, Charlie Budd, and Miss Katie Davies; cellist, Mr. Danny Morgan; flautist, Mr. Alf Sullivan; cornet, Mr. Albert Mantle. Great praise is due to all who worked so hard to make it such a success. The secretarial duties were performed by Miss Maria Jones.

13 April 1918 Vestry Meeting The annual Easter vestry in connection with St. Mary's was held in the Church Hall on Wednesday evening, the vicar presiding over a large attendance. In his remarks, the vicar spoke highly of the work done in connection with the Church during the last year and thanked the people for their hearty co-operation. He also thanked the Churchwarden for his untiring labour in connection with the Church: and also, the choir-master, organist, sidemen, superintendent of the Sunday School, teachers, collectors, caretaker, and all who had laboured so faithfully during the past year. Mr. W. J. Payne, churchwarden, submitted the statements of accounts, and said the past year had been the most successful within his recollection. Since the advent of the new vicar, great things had been accomplished - the roof had been repaired, the organ rebuilt, a new pulpit erected, a new lectern provided, and various other things purchased for the comfort of the congregation and the beautifying of the Church. As churchwarden, he hoped the Vicar's stay amongst them would be a long one. He also thanked the people for their kind co-operation during the past year, and asked them to continue in the good work. He was pleased to say that after all the things that had been added to the Church, they were free of debt and had a good balance in their favour. The offertories had more than trebled. The election of officers was then proceeded with. Mr. W. J. Payne was re-elected churchwarden; Mr. Berkley Angell, choir-master; Mr. Octavius Richards, organist, Mr. Payne,

superintendent Sunday school; sideman, Messrs. Parker, Bayliss, Perrot, Payne, Curtis, Hughes, Archer, Baldwin, Evans, Hughes, Morris, F. Way, Edgar Wilton, Harris, Way, Hughes, Angell, Davies, Mantle, Lewis, Coggan, and Hollister. During the evening, the Easter offerings were handed to the vicar.

11 May 1918 "Playmates" St. Mary Hall was crowded on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, for performances of the children's cantata, "Playmates," given by the children of St. Mary's choir, under their conductor Mr. Berkley Angell. The choruses by the children were well rendered. All the characters were excellently represented, the following taking part: Gwenny Rees, Robert Wilton, Percy Gwynne, Ben Davies, Harold Harris, Jackie Williams, Rowena Harris, Adelaide Baldwin, Vera Wilton, Morfydd Williams, Charles Lawrence, George Baldwin. The pianist was Mr. Octavius Richards, and the organist Mr. Willie Hughes. They were assisted by the orchestra: first violin, Messrs. D. J. Thomas, Harold James, Miss Irene Phillips, Miss Miriam Thomas; second violin Mr. Harry Hughes, Miss Katie Jones Davies; cornet, Mr. Albert Mantle; cello, Mr. Daniel Morgan; flute, Mr. Alfred Sullivan. The stage manager was Mr. Charles Payne. The scenery was by Mr. Willie Curtis, who presented them to the Church. The Chairman was the Rev. Francis.

25 May 1918 Nazareth Chapel The annual meeting in connection with the chapel was held on Saturday and Sunday, when edifying sermons were preached to large congregations by the Rev. Teifi Davies, Hirwain. Miss Katie Jones Davies presided at the organ, and Mr. John Davies conducted singing.

25 May 1918 Operetta A very pretty Japanese operetta, "Surprise Land," was performed at St. Mary's Hall on Tuesday, Friday and Saturday evenings by the school children, in aid of the Fochriw Soldiers' and Sailors' Fund. Miss Hilda Phillips was the conductor. All the characters were excellently sustained. The operetta was preceded by numerous action songs. The following took part: Miss Enid Evans, Miss Elvis Phillips, Miss Ivy Curtis, Miss Edith Walters, Miss Delsey Turner, Miss D. Burrows, Master Ben Davies, Master J. Thomas, Master D. J. Davies, Master E. Davies. The accompanist was Miss Hannah Evans. The duties of stage manageress were ably carried out by Miss S. A. Sibley, and the scenic operator was Mr. Charles Payne.

15 June 1918 Carmel Chapel The annual meetings in connection with the chapel were held on Monday last and were well-attended. Rev. D. Eurof Walters, Abertawe, and Rev. Evan Jones, Burry Port, preached very appropriate sermons. On Sunday night the Reverend Walters preached an English sermon. Mr. Thomas Walters was at the organ and Mr. David Davies conducted the singing.

22 June 1918 The Rev. Moses Young The Reverend Moses Young, secretary of the YMCA, United States, was here on 17 days leave, having been gassed in France.

13 July 1918 Tea Parties The annual tea parties in connection with the various chapels - Carmel, Noddfa and Nazareth - were held on Monday. After tea, games etc. were indulged in.

13 July 1918 Personal The Reverend Moses Solva Young, Baptist minister, Slattington, Pennsylvania, USA, has been appointed religious and social director of all the YMCA camps or huts in South-West England and the whole of South Wales. He has just been to Wales on furlough for about three weeks from the Front, where he has been for the last eight months. On returning to the United States YMCA headquarters in London, he was given the above appointment. Before leaving for the United States, about six years ago, he was pastor of Noddfa Baptist chapel. He is a native of Solva, Pembrokeshire.

20 July 1918 St. Mary's The annual tea party in connection with St. Mary's was held on Thursday last, all goods being given by church members. The children were afterwards entertained to sports.

14 September 1918 Garden Fete A grand garden fete was held by Noddfa Baptist Church on July 25th in aid of the Prisoners of War Fund, and realised £22. A receipt for the sum has been received by the secretary, Mrs. T. Matthews, Llwynhelig House, from of the "Evening Express" Starving Prisoners of War Fund.

28 September 1918 Half-Yearly Meetings The half yearly meetings in connection with Noddfa chapel were held on Sunday and Monday last. The Rev. W. S. Jones, Llwynypia,

preached very appropriate sermons to large congregations. Miss Hilda Phillips presided at the organ, and Mr. Thomas Evans conducted the singing.

28 September 1918 Harvest Festival The Harvest Festival Services in connection with St. Mary's Church were held on Sunday, Tuesday, and Wednesday last. The Church had been artistically decorated, large quantities of vegetables, flowers, etc, being given. The services on Sunday were conducted by the Vicar. Large congregations attended throughout the day. The special preacher on Tuesday evening was the Rev. G. M. Evans, Abertysswg, who preached a very edifying sermon. Rev. W. Brazell read the lessons. On Wednesday evening, the pulpit was occupied by the Rev. E. R. Davies, Vicar of Cyfarthfa. Mr. Octavius Richards presided at the organ, and the choir had been trained by Mr. Berkley Angell.

19 October 1918 Pulpit The pulpit at Noddfa chapel was occupied on Sunday by the former pastor, Rev. M. S. Young, now of the United States Forces, who preached powerful sermons to large congregations.

16 November 1918 Entertainment The first of a series of entertainments was held at St. Mary's Hall on Tuesday evening, and was presided over by the Vicar, Rev. John Francis.

23 November 1918 Concert An entertainment was held at St. Mary's Hall on Tuesday, and was well attended, the Vicar presiding. Solos and recitations were given. A singing competition was held, the prize being divided between Stanley Lewis, George Jones, and Carada Adams. The concert concluded with a laughable sketch entitled "Doctor Do-da," in which W. J. Payne, W. J. Curtis, W. N. Hughes, Owen Morris, and Harold Harris took part.

30 November 1918 Entertainment An entertainment was held at St. Mary's Hall on Tuesday and was well attended, the Vicar presided. The following contributed to the programme: solos, T. Elfed Davies, George Jones, D. H. Potter, Ivy Curtis, Rowena Harris; recitations Claeuwyn Davies, Ivor Phillips, Mildred Hughes. A duet competition was held, the prize being divided between Stanley Lewis and Marjory Lewis, and Ben Davies and Lorne Slimmons. The evening concluded with a laughable sketch entitled "Hickany Hockany," in which Messrs. W. Curtis, W. Hughes, Owen Morris, Harold Harris, and Mrs. W. Hughes took part.

7 December 1918 Mothers' Union A well attended meeting of the Mothers' Union was held at St. Mary's Church on Wednesday, when Archdeaconess Alice of Penarth, delivered a stirring address.

7 December 1918 Entertainment An entertainment was held at St. Mary's Hall on Tuesday evening, and was well attended. The Vicar presided. The following took part: Percy Gwynne, D. H. Potter, Willie Jones, Irllys Jenkins, Mary Davies, Willie Parry, Phoebe Cole, Olive May Payne, Megan Davies, Islwyn Davies, Claeuwyn Davies, F. E. Davis, etc. The singing competitions were won by the following: Willie Roberts and Percy Gwynne Elsa Matthews and Dilys Evans. The adjudicator was Mr. Berkley Angell. The evening concluded with a laughable sketch entitled "The Robbery of their Jewels." The following took part: Messrs. W. J. Payne, W. J. Curtis, W. N. Hughes Owen Morris and Harold Harris.

14 December 1918 Carmel Chapel The half yearly meetings in connection with the chapel where held on Sunday and Monday, when the Rev. J. Seymour Rees, Cefn Coed, preached inspiring sermons to large congregations. Mr. Thomas Walters presided at the organ, and Mr. David Davies conducted the singing.

14 December 1918 Entertainment An entertainment was given at St. Mary's Hall on Tuesday evening, presided over by Mr. W. J. Payne. The following contributed to a musical programme: A. Dummett, W. Roberts, S. Adams, C. Adams, D. H. Potter, P. Gwynne, E. Matthews, D. Evans, R. Harris, M. Angel, W. Jones, R. Wilton. The whole concluded with a laughable sketch entitled "Operations," the following taking part: Messrs. W. J. Payne, W. Curtis, W. N. Hughes, Owen Morris, Harold Harris, Alfred Gwynne, Willie Jones, and Willie Roberts.

21 December 1918 Entertainment A children's entertainment took place at St. Mary's Hall on Tuesday evening, presided over by the Vicar. There was an unpunctuated reading competition, the following being the winners: Bryn Davies, May Davies, Iorwerth Evans, and R. Evans. The laughable sketch entitled "One Bed to Let" was given by the following: Messrs. W. J. Payne, W. J. Curtis, W. N. Hughes, Owen Morris, Harold Harris, and Alfred Gwynne.

4 January 1919 Watchnight A watchnight service was held at St. Mary's Church on New Year's Eve. A very impressive address was given by the Vicar.

4 January 1919 Lecture A lantern lecture was given at St. Mary's Hall on Monday by the Vicar, Rev. J. Francis, entitled "War on Sea." A musical programme was also enjoyed, and the whole concluded with a laughable sketch, in which Messrs. W.J. Payne, W.J. Curtis, Harold Harris and Alfred Gwynne took part.

4 January 1919 Christmas Day Services of Holy Communion were celebrated at 7a.m. and 8a.m., the Vicar officiating. A carol service was held at 6p.m., when the choir, under the conductorship of Mr. B. Angell, sang several carols. Mr. Octavius Richards was the organist.

4 January 1919 Carmel At Carmel, a Gymanfa Ganu was held on Christmas Day. The following presided: Messrs. David Jones, Evan M. Davies and David Griffiths. Well known hymns were sung under the conductorship of Mr. Abel Jones, A.C., Rhymney. Messrs. Thos. Walters, David Thomas, Willie Angell and Aneurin Thomas accompanied, assisted by the string band.

4 January 1919 St. Mary's On Tuesday, the Sunday School children of St. Mary's sat down to tea, to mark their faithful attendance in Sunday School for the year. After tea, games were played. Musical items were given, also a sketch by the following: Rev. J. Francis, Messrs. W.J. Payne, W.J. Curtis, Owen Morris, Alfred Gwynne and Harold Harris.

4 January 1919 Concert A concert was held at Noddfa Baptist Chapel on New Year's Day. The artistes were: Soprano, Miss Maggie Davies, Ynyshir; contralto, Miss E.M. Lewis, Tonypany; tenor, Mr. Lewys Jones, Bargoed; bass, Mr. W.D. Bowen, Bargoed; accompanist, Miss Hilda Phillips, Fochriw. Selections were rendered by the Fochriw Orchestra, under their conductor Mr. D.J. Thomas, A.C. The proceeds were in aid of St. Dunstan's Blind Institute.

4 January 1919 Noddfa A very successful eisteddfod was held at Noddfa on Christmas Day, under the auspices of the Baptist and Methodist Churches. The conductor was Mr. Thomas Evans (jun.), and the organists were Miss Hilda Phillips, Edith Parry and Master Wyndham Lawrence. Solos were rendered by Misses Hilda Davies, Mattie Jones and Enid Evans. Portions of Scripture were repeated at the opening of each service by Misses Gwenda Thomas, Nellie Morris and Master Windsor Rees.

11 January 1919 Entertainment An entertainment was held at St. Mary's Hall on Tuesday evening, when the Vicar presided. Several contributed to a musical programme. A singing competition was held, the prize being divided between Thomas E. Davis, Glynwen Edwards, and Olive May Payne. The evening concluded with a laughable sketch, the following taking part: Messrs. W. J. Payne, W. N. Hughes, O. Morris, A. Gwynne, and W. Jones.

18 January 1919 Entertainment An entertainment was held at St. Mary's Hall on Tuesday, the Vicar presided. There were many musical contributions to the programme.

25 January 1919 Entertainment An entertainment was held at St. Mary Hall on Tuesday evening, and was presided over by the vicar. The following contributed to a musical programme: Adelaide Baldwin, Sylvia Adams, Olive May Payne, Phoebe Cole, Nellie Morris, Elsie Lewis, Gwenda Thomas, Grace Slimmons, Agnes Williams, Sara Gwen Price, Eirlys Jenkins, Minnie Price, Latimer Evans, Peter Jenkins, George Jones, D. J. Williams, Willie Roberts, Percy Gwynne, Elvet Davies, Lorne Slimmons and David Morgan. The whole concluded with a laughable sketch entitled to "A Day at the Fair."

25 January 1919 Bible Society A meeting in connection with the British and Foreign Bible Society was held at St. Mary's Church Hall on Thursday, 16th December, when the district representative, Rev. D. Crwys Williams, Swansea, addressed a sparsely attended meeting. All Bible lovers should take far more interest in this world-known society. The lecturer pointed out the immense value it had been to our Soldiers and Sailors in that every one of them had a New Testament for his perusal. After the report was read by the Secretary, Mr. Thomas Lewis, it was seen that only £4-16-6 was collected last year, which is far too little towards the society. The Rev. Esaiiah Williams assured the lecturer that Fochriw could do much better in the future, and urged those present to do so. Mr. Daniel Rowlands, Aelybryn, proposed a vote of thanks, which was seconded by Mr. David Griffiths. The Reverend John Francis read the opening prayers and assisted at the organ.

1 February 1919 Entertainment An entertainment was held at St. Mary's Hall on Tuesday evening last, and was presided over by Mr. W. J. Payne. Several contributed to a musical programme, and the evening concluded with the sketch entitled "Home, Sweet Home," in which the following took part: Messrs. W. J. Payne, W. J. Curtis, W. N. Hughes, W. Morris, O. Morris, H. Harris, O. Richards, A. Gwynne and S. May.

8 February 1919 St. Mary's Hall: Entertainment An entertainment was held at St. Mary's Hall on Tuesday evening, the Reverend John Francis presiding. The following contributed to a musical programme: Ivor Phillips, Clifford Philpott, D. Elvet Lewis, Brinley Davies, Eddie Jones, Elvet Davies, Willie Roberts, D. J. Williams, Adelaide Baldwin, Sylvia Adams, for Olive May Payne, Carada Adams, Annie D. Griffiths, Elsa Mathews, Sybil Gwynne, Nellie Morris, Cissie Evans, Edna Edwards, Nancy Davies. The evening concluded with a laughable sketch, the following taking part: Messrs. W. J. Curtis, W. N. Hughes, H. Harris.

8 February 1919 Carmel Chapel A grand dramatic recital was given at Carmel Chapel on Thursday evening last by Miss M. J. Francis (Llaethferch). The building was crowded, and nothing but praise could be heard for the wonderful performance and wonderful abilities of Miss Francis. Undoubtedly, it was the treat of the season, encores being the order of the evening. The chair was occupied by Mr. Moses Williams, who made an ideal chairman. Miss Doris Davies, Fochriw, also contributed some fine solos to the programme. Mr. Thomas Walters presided at the piano. The programme was as follows: pianoforte solos; "The Fireman's Wedding"; musical monologue, "His First Long Trousers"; "Quarrel between Sir Peter and Lady Trazle"; solo, Miss Doris Davies; "Y Dall yn Cael ei Olwg"; "The Ballheaded Man"; "Gweddi Gymreig"; solo, Miss Doris Davies; "The Pride of Battery L"; "Dai"; "Dai yn y Rhyfel"; "Cadair Tregaron." The singing of "Hen Wlad fy Nhadau" brought a most interesting evening to a close.

15 February 1919 Entertainment An entertainment was held at St. Mary's Hall on Tuesday evening, the vicar presiding. The following contributed to a musical programme: Edna Edwards, Jennie M. Davies, Elsa Mathews, Dilys Evans, Maggie Davis, May Angell, Myrtle Gwynne, Gwenda Thomas, Nellie Morris, Rowena Harris, Muriel Baldwin, Willie Jones, Percy Gwynne, Ursula Harris, Sylvia Adams, Sara J. Williams, Cissie Evans. The whole concluded with a laughable sketch, the following taking part: Messrs. W. J. Payne, W. J. Curtis, Owen Morris, W. Morris, H. Harris, A. Gwynne and S. Way.

22 February 1919 Entertainment A children's entertainment was held at St. Mary's Hall on Tuesday evening, and was presided over by the Vicar. During the evening, a large number contributed to a musical programme. The evening concluded with a laughable sketch the following taking part: Rev. John Francis, Messrs. W. J. Payne, W. J. Curtis, W. Hughes, W. Morris, O. Morris, S. Way, E. Dummett, H. Harris, and Sylvia Adams.

1 March 1919 Entertainment An entertainment was held at St. Mary's Hall on Tuesday evening, and was presided over by the Reverend John Francis. Several contributed to a musical programme, and the evening concluded with a laughable sketch the following taking part: Messrs. W. J. Payne, W. J. Curtis, W. Hughes, W. Morris, O. Morris, H. Harris, S. Way and A. Gwynne.

1 March 1919 Social A social in connection with St. Mary's Church was held at St. Mary's Hall on Thursday last, when a large number sat down to tea. The following ladies, assisted by others, presided at the tables: Mrs. S. Way, Mrs. R. Evans, Mrs. Baldwin, Mrs. Kyte, Mrs. White, Mrs. R. Evans, Mrs. Price, Miss Watkins, Miss M. A. Dummett, Mrs. E. Way, Miss P. Jones. After the tables had been cleared, games etc. were indulged in. A most enjoyable evening was spent. The following assisted in cutting: Rev. John Francis, Mrs. J. Francis, Mrs. Angell, Mrs. Davies, Mrs. S. Way, Mrs. G. Way, Mrs. Prosser, Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. Lawrence, Mrs. Payne, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Llewellyn, Mrs. Baldwin, Mrs. Jones, Miss E. A. Williams, Miss L. Grimmett, assisted by a number of gentlemen at the doors.

8 March 1919 Cantata An excellent performance of the cantata "The Giant's Castle" was given at St. Mary's Hall on Tuesday to a crowded audience by the St. Peter's Church children, Deri, and friends, under their conductor Mr. John Owen. The chairman for the evening was the Reverend John Francis.

8 March 1919 Noddfa Chapel Social A social evening was held at the chapel on St. David's night, when a large number gathered to join in the celebration of the Patron Saint.

8 March 1919 Nazareth Bachelor's Tea A bachelor's tea and concert was held at Nazareth Chapel on St. David's night. The tables were presided over by the young men of the chapel.

8 March 1919 Carmel Chapel Gwyl Dewi was kept by the above Chapel on Thursday evening. The meeting was presided over by Mr. E. M. Davies. An address by the chairman on St. David led the way to a very interesting evening. The following took part: pianoforte march, Mr. David Thomas; selection of folklore, Mr. Aneurin Thomas; recitations, Master Latimer Evans, Miss Edna Burrows; englynion and verses by Mr. James Williams; solos by Miss Lydia Ballard; violin solo, Miss Miriam Thomas; violin duet, Mr. D. J. Thomas and Miss Miriam Thomas. A group of boys sang penillion, the words and music by Messrs. E. M. Davies and William J. Angell respectively. Mr. Lewis Angell was accompanist, assisted by the Master Willie Angell.

22 March 1919 Lantern Lecture An interesting lantern lecture was given at St. Mary's Hall on Tuesday evening by the Vicar. Before the lecture, a solo was given by Master Stanley Lewis - "Dyma Feibl Anwyl Iesu," - after which the slides were shown. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

22 March 1919 Noddfa Chapel The half yearly meetings were held on Sunday and Monday last, when Reverend Evans, Caerphilly, preached very edifying sermons to large congregations. The singing was conducted by Mr. Thomas Evans, whilst Miss Hilda Phillips presided at the organ.

5 April 1919 Lantern Lecture An interesting lantern lecture was given at St. Mary's Hall on Tuesday by the Vicar, on the subject "The Life of Our Lord."

19 April 1919 Palm Sunday This traditional event was observed on Sunday last, when hundreds flocked to the old churchyard at Pentwyn. At three o'clock, a service was held at the Church of St Andrews, when the Reverend John Francis, vicar, conducted a very impressive service. Mr. O. Richards presided at the organ, whilst Mr. B. Angell conducted singing.

26 April 1919 Easter Festival The Easter festival was observed at St. Mary's Church with early celebration of Holy Communion at 7a.m. and 11a.m., children's service at 3:00p.m. and Evensong at 6p.m. The Rev. John Francis was the celebrant, and Mr. D. H. Davies, Bargoed, preached in the evening. Mr. O. Richards presided at the organ.

10 May 1919 St Mary the Virgin: Easter Vestry Meeting: Departure of Rev. John Francis to Kenfig Hill The Rev. John Francis, vicar, presided over the vestry meeting. Mr. W J Payne, churchwarden, presented the accounts, which showed that the financial position had been well supported during the last year, which was really a record. He referred with deep regret to the impending departure of the vicar for Kenfig Hill. During the vicars two-and-a-half years stay in their midst, he had won the esteem, not only of the Church people, but also the members of all the other denominations. The financial statement showed a credit balance of £134 -17-3. The Vicar feelingly acknowledged the tribute which had been paid to him. He congratulated the Church on its excellent work, and particularly testified to the conscientious and efficient manner in which Mr. Payne had acquitted himself as churchwarden. It had been a source of great pain to him to decide to leave, as he and his family had never been happier than at Fochriw, where the voice of kindness and a helping hand, had always marked the conduct of the people towards him and his family. He wished to tender his deepest gratitude to all the officers and members of the Church. Addresses, eulogistic of the Vicar's splendid ministry, were delivered by several members. Mr. W J. Payne was unanimously re-elected People's Warden, and Councillor John Edwards was re-appointed Warden for St Peter's, Deri. The other officers were also re-elected, and the following persons were appointed as sidesman: Messrs. Arthur Evans; C. Payne; W. Walton; G. Way; W. Curtis; W. Hughes; W. Morris; F. Way; G. Baldwin; R. Hughes; J. M. Davies; H. Edgar; C. Ballard; E. Lewis; J. Morris; C. Hollister; W. Thomas; S. Perrott; W Sibley; T Jones. A cheque for £50 was handed to the vicar as an Easter offering.

24 May 1919 Nazareth Chapel The half yearly meetings were held on Sunday and Monday last, when the Rev. W. M. Davies, Abercanaid, preached effective sermons to large congregations. Mr. W. Davies presided at the organ, and Mr. W. Morris conducted singing.

14 June 1919 Carmel Chapel The half yearly meetings in connection with the chapel where held on Sunday and Monday last. The ministers were Rev. R. E. Peregrine, Rhymney, and Rev. J. B. Matthews, Penyardren, who preached powerful sermons. The choir was conducted by Mr. David Davies.

5 July 1919 Sunday School Treat On Tuesday last, the Sunday school scholars and friends of St. Mary's Church held their Sunday school treat at Talybont-on-Usk. Tea was served at the Usk Hotel. Afterwards, the children played games. The party returned home at 7p.m.

5 July 1919 Scripture Examinations A list of the Sunday school candidates and the individual marks in connection with the scripture examinations (written for aged 10 and over, oral for under 10) which were open to the Baptist churches of the Rhymney District, are as follows : Fochriw - Islwyn Jones, Mary D. Evans, Hettie Williams, Elsie Matthews, Sarah M. Pugh, Minnie Price - 100 each ; Willie H. Parry - 95; Ceinwen Thomas - 75.

12 July 1919 Church Outings On Tuesday last, Carmel, Noddfa and Nazareth held their Sunday school treats at Barry Island. The weather was ideal, and a glorious day was spent.

19 July 1919 The Reverend Samuel Evans The Rev. Samuel Evans, formerly Curate of Penarth, entered on his duties on Sunday as the vicar of Fochriw, Deri and Pantywaun.

9 August 1919 Social A very pleasant social afternoon was held at St. Mary's Hall and Thursday, the occasion being to welcome the Reverend and Mrs. Samuel Evans and family to their new sphere of labour - the charge of Fochriw, Deri and Pantywaun. There were representatives from each Church present, and a right royal welcome was extended. The happy gathering included the late vicar, the Rev. John Francis and Mrs. Francis. The tables were gaily decorated by the good ladies of St. Mary's, and were laden with good things. The new vicar came from Mamhilad, near Pontypool, where he had been since being discharged from the Army, in which he had served from the early part of the war until he was severely gassed in the Battle of the Somme. After being in hospital for 17 weeks, he was discharged. He has already created a very favourable impression among the people. His numerous friends wish him well in his new sphere of labour.

9 August 1919 Presentation In the evening, a presentation meeting was held, presided over by the Rev. Samuel Evans, when the late vicar and Mrs. Frances were presented with a beautiful Jacobean writing desk, and the children with lovely prayer books, as a mark of esteem from the Church people and friends of Fochriw, Deri and Pantywaun. Rev. E. Fowler, Deri, spoke, followed by Mr. Charles Payne, and then the Rev. Esaiiah Willaims, pastor of Noddfa Chapel. The presentation was made by the churchwarden of St. Mary's, Mr. W. J. Payne. Rev. Francis said that throughout his stay at Fochriw, he, and his family, had received nothing but kindness. He had made friends, not only in the church, but also on the allotments, and on the football field. Rev. Fowler then presented the books to Mrs. Francis and the children - Masters Mervyn and John, and Miss Lizzie. The Rev. R. D. Jenkins then spoke in glowing terms of Rev. Francis work, wishing him well in his new place. "It was only a change of place: the work is the same," he said. A hearty vote of thanks to the chairman was proposed by Nurse Thomas, and seconded by Mrs. Harris.

27 September 1919 Noddfa Chapel The annual meetings in connection with Noddfa Baptist chapel where held on Sunday and Monday last, and there was a large attendance. The Reverend J. Lee Davies, Brynaman, preached very appropriate sermons. Mr. Thomas Evans conducted singing, while Miss Hilda Phillips presided at the organ.

11 October 1919 Presentation A very interesting presentation meeting was held at Nazareth Chapel on Monday evening last, when Mr. Willie Adams Jones was made the recipient of a hymn book, dressing case, and cheque case by members of the Nazareth Sunday school, on the occasion of his leaving the Church for Bristol College. Mr. John Jones very feelingly made the presentation. Others who spoke were Mrs. Captain Jones, Messrs. James Lawrence, John M. Jones, and William Morris.

11 October 1919 Harvest Festivals The Harvest Festival Services were held at St. Mary the Virgin on Sunday, the preacher being the Rev. Samuel Evans, vicar, and on Monday at St Andrews, Pentwyn, the preacher being the Rev. Edward Fowler, Deri. On Tuesday evening at St. Mary's, the preacher was the Rev. Davies, rector of Caerphilly, and on Wednesday evening, the Reverend J. R. Dewi Williams, vicar of Rhymney. Large congregations assembled at each

service. The choir was conducted by Mr. Berkley Angell, and the organ played by Mr. Octavius Richards. Both churches were tastefully decorated by members with fruit, flowers and vegetables, and the effect was very pleasing.

25 October 1919 Noddfa Chapel: Dramatic Recital A grand dramatic recital was given at the chapel on Thursday last by Madam Francis-Evans, the popular and successful Welsh elocutionist. There was a large crowd present and all enjoyed the recital immensely.

1 November 1919 St. Mary's Church On Monday last, Deaconess Alice, Penarth, addressed the members of the Mothers' Union at the Church. Her address was much appreciated by the large number present.

1 November 1919 Whist Drive A very successful whist drive was held at St. Mary's Hall on Thursday evening last, promoted by the Girls' Guild. The master of ceremonies was Mr. George Thomas. The prize winners were: Miss Gwen Rees and Miss Sarah Jones, Messrs. W. M. Davies and John Jones.

1 November 1919 I.O.G.T. The Star of Fochriw Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday at Carmel Vestry. The programme was as follows: solos, Brothers T. J. James and Tom Lawrence; recitations, Brothers J. R. Walters and R. G. Jones, Sisters O. M. Payne, M. H. Thomas, Jesse Thomas, M. Jones, Mary L. Thomas; pianoforte solo, Brother D. Thomas; reading, Brother Sam Lewis; address, Brother Jenkins, Merthyr.

1 November 1919 Entertainment An entertainment was held at St. Mary's Hall on Tuesday evening last, the following contributing to a musical programme: Horace Phillips, T. E. Davies, Lorne Slimmons, Willie Jones, Adelaide Baldwin, Olive May Payne, Enid Gittoes, Leonora Jenkins, R. Baldwin, W. Harris, Morfydd Williams, Sybil Gwynne, Glynwen Edwards; duets, Miss Evans and friend; recitations, Mrs. Gwynne, Rona Lewis, B. Baldwin. The evening concluded with a laughable sketch.

8 November 1919 Entertainment The usual entertainment took place on Monday evening at St. Mary's Hall. The following contributed to a musical programme: Sylvia Adams, Rona Lewis, Glynwen Edwards, Elsie Matthews, May Angell, Dilys Evans, Eluned Lawrence, Nesta Evans, Adelaide Baldwin, Lucy Thomas, Violet Baldwin, N. S. Jones, Olive May Payne, Rowena Harris, Minnie Price, Phyllis Evans, Edna Edwards, Ivor Phillips, Islwyn Davies; singing competition, the first prize divided between Adelaide Baldwin and Rowena Harris; second prize divided between Ben Davies and Willie Roberts. The adjudicator was Mr. Berkley Angell. The evening concluded with a laughable sketch, the following taking part: Messrs. W. J. Payne, W. N. Hughes, W. Morris, Harold Harris, Alfred Gwynne, and Sydney Way.

15 November 1919 Entertainment The usual entertainment was held at St. Mary's Hall on Monday last and was presided over by the Rev. Samuel Evans. The following contributed to musical programme: Adelaide Baldwin, Edna Edwards, Vera Wilton, Horace Phillips, Jennie M. Davies, Elsa Mathews, Olive Prosser, Eluned Lawrence, Windsor Reece, Olive May Payne, Glynwen Edwards, Rona Lewis, Morfydd Williams, Lily May Sanders, E. J. Price, W. H. Williams, Sylvia Adams; singing competition, prize divided between Adelaide Baldwin and Edna Edwards. The adjudicator was Mr. John Woods. The prize for the recitation was divided between Bedford Edwards, Olive May Payne, Elsa Mathews and Gladys Edwards. The evening concluded with a laughable sketch, those taking part being Messrs. W. J. Payne, W. N. Hughes, W. Morris, Harold Harris, Sydney Way, Percy Gwynne and Alf Gwynne.

22 November 1919 Nazareth Chapel The half yearly meetings in connection with the chapel were held on Sunday and Monday last, and were well attended. The Rev. W. Jones preached very instructive sermons. Mr. William Morris conducted the singing.

22 November 1919 Entertainment The usual entertainment was held at St. Mary on Monday last. The following contributed to a musical programme: Edna Edwards Addie Lawrence Dilys Evans Stella Cole, Muriel Pritchard, Glynwen Edwards, Myrtle Gwynne, Clifford Hughes, R. Harris, Elsa Mathews, Doreen Weeks, Glwnys Edwards, Linda Roberts. In the competition "The Lord's Prayer," the prize was won by Ivor Phillips, the adjudicator being Mr. W. J. Payne. The evening concluded with a laughable sketch, the following taking part: Messrs. W. J. Payne, W. N. Hughes, Harold Harris, Sydney Way, Ralph Gwynne and Percy Gwynne.

29 November 1919 Social A very successful social evening was held at St. Mary's Hall on Thursday evening under the auspices of the members of the Mothers' Union. Games and dancing were freely indulged in during the evening. The duties of a master of ceremonies were ably carried out by Mr. Ted Puddle, whilst Mr. Octavius Richards was the pianist. Nurse Thomas, secretary, and Mrs. R. Hughes, worked hard to make the evening a success. Reverend Samuel Evans and Mrs. Evans took charge of the games.

29 November 1919 Entertainment The usual entertainment was held at St. Mary's Hall on Monday evening, Rev. Samuel Evans presiding. The following contributed to the musical programme: Sylvia Adams, Betty Llewellyn, Olive May Payne, May Angell, Edna Edwards, Vera Wilton, Glynwen Edwards, Addie Baldwin, Doreen Weeks, Lena Rees, Edith Gittoes, Stanley Lewis, Windsor Rees, Rowena Harris; dialogue - Willie Williams, Willie Evans, Alfred Dummett, John Rowlands, Bryn Davies and Ivor Phillips. The evening concluded with a laughable sketch.

6 December 1919 St. Mary Church On Sunday last, Missionary Sunday was observed at the above Church. During the day, the Rev. Thomas H. Pountney, Gilfach, was the preacher. The services were well attended. Mr. Berkley Angell conducted singing, and Mr. Octavius Richards presided at the organ.

6 December 1919 Entertainment The usual entertainment took place on Monday last at St. Mary's Hall and was presided over by Mr. Berkley Angell. The following contributed to the programme: Lena Reece, Betty Llewellyn, Edna Edwards, Phyllis Evans, Dilys Evans, Sylvia Adams, Enid Gittoes, Lily M. Saunders, Irllys Jenkins, Bella Jones, Addie Baldwin, Olive May Payne, Rowena Harris, Addie Lawrence, Windsor Reece, Bryn Davies, Lorn Slimmons. The prize for best recitation of Psalm 46 was won by Elsa Matthews, the adjudicator being the vicar. The proceedings concluded with a laughable sketch.

13 December 1919 Half-yearly Meetings The half-yearly meetings in connection with Carmel Chapel, where held on Sunday and Monday last at Noddfa Chapel. Professor T. Lewis, Memorial College, Brecon, preached very edifying sermons to large congregations. Mr. Thomas Walters presided at the organ, whilst Mr. David Davies conducted singing.

13 December 1919 Entertainment The usual entertainment was held at St. Mary's Hall on Monday, and was presided over by Mr. W. J. Payne. The following contributed to the programme: Lily M. Saunders, Sylvia Adams, Sarah M. Pugh, Cryslye Davies, Dilys Evans, Elsa Mathews, Sarah Gwen Price, Elinud Lawrence, Myrtle Gwynne, Lettice Davies, Irllys Jenkins, Winnie Price, Doreen Weeks, Addie Baldwin, Clarice Pritchard, Olive May Payne, Cissie Evans, Edna Edwards, Ethel Baldwin, Adelaide Lawrence, Windsor Rees, Ivor Phillips, Cliff Hughes. The winner of the singing competition was Sybil Gwynne, the adjudicator being Mr. Berkley Angell. The evening concluded with a laughable sketch, the following taking part: Messrs. W. J. Payne, W. N. Hughes, William Thomas, W. Morris, H. Harris, A. Gwynne, S. Way and P. Gwynne.

20 December 1919 Entertainment The usual entertainment was held at St. Mary Hall on Tuesday evening, and was presided over by the Vicar. The following contributed to the programme: Doreen Weeks, Dilys Evans, May Angell, Sylvia Adams, Enid Gittoes, Annie May Morgan, Bessie Davies, Edna Edwards, Olive May Payne, Linda Roberts, Jennie May Davis, Maggie James, Jane Jones, Robert G. Jones, C. Adams, Lily M. Saunders, G. Thomas, Sarah G. Price, Violet Baldwin and friends. Singing competition: adjudicator the Vicar: winner, Myrtle Harris. The concert concluded with a laughable sketch.

27 December 1919 Entertainment The usual entertainment was held at St. Mary Hall on Monday evening, and was presided over by Mr. John Wood. The following contributed to a musical programme: Edna Edwards, Olive May Payne, Doreen Weeks, Ivor Phillips, Horace Phillips, Sylvia Adams, Sybil Gwynne, Maggie Davies, Eiluned Lawrence, Vera Wilton, Glenys Edwards, Glynwen Edwards, Myrtle Harris; carol singing competition: the prize was won by Sybil Gwynne, the adjudicator being Mr. Berkley Angell.

27 December 1919 St. Mary Hall A social and dance were held at the above Hall on Thursday last, under the auspices of the Girls' Guild. The Vicar and Mrs. Evans were responsible for the games. The master of ceremonies for the dancing was as Mr. T. Puddle, with Mr. O. Richards at the piano.

3 January 1920 Noddfa Vestry A Christmas Tree was held at the Vestry on Christmas Eve and was largely attended. The tree was prettily decorated with presents and toys for the children and adults.

3 January 1920 Singing Festival The united singing festival was held at Noddfa Chapel on Christmas Day, Noddfa and Nazareth chapels joining together in the festival. The singing was of a very high standard, the conductor being and Mr. W. Morris. The accompanists were Miss Hilda Phillips, Messrs. W. Davies and W. Lawrence.

3 January 1920 St. Mary's Church Services were held at St. Mary's Church on Christmas Day, with Holy Communion at 6, 7, 8 and 11a.m. Evensong and carol singing were at 6p.m. The Reverend Samuel Evans officiated. Mr. Berkley Angell conducted the singing and Mr. Octavius Richards presided at the organ.

3 January 1920 Tea and Christmas Tree A tea and Christmas tree were held at St. Mary's Hall on Christmas Eve. The tables being cleared, attention was drawn to a beautiful Christmas tree, which had been nicely decorated with presents for the children and adults. During the evening solos were given by Miss Nan Prosser, Miss Rowena Harris, and Miss Addie Baldwin. Thanks are due to all who helped in decorating the hall, and assisted in other ways to make everything such a success.

10 January 1920 New Year's Eve The passing out of the old year and the coming in of the new was celebrated by the holding of a social evening in St. Mary's Hall, and a watch night service in St. Mary's Church. The service was conducted by the Vicar.

10 January 1920 St. Mary Hall The usual entertainment was held on Monday evening, and was presided over by Mr. W. J. Payne. The following contributed to a musical programme: Sylvia Adams, Ceinwen Cole, Eiluned Lawrence, Dennis Edwards, Rona Lewis, Nesta Evans, Addie Baldwin, Tom Davies, Edna Edwards, Vera Wilton, Sybil Gwynne, Olive May Payne, Leonora Jenkins, Megan Morris, Willie Roberts, Lorne Slimmons. The evening concluded with a laughable sketch, of the following taking part: of Messrs. W. J. Payne, W. Morris, H. Harris, S Way, A. Gwynne, P. Gwynne, Addie Baldwin, Sybil Gwynne.

10 January 1920 New Year's Eve at Noddfa Chapel A social was held on New Year's Eve at Noddfa Vestry. The tables were attended to by Mrs. Jenkin Pugh and Miss Maggie Rees, Miss Elizabeth Gwen Jones and Mr. James Jones, Mrs. Tom Evans and Miss Hannah Evans, Mrs. L. Williams and Misses Lizzie Thomas and E. A. Evans. The meat was supplied by Mr. Tom Matthews, and the groceries by Mr. Sydney Phillips, Pentwyn. After the clearing of the tables, the time was beguiled by the rendering of solos and recitations and games. At the striking of the hour of 12, all joined hands and sang "Auld Lang Syne," and "O Fruniau Caersalem." The secretary and treasurer were Mr. William Price and Mrs. Jenkins Pugh.

10 January 1920 Noddfa Chapel A league of young worshippers has been formed by the young people of Noddfa Chapel, to be held every week on Thursday at 7:00p.m.

24 January 1920 Social and Dance A very successful social and dance was held at St. Mary's Hall on the Thursday last. There was a large attendance. Mr. T. Puddle acted as M. C., whilst Mr. O. Richards provided the music.

24 January 1920 Entertainment The usual entertainment was held at St. Mary's Hall on Monday evening last. Several contributed to a musical programme. During the evening, a singing competition was held, the adjudicators being the Vicar, and Mr. Berkley Angell. The first prize was won by Addie Baldwin, the second prize divided between Sybil Gwynne and Morfydd Williams.

31 January 1920 Entertainment The usual entertainment was held at St. Mary Hall on Monday evening, presided over by the Reverend Samuel Evans. Many contributed to a musical programme. The evening finished with a laughable sketch, the following taking part: Messrs. W. J. Payne, W. Morris, H. Harris, R. Harris, W. Jones, A. Gwynne, P. Gwynne and S. Way.

31 January 1920 Social and Dance A social and dance was held at St. Mary's on Thursday last, organised by the members of their Touring Club, and a very pleasant evening was spent. Refreshments were provided by the ladies of the Church. The masters of ceremonies were Messrs. T. Puddle and S Jones. Mr. O. Richards was the pianist.

7 February 1920 Social A social was held at St. Mary's Hall on Thursday evening last under the auspices of the Mothers' Union. Mr. T. Puddle acted as M.C., and Mr. O. Richards was at the piano. Master Francis Wilton assisted on the violin.

7 February 1920 Entertainment The usual entertainment was held at St. Mary Hall on Monday evening last, Mr. W. J Payne presiding. The following contributed to musical programme: Megan Price, Eirlys Jenkins, Sybil Gwynne, Morfydd Williams, Addie Baldwin, Annie May Morgan, Nesta Evans, Maggie Davies, Carada Adams, Sylvia Adams, Robert Wilton, Jesse Davis, Frances Wilton. The evening concluded with a laughable sketch.

21 February 1920 Baptism Special services were held at Noddfa Baptist chapel on Sunday evening last, when the Reverend Esaiiah Williams, pastor, baptised 21 persons.

21 February 1920 Mission On Friday last, the Travelling Exhibition Van of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel visited St. Mary's Hall, and exhibited a large number of curios, etc. from foreign parts. The Reverend White, missionary, gave some very interesting experiences of his travels in connection with his mission work in foreign parts. Several tableaux were presented by the Girls' Guild, who had been trained by Mrs. Samuel Evans. Their acting was greatly admired. Children also sung Eastern melodies, and had been trained by Mr. Berkley Angell. The accompanists were Messrs. O. Richards and Willie Hughes.

21 February 1920 Socials On Monday evening, a children's social was held at St. Mary's Hall, when a large number of children were entertained to games, tea, etc, which had been provided by the Church people.

A dance and social were held at St. Mary's Hall on Tuesday evening to wind up a successful series of dances. During the evening, the Reverend and Mrs. Evans were the recipients of a magnificent cupboard which had been presented by the class and church friends as a mark of appreciation. Reverend Evans afterwards handed it over to St. Mary's Church as a gift. The presentation was made by Mr. Puddle. Mrs. Way then presented Reverend and Mrs. Evans with books, after which Mrs. James Davies presented the three children with books. Refreshments were provided by members of the Mothers' Union. Mr. T. Puddle acted as M. C., Mr. Octavius Richards as pianist, and Master Francis Wilton played the violin.

28 February 1920 Lecture On Monday last, Dr. D. M. Phillips, Tylorstown, delivered a very powerful lecture, the subject being "Yr Iaeth Gymraeg." The chairman for the evening was Mr. John Jones, Central Stores.

6 March 1920 Socials Social and concerts were held at Carmel, Noddfa, and Nazareth chapels, to commemorate St. David's Day.

6 March 1920 Ordination The numerous friends of the Rev. J. C. Payne, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Payne, Glyn-terrace, will be pleased to hear of his recent success in his examination for ordination to the Church. He was a well-known figure in the district before leaving about five years ago to take charge of St Mark's Church, Gelli, under Canon Lewis. His labours of love for the Church in the parish of Pontlloftyn will never be forgotten. He worked unceasingly for 14 years as a voluntary layman, with sole charge of St. Andrews, Pentwyn, for five years. He was ordained last Sunday by the Bishop of St David's at the Parish Church, Abergwili.

13 March 1920 Special Lenten Services Special services were held at St. Mary's Church on Thursday last, when the Rev. T. H. Pountney, Gilfach, was the special preacher, giving a very inspiring address.

20 March 1920 Special Lenten Services Special services were held at St. Mary's Church on Thursday last, when the Reverend J. C. Payne was the special preacher, given a very inspiring address. The singing was conducted by Mr. Berkley Angell, with Mr. O. Richards presiding at the organ.

27 March 1920 Special Lenten Services Special services were held at St. Mary's Church on Thursday last, when the Rev. Samuel Evans, preached a very appropriate sermon.

10 April 1920 St. Mary's Services were held at St. Mary's on Sunday week. At the evening service, conducted by the Vicar, the sermon was preached by the Rev. W. I. Brown, late chaplain to His Majesty's Forces in France. The singing was conducted by Mr. Berkley Angell, and Mr. Octavius Richards presided at the organ.

10 April 1920 Easter Sunday Services were held at St. Mary's Church on Easter Day. Celebration of Holy Communion was held at 7, 8, and 11:00a.m. at St. Mary's. Evensong was

sung at 6:00p.m. by the Reverend Samuel Evans. The sermon was preached by the Rev. W. I. Brown. Celebration of the Holy Communion was held at 6a.m. at St Andrews, Pentwyn, the vicar celebrating.

10 April 1920 Gymanfa The annual singing festival in connection with Carmel Chapel was held on Sunday last. The sacred edifice was filled on each occasion. The singing reached a very high standard, which reflects great credit on the conductor and choirs. The special conductor for the day was Mr. Evan Thomas (Alaw Morlais, Penywern), the well-known male voice conductor. Assistance was rendered by the Fochriw Orchestral Band, under their conductor Mr. D. J. Thomas, whose playing was greatly admired. The accompanists were Messrs. T. Walters, A. Thomas, W. Angell, and Miss Elsie Griffiths. The following also took part: Stanley Lewis, Lewis H. Angel, Mary Jones, Mary J. Cole, Lydia Ballard, Ruth Griffiths, and Ceridwen Thomas. The presidents were: morning – Mr. D. J. Thomas; afternoon – Mr. M. Williams; evening – Mr. E. M. Davies.

17 April 1920 St. Mary the Virgin The annual Vestry meeting in connection with St. Mary's was held at the Church Hall on Wednesday evening, the vicar presiding. In his opening remarks, he spoke about the change brought about by the Disestablishment Act, and said it would alter the nature of vestry meetings for the future. Church matters would henceforth be dealt with by the Parochial Council, which would be chosen that evening. Mr. W. J. Payne, churchwarden, before presenting the accounts, gave a very able address on the effects of the Disestablishment Act. He pleaded for closer co-operation in future, and felt convinced that the new Welsh Church would become a greater power than ever. The accounts showed a balance on the right side. After they had been adopted, the vicar paid a magnificent tribute to Mr. Payne for the way he kept the accounts and for his untiring work in connection with the Church. He also paid a high compliment to Mr. Berkley Angell, choirmaster, Mr. Octavius Richards, organist, Mr. Payne, Sunday school superintendent, and also the sidesman, teachers, collectors, and all would worked so hard during the past year. Mr. W. J. Payne was re-elected People's Warden. Councillor John Edwards was appointed vicar's warden, with Mr. B. Angell, choirmaster, Mr. O. Richards, organist, and Mr. Payne, Sunday school superintendent. Sidesman: - Messrs. C. Payne, Richard Evans, Slimmonds, E. Lewis, H. Edgar, W. Wilton, T. Baldwin, W. Hughes, John Morris, W. Sibley. Parochial Council: Messrs. T. Baldwin, Charles Payne, William Wilton, George Henry Slimmons, William Hughes, and Caradoc Ballard. Mr. W. J. Payne, on behalf of the people, then handed the vicar an Easter offering of £54 for which he thanked them all very much. Votes of thanks to the chairman, Church wardens and Mrs. Evans, brought a pleasant evening to a close.

1 May 1920 Confirmation The Lord Bishop of Llandaff will visit St. Mary's Church on Friday, 30th April, at 5p.m. to hold a confirmation service. His Lordship's visit has been looked forward to for a long time. The Vicar, the Reverend Samuel Evans, extends a hearty invitation to all clergy and friends to be present. Tea will be provided for the visitors.

1 May 1920 Carmel Chapel A bachelors' tea and entertainment was held at the above on Tuesday evening. A very large number of people assembled. Tea was served at the vestry and the entertainment was held at Chapel, where the following took part in the programme: piano selection, Mr. Thomas Walters; violin solos, Miss Miriam Thomas and Miss Morgan, Aelybryn; solos, Mr. James John Lewis, Miss Ballard and Miss Cook; duets by Miss Ceinwen Ballard and her sister, and Masters Stanley Lewis and Lewis Angell. Recitations were delivered by Mr. James Williams, Pentwyn, and Mrs. Bronwen Davies. A choir of the church members gave several renderings under the leadership of the Mrs. M. A. Davies. Mr. David Griffiths, junior, sang "Hen Ffon fy Nain" in a very striking manner, and was greatly admired by all the old folks present. Mrs. Bronwen Davies very ably presided at the entertainment, whilst the Reverend D. Jenkins Jones, who has answered the church's call to become their minister in the near future, gave a short and encouraging address. The evening terminated with "Hen Wlad fy Nhadau."

8 May 1920 Confirmation On Friday evening last, the Lord Bishop of Llandaff visited St. Mary's Church and held a confirmation service. The sacred edifice was packed. The United choirs of St. Mary's and St. Peter's, Deri, joined together under the conductorship of Mr. Berkley Angell and Mr. John Owen, and gave fine renderings. The Preface was read by the

Rev. Samuel Evans, Vicar, after which the Bishop gave a very inspiring address on duty. Afterwards, the Bishop confirmed 59 persons. The singing of "Oh! Jesus I have Promised" brought a memorable service to an end, with the Bishop pronouncing the Benediction. Mr. Octavius Richards was at the organ. Also present were the Revs. E. Fowler, Deri, J. C. Payne, Rhondda; Dewi Williams, vicar of Rhymney. Tea was provided in the hall by the good ladies of the Church for all visitors. There is a great deal of work going on now at St. Mary, amongst which is a new heating apparatus, which is being fixed by the Messrs. Musgrave and Co., Belfast, and which has been badly needed for some time. The ladies are also busy getting ready for a bazaar in the near future.

5 June 1920 Carmel Chapel The annual meetings in connection with the chapel were held on Sunday and Monday last, the Rev. E. Keri Evans, Carmarthen, preaching very appropriate sermons to large congregations. Mr. Thomas Walters presided at the organ, whilst Mr. David Davies conducted the singing.

5 June 1920 Nazareth Chapel The annual meetings in connection with the chapel were held on Sunday and Monday last, and were well attended. Rev. B. Watkins, Ferndale, preached very edifying sermons throughout. Mr. W. A. Davies presided at the organ, whilst Mr. William Morris conducted the singing.

26 June 1920 Sergeant Honoured At a recent meeting of the Glamorgan Baptist Association, held at Abercanaid, Police Sergeant H. Williams, Fochriw, was presented with a beautiful illuminated address. Sergeant Williams has rendered faithful service at Penybank for about 20 years. The presentation was made by the Rev. W. C. Thomas, Dowlais, who referred to the excellent work done by the recipient. It was chiefly through the activities of Sergeant Williams that the cause at Penybank was kept open for so many years, and he was also instrumental in raising about £1,000 towards the debt, which is now cleared. His activities at Fochriw have been highly appreciated by the denomination.

10 July 1920 Chapel Teas The annual tea parties in connection with Carmel, Noddfa and Nazareth took place on Monday last. The weather was not very favourable. Carmel Sunday school paraded the streets, headed by the Fochriw Brass Band, the children looking a very pleasing sight in their various dresses. Each Sunday school partook of tea at their various vestries, to which justice was done. After tea sports and games were played.

10 July 1920 Induction to Carmel Chapel: Rev. D. Jenkin Jones The induction service of the Reverend D. Jenkin Jones, formerly pastor of Gendros, Forestfach, Swansea, as pastor of the Church at Carmel, took place on Thursday afternoon. Despite the inclement weather, a large congregation attended. The meeting was presided over by Mr. D. H. Edwards, President of the North Glamorgan Congregational Association. The opening service was conducted by the Rev. Morris of Brynmaw, who read a portion of Scripture, and the Rev. D. R. Williams of Beaufort, who led the prayers. The chairman preferred to numerous letters received from friends of the pastor explaining inability to attend, and referring to the exemplary character and faithfulness of Mr. Jones. Mr. E. M. Davies, secretary of Carmel, gave a brief and interesting account of Carmel's history, and extended a cordial welcome to the new pastor. A significant feature of the meeting was the presence of a large number of Mr. Jones's former members from Swansea, who had come up by charabanc to do honour to their late pastor. Able congratulatory addresses followed from layman and ministers of the different denominations in Fochriw and District, and a special prayer upon the union was offered by the Reverend Jones of Deri. The Rev. D. Jenkins Jones, who was visibly affected, briefly thanked those who had attended to do him honour. In the evening, excellent sermons were delivered by the Rev. D. Hughes Jones, a former pastor of Carmel, and the Rev. J. P. Evans of Penygraig, Carmarthen.

10 July 1920 Sale of Work at Fochriw Under the auspices of the Mothers' Guild and Girls' Guild connected with St. Mary's Church, a very highly successful sale of work was held at the Church Hall on Thursday and Friday last. The members of the both Guilds, of which Mrs. Samuel Evans is president and organiser, had worked assiduously in the last winter months in anticipation of the event, and the success which crowned a splendid effort is a tribute to their businesslike and efficient preparations during the past months. The funds of the Church will benefit to the extent of £150. Since the advent of the vicar and his wife to the parish 12 months ago, their untiring efforts for the Church have realised large sums of money, which have been

spent improving the Church. The opening ceremony of the sale, was performed by the Reverend Canon T. J. Jones, R. D., Gellygaer.

Stalls and stall-holders: Mothers' Guild Stall - Nurse Thomas, Mesdames R. Hughes, B. Angell, Gwynne, E. M. Roberts and Morgan (Penybank); Girls' Guild Stall - Miss E. Way, Mrs. T. J. Evans, Misses Nan Prosser, Elsie Wood, Maggie Prosser, May Williams, Muriel Baldwin, Gladys Watkins, Dolly Evans, Amy James, Sarah Morris, Ethel Watkins, M. S. Martin, and Morfydd Hollister; Sweet Stall - Mrs. S. Evans, Misses Fanny Grimmett, Morfydd Thomas, Mildred Hughes, Ivy Curtis, Maggie Griffiths, Claudia Edwards, Lucy Prosser, Jane Seaborne, Eleanor A. Davies, Elsie Jones, Leonora Jenkins, Maggie Morris, and May Davies; Refreshment Stall - Mesdames W. J. Payne, Davies, Lawrence, Prosser, Wilton, and R. Evans; Pound Stall - Mesdames S. Way, G. Way, Perrott, Edwards and Kendrick; Book Stall - Rev. Samuel Evans, Miss R. Davies, Miss Ceinwen Williams; Fruit, Flowers and Vegetables Stall - Mesdames E. Davies, T. Baldwin, D. Jones, I. Jones, Seaborne, Ballard, W. Jones and I. Way; Bran Tub - Mesdames Taylor and James; Hoop-La - Messrs. Wilton and Sibley; Lavender, Sweet and Flower Vendors - Misses Charlotte Evans, Freda Evans, Olive May Payne, Cissie Evans, Addie Baldwin, Ivy Taylor, Sybil Gwynne Myrtle Gwynne, Nancy Davies, Dennis Edwards, Glynwen Edwards, Cissie Jones; Hat Trimming - Mr. C Ballard; Palmistry, Gypsy Dress - Mrs. W. Hughes, Mrs. W. Thomas.

The secretarial duties were ably carried out by Nurse Thomas, and Mrs. R. Hughes was treasurer. At the close of a day, the vicar proposed a vote of thanks to the Rural Dean, who had so willingly come to open the sale of work, and also he thanked all those who worked so hard to make the day a success. Mr. W. J. Payne seconded. Valuable service was rendered by the following gentleman: Messrs. W. J. Payne, John Morris, Charles Payne, Thomas Baldwin, Willie Hughes, Willie Curtis, Octavius Richards, Willie Morris, W. Thomas, A. Gwynne and Mrs. M. Morris, caretaker.

10 July 1920 Fochriw Police Sergeant's Splendid Record: P.S. Henry Williams Honoured by Baptist Association The record of Police Sergeant Henry Williams, who has just been presented with an illuminated address by the East Glamorgan Baptist Association in recognition of his long, faithful, and fruitful service to the cause, is somewhat unique. He has served for 38 years in the Glamorgan Police Force, and on being stationed at Fochriw, over 30 years ago, he found the cause at Siloh, in the adjacent village of Penybank, closed, with the burden of £800 debt. Setting to work with exemplary zeal, Sergeant Williams was instrumental in collecting the amount required and in reviving the cause. For 19 years he has kept the Sunday School for some forty or fifty children at Siloh. During the whole period, he has been equally active in the interest of Noddfa Church, Fochriw, where he has been a deacon for about 30 years. For the two chapels, he has been mainly responsible for collecting the magnificent sum of £3,000. The address presented to Sergeant Williams was entirely in Welsh.

17 July 1920 Pulpit The pulpit at St. Mary's Church was occupied on Sunday by the Reverend J. C. Payne. Mr. Angell conducted the singing, with Mr. Richards at the organ.

28 August 1920 Tea Party The annual Sunday school treat in connection with St. Mary's and St. Andrew's Sunday schools, was held on Thursday last. A service for the children was held in St. Mary's at 11a.m., conducted by the Vicar. At 3p.m. the children assembled in S. Mary's Hall, and afterwards formed a procession headed by the Fochriw Brass Band, conducted by Mr. Hanney, and paraded the streets, looking a very pleasing spectacle in their various colours. On returning to the hall, an excellent tea was provided. After tea, sports and games were played at Pentwyn.

2 October 1920 Harvest Festival Services These were held at St. Mary's Church on Sunday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, and at St. Andrew's, Pentwyn, on Monday evening. The churches had been beautifully decorated with flowers, fruit and vegetables. At St. Mary's on Sunday, the vicar preached very edifying sermons, the Church being full. The choir, under the conductorship of Mr. Angell, rendered the anthem "Enter into His Gates with Thanksgiving." Mr. O. Richards was at the organ. At St. Andrew's on Monday, the preacher was the Reverend J. D. Hughes, vicar of Porth. At St. Mary's on Tuesday evening the preacher has the vicar, and on Wednesday evening, the Reverend J. W. James, vicar of Cwmcarn. All preached powerful sermons throughout the festival services.

16 October 1920 Social The members of the St. Mary's Church Girls' Guild, held a very pleasant social evening on Monday last. An excellent spread had been prepared. Games etc. were played, the M.C. being Mr. Ted Puddle, with Mr. O. Richards as pianist.

23 October 1920 Social A very enjoyable social and dance was held at St. Mary's Hall on Friday last and was well attended. Refreshments were provided by members of the Mothers' Union. Mr. Ted Puddle was the master of ceremonies, with Mr. Octavius Richards at the piano.

30 October 1920 Harvest Festival This service was held at St. David's Church, Pantywaun on Thursday evening last. The service was intoned by Mr. W J. Payne. The Reverend Samuel Evans preached a very edifying sermon.

30 October 1920 Social A dance was held at St. Mary's Hall on Friday evening last. The Mother's Union provided the refreshments. The M.C. was Mr. Ted Puddle, and the pianist Mr. O. Richards.

30 October 1920 Mothers' Union On Monday last, the members of the St. Mary's Mothers' Union journeyed to and Newport to attend a large meeting at St. Mark's Schoolroom. Amongst the principal speakers were Mrs. Digby Reed. The arrangements were in the hands of Mrs. Samuel Evans.

6 November 1920 Vicar's Lecture On Tuesday evening, at the Church Hall, the Reverend Samuel Evans read a very interesting and edifying paper on "The Life of Henry IV."

6 November 1920 Social On Friday last a social and dance were held at St. Mary's Hall. Mr. Puddle was M.C., and Mr. Richards was at the piano.

20 November 1920 St. Mary's Debating and Dramatic Society On Thursday, a very pleasant evening was spent at the Church Hall, the subject for discussion being "Socialism." The chair was occupied by the President, the Reverend Samuel Evans, Vicar. Mr. Albert Lewis took up the affirmative, and Mr. Willie Hughes the negative, both having very interesting papers, which were well received. The vicar and Mr. W. J. Payne took part in the discussion. On being put to the vote the affirmative carried.

27 November 1920 Lecture On Wednesday evening, the members of the St. Mary's Debating Society spent a very pleasant evening in the Church hall. The evening had been set apart to hear an address from Mr. W. J. Payne, who, being a member of the Diocesan Conference, chose as his subject "My Impressions of the Diocesan Conference."

4 December 1920 St. Mary's Hall On Thursday last at the above Hall a fine social in connection with the children of St. Mary's Church was held. Quite a large number of children were present. Many games were played. Mr. Willie Hughes was the pianist.

11 December 1920 Grand Concert A grand concert was held at Carmel Chapel on Thursday last, presided over by the Reverend D. Jenkins Jones. The following contributed: soprano, Mrs. H C Davies; alto, Mrs. Ceridwen Walters; tenor, Mr. James J. Lewis; elocutionist, Mrs Bronwen Davies; accompanist, Mr Thomas Walters.

18 December 1920 Lecture A lecture was given at Carmel Chapel on Tuesday night by the Councillor Morgan Jones who took for his subject "Gaulbird."

25 December 1920 Organ Recital On Thursday evening last at St. Mary Church, a grand organ recital was given by Mr. E. R. Lewis, of the Memorial Hall, Cardiff, assisted by the Miss Jenkins, soprano, and Miss Mabel Welch, contralto, both of Cardiff. The organ, which is a magnificent instrument by the well-known makers, Brackett and Howden, Newcastle, has been entirely rebuilt. It has been removed from the Lady Chapel to the organ chamber, where it now presents a striking appearance. The playing of Mr. Lewis delighted the crowded congregation, and the singing of the artistes was much enjoyed. At a close of the programme, the vicar pronounced the blessing.

1 January 1921 Noddfa Chapel On Christmas Eve, a fine Christmas tree had been decorated and loaded with toys, etc. During the evening, the gifts were distributed to all the children present and an enjoyable time was spent.

1 January 1921 St. Mary's Church Services were held at St. Mary's Church on Christmas Day. They were well attended, the celebrant being Reverend Samuel Evans, the vicar. Mr. Angell conducted this singing and Mr. Richards presided at the organ.

1 January 1921 Christmas Tree At Noddfa on Wednesday last, a Christmas tree in connection with the Maternity and Child Welfare had been organised by Nurse Thomas and

some friends. The tree was well laden with beautiful gifts for the children, close on 200 presents being distributed. The Welfare is well-organised in the place and is conducted in a very efficient manner. Among some of the untiring workers are Dr. J. Stenner Evans, Nurse Thomas, Nurse Rees, Mrs. Samuel Evans, Mrs. John Bevan, Mrs. I. Evans, Mrs. R Hughes, & Mrs. I. Williams.

1 January 1921 Gymanfa Ganu A well attended Gymanfa Ganu was held at Noddfa Chapel on Christmas Day, when the members of the chapel and of Nazareth, joined together under the conductorship of Mr. Thomas Evans, to sing well selected hymns and anthems. The accompanists for the day were Mr. Wyndham Lawrence, Miss Enid Evans, Mr. Willie Angell - Davies, and Miss Hilda Phillips. The presidents were the Reverend Esaiiah Williams, Mr. John Jones and Mr. Evan Jones. The singing was of a very high standard.

1 January 1921 Carmel Chapel On Christmas Day, under the conductorship of Mr. Evan Thomas, the well-known conductor of the Penywern Male Voice Party, the members of the Carmel Chapel held their annual singing festival, which was much enjoyed by the large number present. The morning service was opened by the reciting of a Psalm by Miss Mary L. Morgan, and the president for the morning was Mr. D. J. Thomas. The afternoon and evening services were opened by Miss Mary Thomas and Mr. Thomas H. Jones, while the presidents were the Reverend D. J. Jones and Mr. Moses Williams. There was a fine orchestra in attendance under the conductorship of Mr. D. J. Thomas. The accompanists were Mr. Thomas Walters, Mr. Aneurin Thomas and Miss Elsie Griffiths. The following also took part during the day: duet Miss Mary and Miss Jenny Shankland; violin duet, Miss Mary Morgan and Master Windsor Rees; solos, Miss Doris Davies and Miss Lydia Ballard.

8 January 1921 Noddfa Chapel A grand concert was held on Friday last, when the large audience were entertained to a fine musical treat by the renowned gleemen of Troedyrhiw and District, conducted by Mr. Herbert Llewellyn, and assisted by eminent artistes. Mr. John Bevan, M.E., made a very able chairman.

8 January 1921 Carmel Vestry A grand social organised by the members of the Christian Endeavour of Carmel Chapel, took place last Thursday. The vestry had been gaily decorated by the members for the occasion. A large number sat down to the good things provided. After tea, a concert was held, presided over by the Rev. D. J. Jones, when a programme of music was contributed, including a musical quartet from the Fochriw Brass Band. The accompanist was Mr. Aneurin Thomas. The secretarial duties were carried out by Miss Annie Maud Jones.

8 January 1921 Social A social was held at St. Mary's Hall on Thursday, organised by the Fochriw Discharged Soldiers and Sailors, in aid of the widows and orphans of soldiers that made the supreme sacrifice. Refreshments were provided by some of the members of St. Mary's Mothers' Union under Mrs. Samuel Evans. There were games and dancing. At the close a vote of thanks was accorded the vicar and Church people for their kindness in lending the hall and giving their services so freely. It was proposed by Mr. Thomas H. Jones and seconded by Mr. Kinsey Llewellyn. The M.C. scene for the evening was as Mr. T. Puddle, with Mr. Octavius Richards at the piano, and Master Francis Wilton on the violin. The duties of secretary were carried out by Mr. John Francis.

29 January 1921 Social A social was held at St. Mary's Hall on Friday last in connection with the St. Mary's Sunday school. The hall had been gaily decorated for the occasion and looked a pleasing spectacle. All the refreshments had been given and collected by the Church people. The tables were laid for about 200 children. Afterwards they played games etc. The Vicar, and Mr. W J. Payne, superintendent of the Sunday School, addressed the scholars. Miss Nan Prosser gave a solo. At the close, oranges etc were distributed to all scholars. Mr. O. Richards presided at the piano.

29 January 1921 Sunday School Last Sunday afternoon, the scholars of St. Mary's Sunday School were awarded prizes for faithfulness and good attendance during 1920. The prizes were confined to the first second and third in each class. The school is in a very flourishing state. Mr. Charles Payne addressed the scholars, giving a very lucid account of Sunday school work for 40 years at Pentwyn. He also exhibited a first prize book which he secured at Pentwyn Church 40 years ago. The vicar, and Mr. W. J. Payne, also spoke to the scholars. Afterwards they handed the scholars their prizes.

29 January 1921 Sergt. Henry Williams, Fochriw: the following was the cameo in Monday's "South Wales News" Police Sergeant Henry Williams, of Fochriw, is not only an officer who has won the esteem of colleagues and citizens, but a man who cherishes a remarkable and, doubtless, a unique record of Christian service. For nearly 40 years he has served in the Glamorgan force, but his sterling work in the cause of the Master covers a span of approximately half a century. On taking up duties at Fochriw over 30 years ago, he found at the Baptist chapel at Penybank, an adjacent village, closed, with a debt of £800. Sergeant Williams set to work with heart and will to remove this burden, and through his zeal and energy the debt was wiped off, and the cause revived. For 20 years, with the assistance of his wife and son, he has kept a Sunday School for some 40 or 50 children at Penybank. His activities, however, have not been confined to Penybank. For over 30 years he has been a deacon of the Noddfa chapel, Fochriw, and the total sums collected by him towards the two causes amount to £3,000. In presenting him with an illuminated address as a little acknowledgement of his services, the East Glamorgan Baptist Association, with its membership of over 80,000, confers honour on itself.

5 February 1921 Carmel Chapel A gramophone recital was given at Carmel Chapel on Tuesday evening. Records of the famous Signor Caruso, the world's best tenor; Galli Curci, Italian soprano; Peter Dawson, Australian baritone; Clara Butt, contralto; Edna Thornton, English contralto; duets and solos by the other famous singers were played. Also, there were violin solos by Miss Elsie Southgate, Miss Edna Burrows, Mr. Latimer Evans, and Miss Doreen Weeks gave a recitation. The meeting was closed by a Welsh Male Voice Party who sang "Hen Wlad fy Nhadau" on the gramophone. Mr. Robert Thomas, South Tunnel, manipulated the gramophone in fine style. The Reverend D. J. Jones presided, and the programme was thoroughly enjoyed.

12 February 1921 Lantern Lecture On Tuesday evening last at Noddfa Chapel Vestry, a very instructive lantern lecture was given to a large audience. A very striking series of pictures was shown, including the "Two Watchers." etc. Reverend Esaiiah Williams proved himself a very capable lecturer, whilst Mr. J. Evans manipulated the lantern in fine style.

12 February 1921 Social A social evening was spent at St. Mary's Hall on Tuesday evening (Shrove Tuesday), when a large number were present. There were games and dancing, and refreshments provided by members of the Mothers' Union. Mr. Ted Puddle was MC, with Mr. O. Richards at the piano.

12 February 1921 Christian Endeavour At Trinity Baptist Church, a very enjoyable evening was spent on Wednesday by members connected with the Christian Endeavour. The pastor gave a very true warning to the members, intimating that at present times, it was vital for them to hold to that which was good. More items were rendered by Mrs. Price, Mrs. Rachel Phillips, H. Jones, and Miss Richard, the latter being an old inhabitant who had removed to London, but was now on holiday in the village. Councillor Jenkins presided in his inimitable manner.

26 February 1921 High-Class Concert The people of Fochriw are indebted to the members of the Nazareth Chapel for providing such a high class concert on Tuesday evening at Noddfa Chapel, kindly lent for the occasion. The evening had been eagerly looked forward to by all music lovers, and the chapel was well filled. The chair was taken by Mr. J. Jones, who proved a very able chairman, and opened the concert with some well-chosen remarks. The artistes were Madam Clee-Williams, Treharris, soprano; Miss Mary Dilys Jones, Penarth, contralto; Mr. Harry Lewis, Nelson, tenor; Mr. L. Powell Evans, Cardiff, bass; accompanist, Miss Llywela Lewis, Hengoed. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the artistes etc. by the Rev. J. Williams, seconded by the Rev. R. D. Jenkins.

5 March 1921 Noddfa Chapel A lantern lecture was given at the above vestry on a Wednesday February 23rd. The sets of slides were entitled "Pig and Pills," "Wet Paint," "Telltale Sister," "Agathos," "Christ and Children," "I only take a little Wine." The slides were supplied by City Sale and Exchange, London. The Reverend Esaiiah Williams lectured to the children on the contents of the slides. A very interesting and beneficial evening was spent.

On St. David's night, a social was held at Noddfa vestry. The proceeds were in aid of the sewing class conducted by the Sisters of the Church. Tea also served at 6.30. The tables were attended by the following sisters: Mrs. J. Williams and Miss Rachel Harris; Mrs. Jenkin Rug and Miss Maggie Davies; Miss Afonwy Price and Miss Enid Evans; Mrs. T. Matthews and

Mrs. Esaiiah Williams. Assistance was also rendered by Mrs. Tom Evans, Mrs. Jane Mathews, Mrs. W. Price, Mrs. Tom Evans and Mr. David Thomas. After the tables were cleared, a concert was held and a number of games played. The proceeds were quite satisfactory.

5 March 1921 St. Mary's Holy Communion was celebrated at St. Mary's Church at 8p.m. on St. David's Day, the celebrant being the Vicar. The special Lenten preacher for Thursday evening at 6:30p.m. and also for Thursday 10th March at 6.30, is the Reverend Dr. Jenner, the Rector of the Llangasty, the well known missionary.

5 March 1921 Gymanfa The members of Noddfa and Nazareth Chapel held a united singing festival at Noddfa Chapel on Sunday afternoon and evening last. The chapel was well filled, and the singing reached a high standard. The conductor for the day was Mr. Thomas Evans, junior, who performed his duties very successfully. Mr. John Jones presided at the afternoon meeting, and Mr. Thomas Evans, senior, at the evening meeting. The accompanists were Miss Hilda Phillips, Mr. W. A. Davies, and Master Wyndham Lawrence.

12 March 1921 Noddfa Chapel A well attended lantern lecture was given at the vestry on Wednesday evening, when a number of interesting and instructive slides were shown, much to the delight of the large number present. The Reverend Esaiiah Williams presented slides and Mr. Joshua Evans manipulated the lantern.

12 March 1921 Lenten Service A special Lenten service was held at St. Mary's Church on Thursday evening, the special preacher being the Rev. Dr. Jenner, Rector of Llangasty, who preached a very powerful sermon on the Prodigal Son. The Vicar intoned the service, and Mr. W. J. Payne read the lessons. Mr. Angell conducted singing, and Mr. Richards presided at the organ.

19 March 1921 Noddfa Chapel On Sunday and Monday last, meetings were held at the above Chapel. The preacher was the Rev. H. Ellis, Dowlais, who preached very powerful sermons to large congregations. The singing was conducted by Mr. Thomas Evans, with Miss Hilda Phillips at the organ.

26 March 1921 Palm Sunday Palm Sunday was observed at St. Mary's by a celebration of Holy Communion at eight o'clock, and a service, with distribution of palms, at 11 o'clock. At 2:30p.m. there was a service at St. Andrews. The services were conducted by the vicar. Flowers were laid on the graves of the departed.

26 March 1921 Lent The special Lenten preacher on Wednesday evening at St. Mary's was the Rev. David Davies, vicar of Bedlinog, who delivered a very inspiring sermon. The service was sung by the Vicar, with Mr. Richards at the organ, and Mr. Angel conducting the singing.

2 April 1921 Easter Day This was celebrated at St. Mary's Church with Holy Communion at 6, 7, and 11a.m., and was very well attended, a record number of communicants being present. The Vicar officiated. There was a children's service at 3p.m., addressed by Mr. W. J. Payne, Sunday school superintendent. There was a service at 6:00p.m., the vicar preaching. Mr. Angell conducted singing, and Mr. Richards was at the organ.

16 April 1921 Easter Vestry The annual Easter vestry meeting at St. Mary's was held at the Church Hall on Wednesday evening, the vicar presiding. The Vicar opened with prayer, and expressed delight at seeing such a large number present. Mr. W. J. Payne then presented the statement of accounts, which he said was a record one. An up-to-date heating apparatus had been installed, meeting a long felt want. The organ had been removed from the Lady Chapel and rebuilt in the organ chamber. Several other improvements had also been carried out entailing much expense. Nonetheless, there was a very substantial balance on the right side, thanks to the untiring efforts of Mrs. Samuel Evans and her faithful band of workers in the Mother's Guild. The sale of work had realised about a £156, and the parochial fund had also been well supported. Total receipts for the year had reached £668-7-6, which showed the Church to be in a very flourishing condition. The number of Easter communicants was a record. The accounts were adopted, and the vicar said that such a satisfactory state should fill them all with confidence for the future. He then thanked all the officers of the Church, individually and by name, for their efforts in the past year, and in particular the Churchwardens, Mr. W. J. Payne at St. Mary's, and Councillor John Edwards at St. Peter's, Deri. He said that they were holding their meeting under the shadow of a dark cloud in the industrial world. Let us pray that it would soon be bright again. Mr. W. J. Payne was unanimously re-elected People's Warden, and the

Vicar of re-elected Councillor John Edwards as Vicar's Warden. The following were elected sidesman: Mr. Charles Payne, Mr. F. Baldwin, Mr. J. Morris, Mr. H. Edgar, Mr. E. Lewis, Mr. Owen Morris, Mr. W. Wilton, Mr. R. Evans, Mr. C. Hollister, Mr. W. J. Curtis, Mr. W. Sibley, Mr. W. Hughes; choirmaster, Mr B. Angell; organist, Mr. O. Richards, superintendent Sunday School, Mr. W. J. Payne; Parochial Church Council: Messrs. B. Angell, C. Payne, H. Edgar, J. Morris, W. Hughes, T. Baldwin, C. Hollister, W. J. Curtis. A vote at thanks to the vicar concluded a very pleasant vestry meeting.

14 May 1921 Concert A well attended concert wound up a very successful year in connection with the Young People's Christian Endeavour Society. The chairman was the Reverend D. Jenkins Jones. Programme: overture, Mr. James Thomas; recitations, Miss Edna Burrows, Miss Doreen Weeks, Miss Eurona Lewis, Mr. Latimer Evans, Mr. Edmund Davies; solos, Miss Lydia Ballard, Miss Doris Davies, Miss Maggie Lewis, Mr. John Morgan; duets, Miss Edna M. Angell and Miss Eiluned Lawrence; Misses Lydia and Ceinwen Ballard; pianoforte solos, Gwladys Shanblac, Miss Annie Ballard and Miss Bessie Ballard; violin solos, Miss Mary Morgan, Master Windsor Rees. The report of the session's work was written by the secretary of the Guild, Miss Annie Maud Jones, and read by the chairman. The session commenced on October 26th, 1920, and the meetings were held at Carmel vestry every Wednesday evening at 7:45p.m. There were over 70 members.

21 May 1921 St. Mary's Church Services were held at St. Mary's on Whitsuntide and were well attended. The Holy Eucharist was celebrated at 7 & 11a.m. by the Vicar. A children's service was held at 3p.m., and evensong and sermon at 6p.m., the vicar preaching.

28 May 1921 Social A very pleasant social evening was spent at St. Mary's Hall on Friday evening last, when the Church people of St. Mary's, including children, spent an enjoyable evening. Tea was provided by the members, and afterwards games were played. Thanks are due to Mrs. Evans and her faithful band of Mothers' Union and Girls Guild, who attended to the children. Mr. Octavius Richards presided at the piano. During the coal crisis, the vicar and the male members of the Church have been very active preparing and painting in and around the Church. A very early visit of the Lord Bishop of Llandaff is anticipated to complete Fochriw and Deri into a separate parish, for which the consent of the Diocesan Conference was given last November.

28 May 1921 Success The numerous friends of the Reverend J. C. Payne will be very pleased to hear that he successfully passed his final examination for the priesthood of the Church in Wales, and was ordained at Llandaff Cathedral on Trinity Sunday by the Lord Bishop. Reverend Payne, until a few years ago, worked as an engine driver at the Fochriw Colliery, devoting his spare time to Church work in the parish. For 14 years he laboured tirelessly as a voluntary lay preacher, having sole charge of St. Andrews, Pentwyn, for five years, where his earnest labours were crowned with success. Having a keen desire to become a priest, he gave up his work at the colliery, which meant a great financial sacrifice, to try and attain his ambition. It is the wish of all his friends that he be spared for many years to carry on the noble work.

11 June 1921 Preaching Services Carmel Congregational Chapel held their annual services on Sunday and Monday last, and good congregations were present. Very powerful sermons were preached by Rev. I. George, Tredegar. Mr. Walters was the organist, and Mr. David Davies conducted singing.

11 June 1921 Concert A very successful concert was given in Penybank Chapel on Wednesday evening, June 1st, by the members of Carmel Young People's Guild, assisted by a few friends, the chair being taken by Miss Jones of Penybank School. The seating capacity of the chapel was severely taxed, and the following programme was received with much applause: overture, Mr. J. A. Thomas; pianoforte solos, Miss Gwladys Shankland and Miss A. M. Sims; violin selections, Miss Mary Morgan and Master Windsor Rees; recitations, Mr. Latimer Evans; dialogue, Miss Rona Lewis and Miss C. Shankland; solo, "The Sweetest Fairy" - Miss Doris Davies; "Fishes and Wishes" - Miss Agnes Cook; "Darlun fy Mam" - Miss Lydia Ballard; "There is a Land" - Miss M. Lewis. Mr. J. Thomas ably accompanied. A short drama entitled "Yr Hen Scwlin" was performed by members of the Guild, directed by Mr. Tommy

Jones. The evening ended in with the singing of "Hen Wlad fy Nhadau," Miss M. Lewis taking the solo.

2 July 1921 St. Mary's Church On Sunday last a special form of service was held, when special prayers were offered by the Vicar, the congregation joining very earnestly, for peace in the industrial world and in Ireland, as well as throughout the world. The whole service was very devotional. Mr. Payne read the lessons, Mr. Angell conducted the singing, and Mr. Richards was at the organ.

2 July 1921 Bible Students' Association At St. Mary's Hall on Tuesday evening, Mr. E. M. Richards delivered a very stirring lecture on the subject "The World has Ended: Millions Now Living Will Never Die." Mr. Richards kept his audience very interested throughout, basing all his arguments on prophecy and words spoken by Jesus Christ. Several hymns were sung with much fervour, the Speaker closing with prayer. On Wednesday evening, the subject was "What of our Dead?"

2 July 1921 Concert A well-attended concert was held at Penybank Baptist Chapel on Thursday evening in aid of the Distress Fund. The chair was very ably filled by Councillor David John Thomas. The entertainment was first class, the artistes bringing forth round after round of applause. The following took part: Madame H. C. Davies, Fochriw; Mr. James John Lewis, Fochriw; Mr. Theophilus Shankland, Fochriw; accompanist, Masters Aneurin Thomas, Fochriw.

9 July 1921 Tea Party The annual Sunday school tea party in connection with Carmel Chapel took place on Monday last in glorious weather. An excellent tea had been prepared, after which there were sports, old and young joining in.

9 July 1921 St. Mary's Church About 30 members of the St. Mary's Branch of the Mothers' Union had a very pleasant day at Llandaff Cathedral on Tuesday for the festival. The branch, under Mrs. Samuel Evans, is in a very flourishing condition, and their services in connection with Church work are very marked. On Tuesday afternoon next, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese will hold a consecration service at St. Mary's to which a hearty invitation is extended to all.

16 July 1921 Consecration Tuesday was a red-letter day in history of Church work at Fochriw, the occasion being the visit of the Lord Bishop of the Diocese to consecrate the Church of St. Mary the Virgin. Excellent preparations had been made for the visit. The Church was well filled long before the service commenced. His Lordship, accompanied by his Registrar, was met at Bargoed Station and driven by motor-car, (generously loaned by Mr. Tudor Davies), to Fochriw. There he was entertained at the Vicarage, after which he was driven to the School House. The procession looked very striking. The procession was preceded by the Rev. Luther Evans, vicar of Blackwood, carrying the Pastoral Staff, followed by the Registrar, the Rev. Samuel Evans, (who will be inducted as first vicar of the new parish on July 30th), Rev. Dewi Williams, vicar of Rhymney, Rev. J. C. Payne, (who will shortly take up duties as curate in the new parish), the Rev. W. Brazell, Pontlottyn, the Churchwardens – Mr. W. J. Payne and Councillor John Edwards, and the surpliced choir. At the entrance to the Church, the petition of consecration was handed to the Bishop by the vicar of Pontlottyn, who afterwards directed the Registrar to read the same, after which the Bishop, clergy, and Churchwardens, proceeded towards the holy table. His Lordship then proceeded to the font, the chancel step, etc. After prayers by the Bishop, the consecration was read by the Registrar and signed by the Bishop. There followed a shortened form of evening prayer led by the Reverend Samuel Evans, the choir singing Psalms 84. The sermon was preached by the Bishop who chose his text from Genesis xxviii, 16 & 17, and gave a very inspiring address. The singing was conducted by Mr. Berkley Angell, with both choirs - Fochriw and Deri - being well represented. Mr. Octavius Richards was at the organ. After the service, Bishop, clergy and visitors were entertained to an excellent spread at the Church Hall. This was prepared by members of the Mothers' Union and Girls' Guild. Children were entertained on the green to a tea. The Church people wish to thank all who worked so hard to make the Bishop's visit the success it was.

30 July 1921 St. Mary's The pulpit at St. Mary's Church was occupied on Sunday last by the Rev. W. J. Brown of Blackburn, who preached a very edifying sermon.

6 August 1921 Personal: Rev. J. C. Payne, the new curate of Deri The large circle of friends of the Rev. J. C. Payne are very pleased to find him amongst them once more taking up duties in the newly-formed parish of Fochriw and Deri. He commenced his duties this week. His labours amongst us in the past need no recommendation as they are well-known. Six years ago, he gave up his duties as an underground engine driver at the Fochriw Colliery, to take up a position as licensed lay reader with Canon Lewis at Ystrad, working at the same time to become a priest of the Church in Wales. He was ordained by the Lord Bishop of Llandaff on Trinity Sunday last at Llandaff Cathedral. During the time he was in charge of St. Mark's, his ministry has been marked with wonderful success. His Church was crowded Sunday after Sunday, and other branches of Church work were equally successful. He preached his farewell sermon at St. Marks on Sunday evening last, and such a scene of devotion will never be forgotten. Before accepting the curacy of Deri, he was offered several very important positions. We wish him and his family a very happy and prosperous time in their important work.

6 August 1921 Induction On Saturday evening, at St. Mary's Church, the Rev. Canon Jones, Gellygaer, inducted the Rev. Samuel Evans, as the first the vicar of the parish of Fochriw and Deri. His appointment had been made by the Board of Patronage, and proved very popular. Previously, Rev. Evans had held curacies at Penarth, Cogan, and Studley (Warwickshire), and had also served in the Great War, where he was badly gassed, but from which he is now almost recovered. During his short time at Fochriw, with the aid of his good wife, and willing band of Church people, several improvements have been carried out at St. Mary's. The service was very impressive, and was conducted by Canon Jones, who delivered a very stirring address. He exhorted the people to pray for the new vicar, whose responsibilities were great and his task difficult. After the congregation had left the Church, and the door had been locked, a solemn service was conducted outside. Then the new vicar unlocked the door and tolled the bell. The service concluded with the singing of "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow." Mr. Richards presided at the organ, Mr. Angell conducted singing, and Mr. W. J. Payne read the lessons.

10 September 1921 Noddfa The annual Sunday school tea in connection with the chapel was held on Monday last. Ideal weather favoured the event. The wants of the little ones were looked after by the older members of the chapel. After tea games were played.

10 September 1921 Nazareth Chapel The annual Sunday school treat in connection with the above Chapel was held on Monday last. The weather was beautiful. They all did justice to the good things which had been prepared for them by the adults. During the evening, a presentation meeting was held, when Miss Annie M. Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Jones, Central Stores, who is leaving to pursue her studies in the scholastic perfection at the Home and Colonial Training College, London, was presented with a beautiful work basket by the members of the chapel, where she has been faithful member. Master Cyril Evans, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Evans, Guest-street, was also presented with a set of brushes in a case on his leaving for the R.A.F. School at Stratford, Lincolnshire. The presentations were made by Mrs. Budd.

17 September 1921 Tea Party The annual tea party in connection with St. Mary's Church Sunday school took place on Monday afternoon in a very favourable weather. The scholars assembled at the Church Hall in large numbers, when the vicar offered prayer and gave a short address. The children sat down to an excellent tea, after which there were sports at Pentwyn. Thanks are due to all who contributed to the success of the day.

24 September 1921 Noddfa Chapel Special services were held on Sunday and Monday last, when the Rev. D. T. Samuel, preached very edifying sermons to the large congregations present. Mr. Thomas Evans conducted singing, with Miss Hilda Phillips at the organ.

1 October 1921 Harvest Festival Services at Fochriw Harvest Festival Services took place as follows: St. David's, Pantywaun - Thursday, Holy Communion, 11 a.m.; Evensong at 6.30 p.m., preacher, Rev J. C. Payne. On Sunday, the preacher was Mr. W. J. Payne. St. Mary the Virgin: Sunday - Holy Communion at 8 a.m.; cantata, 11 a.m.; solemn evensong, sermon and procession at 6 p.m. The Vicar was the preacher throughout. Monday - Holy Communion at 8 a.m.; evensong at 6 p.m., the Rev. T. Thomas, vicar of Bargoed, preaching. Wednesday - Holy Communion at 8 a.m.; evensong at 7 p.m., the Rev. Henry James, vicar of New Tredegar,

preaching. St. Andrew's Pentwyn: Tuesday - Holy Communion at 11a.m.; evensong and sermon at 6p.m., the Rev. J. C. Payne, curate, preaching. The offertories at all the services were for the parochial quota.

1 October 1921 Carmel Chapel Last Sunday, the chapel held its opening services of the new pipe organ recently installed. A festival of song was decided upon, the conductor being Mr. Evan Thomas, Pantywern. The morning service was presided over by Mr. Daniel Davies, the afternoon by Mr. E. M. Davies, and the evening misses by Mr. W. Moses Williams, all three being deacons of the Church. A striking feature of the evening service was the part taken by Mrs. Davies of Swansea, sister of our late Dr. Eleazer Davies, who opened the services by reading a portion of scripture and leading in prayer. The singing was most beautiful and the new organ was played by Mr. Tom Walters, the church organist.

8 October 1921 Spiritualists A religious service was held at the Co-operative Rooms on Tuesday evening under the auspices of the Dowlais Spiritualist Church and was well attended. An address on clairvoyance was given by Mr. Spencer of Glasgow.

22 October 1921 St. Mary's On Sunday last, the pulpit at St. Mary's was occupied by the Rev. Luther Evans, vicar of Blackwood, who preached very edifying sermons. The lessons were read by Mr. W. J. Payne, Mr. Richards was at the organ, and the singing was conducted by Mr. B. Angell.

5 November 1921 Nazareth Chapel The yearly meetings in connection with the chapel were held on Sunday and Monday. The services were well-attended, and much appreciated. The Rev. B. Jones, Ammanford, preached very edifying sermons. The singing was conducted by Mr. William Morris, and Mr. Willie Angell Davies was at the organ.

The four teams which comprised the Fochriw Club at all going strongly in their respective divisions. The young boys were unfortunate to go under to Hengoed Albion on Saturday last 3 goals to 2.

10 December 1921 Carmel Chapel The half-yearly meetings in connection with the chapel were held on Sunday and Monday last, when the Rev. W. T. Gruffydd, Bethania, Dowlais, preached powerful sermons to the large congregations present. Mr. Thomas Walters was at the organ, and Mr. David Davies conducted a singing.

10 December 1921 Social A very pleasant children's social was held at St. Mary's Hall on Friday evening for the distribution of attendance prizes in connection with the stamp album for attendance at Sunday morning service at St. Mary's. Several children had a full attendance, and the majority had an excellent record. The prizes were distributed by the Rev. Samuel Evans, who spoke very encouraging words to the children. There were games throughout the evening, old and young joining in. Refreshments were provided by the Mothers' Union. During the evening the following contributed to the musical programme: Messrs. Albert Lewis, William Candrick, Cyril Lewis, Percy Jenkins, Tom Jones, Walter Jones. Mr. Octavius Richards was the accompanist.

17 December 1921 Organ Recital A grand organ recital was given at Carmel Chapel on Thursday evening by Mr. W. J. R. Davis, A.R.C.O., Tredegar, on the new organ which has recently been erected. The recital was very well attended and much enjoyed. The artistes were Miss Blodwen Williams, contralto, Dowlais, and Mr. W. J. Jones, tenor, Rhymney. The Rev. D. J. Jones was in the chair.

24 December 1921 Fancy Fair At St. Mary's Hall on Monday last, a very pretty fancy fair and Christmas Tree was held. The hall had been transformed into a veritable fairy land, which delighted all that visited the fair. The fair had been organised to get funds to enclose the Church and grounds with iron railings, the old ones having got into a very dilapidated state. The event had been worked for by the Church people for some time, especially the members of the Girls' Guild and Mothers' Guild under the supervision of Mrs. Samuel Evans. The fruits of their labours were very marked on the day. Before the opening ceremony, the hall was filled with people. Prayers were said by the Rev. J. C. Payne, after which the vicar made a very fine opening address. Mrs. Tudor Davies opened the fair. The stalls were as follows: sweet stall, fancy stall, toy stall, poultry and vegetables stall, refreshment stall, half-pound stall, rug stall, bran tub, hoop-la, weighing machine, fortune teller, Christmas tree, and various sideshows.

31 December 1921 St. Mary's Christmas Day was observed at St. Mary's Church with the celebration of Holy Communion at 6, 7, 8, and 11am, the celebrant and preacher being the Reverend Samuel Evans. At 6p.m., a short service was held, after which carols were sung. The singing was conducted by the choirmaster, Mr. Berkley Angell, Mr. Octavius Richards presiding at the organ.

31 December 1921 Gymanfa A singing festival was held at Noddfa Chapel on Christmas Day, when the members of Nazareth and Noddfa joined together and sang a very fine programme of music, under the conductorship of Mr. William Morris. The chairman at the afternoon service was Mr. David Thomas, and in the evening Mr. Thomas Evans. The singing was of a good standard. The accompanists were Miss Hilda Phillips, Mr. Willie Davies, and Master Wyndham Lawrence.

31 December 1921 St Mary's Church On Christmas morning, prior to the early communion celebration, a very impressive Dedication Service was held by the Vicar, when two brass vases were dedicated to the glory of God. One was in memory of the late Mr. Josiah Richards, a member of St. Mary's Church who laboured very faithfully. The vase was given by his son. The other vase was in memory of a gallant soldier who laid down his life for King and country on the battlefield of France during the Great War, namely Private Evan Evans, Cardiff City Battalion. It was given by his cousin.

31 December 1921 Singing Festival The annual Christmas singing festival in connection with Carmel Chapel took place on Christmas Day. The Church was filled. An excellent programme of music had been learned for the occasion, and singing was of the very high standard. The conductor was Mr. J. M. Webber, Merthyr. The chairman for the morning was Mr. Daniel Rowlands, for the afternoon the Reverend D. J. Jones, and for the evening, Councillor D. J. Thomas. The accompanist was Master Willie Angell, assisted by the orchestra, under the conductorship of Councillor D. J. Thomas.

7 January 1922 Operetta: "Mayday on Welladay" This was held at St. Mary's Hall, and was performed by the children of Noddfa Sunday School, under the conductorship of Mr. Thomas Evans. The accompanist was Miss Hilda Phillips and the conductor, Councillor D. J. Thomas. Characters:- Annette - Miss E. Phillips; Sue - Mrs. Tom Evans; Christine - Miss Gwen Matthews; Iris - Miss Maggie Rees; Ella - Miss Edith Walters; Elene - Rachel Gregory; Penelope - Miss L. M. Jones; Pansy - Miss M. Lewis; The Beadle - Mr. Tom Walters; Grannie - Mrs. L. Williams; Granfer - Mr. Tom Evans; Hodge - Mr. Joshua Thomas; Jarge - Mr. Robert Thomas; Jerry - Mr. E. Jones; Jim - Mr. Emrys Evans; Naomi - Mrs. W. J. Williams; Mike - Mr. D. G. Parry; Crier - Mr. T. J. Jones; Fairy Flora - Miss A. M. Sims; Fairies - Gwen Thomas, D. Evans, Elsa Matthews.

14 January 1922 Farewell Presentation At Noddfa Baptist Church, a presentation was made to Rev. Esiah Williams, Mrs. Williams and family, who are moving from Fochriw after nearly eight years to take charge of Seion Welsh Baptist Church, Cefnmawr, North Wales. There has never been a more popular minister: always endeavouring to do service as a public man, always ready and willing to help in any cause for the welfare of the place. Rev. Williams was presented with an illuminated address. There was a case of cutlery for Mrs. Williams and books for the 3 children. There were speeches on behalf of all the various places of worship in Fochriw: from Rev. Samuel Evans, vicar; Rev. J. D. Jones, Carmel; Sergeant H. Williams, Noddfa. There were also many clergy from all denominations from the surrounding areas.

14 January 1922 'The Railway Troupe' Concert At St. Mary's Church, in aid of church funds, a concert was given by 'The Railway Troupe.' Every artist had some railway connection. The event was arranged by Mr. Ernest Lewis, Stationmaster.

25 February 1922 Performance "Golden Hair and the Three Bears," was performed by children of St. Mary's Church. The choir was conducted by Mr. Berkley Angell. Characters: Golden Hair - Miss Doris Davies; Woodland Queen - Mrs. Hannah Cole Davies; The Bard - Mr. Willie H. Davies; Big Bruin - W. J. Payne; Mammy Muff - W. N. Hughes; Tiny Cub - Master Percy Gwynne; Faithful Miss - Miss L. J. Jenkins; Lightfoot - Miss Sybil Gwynne; Frailty - Miss Myrtle Harris; Airy - Addie Baldwin; Will o'the Wisps - Ivy Curtis.

Accompanists – Mr. Octavius Richards and Mrs. Everett. The orchestra was conducted by D. J. Thomas. Everyone was thanked for their efforts by Rev. J. C. Payne.

4 March 1922 Concert A first-class concert was given at Noddfa Chapel on Thursday last by the Cymric Glee Party, assisted by the following artistes: Soprano, Miss Dorothy Davies, Newbridge; contralto, Madame Parry-Evans, Oakdale; tenor, Mr. John Lloyd James, Pontlottyn; bass, Mr. John Lewis, Newbridge. The Party and artistes were in excellent form and the verdict of all was that they had had a fine musical treat. The accompanist was Miss Kate Roberts, Pontlottyn, who performed her part well, whilst Mr. J. P. Isaac, headmaster, proved a fine chairman. Votes of thanks brought a fine concert to a close.

18 March 1922 “Zurika, the Gipsy Maid” at St. Mary’s Hall The famous operetta entitled “Zurika, the Gipsy Maid,” was most successfully played by the children and members of Carmel Chapel, and held at the Church Hall. The performance was conducted by Mr. W.J. Angell, accompanied by the orchestra under Mr. D.J. Thomas. The pianists were Mr. James Thomas and Mr. Willie Angell. For four successive nights the performances were greatly appreciated by a crowded and most enthusiastic audience. Requests arrived from all quarters to have the performance repeated, and these were granted. The leading characters are natives of Fochriw, and members of Carmel Chapel. They are Miss Doris Davies, Miss A. Maude Jones, Mr. Harry Hughes, Mr. Howell Thomas, Mr. Henry Evans, Mr. Berkley Davies, Mr. Johnnie Lewis and Mr. Latimer Evans. The singing of the choir and the scenery, which was almost sufficient in itself, filled the audiences with wonder and admiration.

8 April 1922 Nazareth An interesting musical and humorous treat was given by Prof. W. Miles under the auspices of the Y.M.C.A. on Wednesday last. The Chairman was Mr. J. Bevan.

15 April 1922 Palm Sunday Large numbers visited Pentwyn Churchyard on Sunday. Services at St. Mary’s were conducted by Rev. S. Evans: Holy Communion at 8a.m.; Anti-Communion 11a.m.; Evensong and Sermon at 6p.m. Mr. O. Richards was at the organ and the singing was conducted by Mr. Berkley Angel.

22 April 1922 Easter Day Services Despite the unfavourable elements, the services at St. Mary’s were well attended. Holy Communion was celebrated at 6, 7, 8 & 11a.m.; children’s service at 3p.m.; evensong and sermon at 8p.m., the celebrant and preacher throughout being the Vicar, Rev. S. Evans, B.A. The Church had been very nicely decorated by the ladies with a profusion of spring flowers. The singing was particularly beautiful at the choral celebration. Throughout the day the conductor was Mr. Berkley Angell and Mr. O. Richards was the organist.

22 April 1922 Easter Vestry The annual Easter Vestry in connection with St. Mary the Virgin was held at the Church Hall on Tuesday evening. The Vicar presided, supported by the Rev. J.C. Payne and a large number of parishioners. The Vicar opened with prayer, after which he gave a very inspiring address and referred to the great amount of work done during the year, which he said had been a very trying one owing to industrial dispute. Yet, as a church, they had many things to be thankful for; one was the formation of the new parish, St. Mary’s. The churchwarden, Mr. W.J. Payne, presented the statement of accounts for the past year, and said that in spite of all the difficulties, the accounts revealed a good deal of activity and self-sacrifice on the part of the church people. He was pleased to say that there was a balance on the right side in each account. The auditor, Mr. T. Baldwin, then gave his report. Mr. W.J. Payne was re-elected people’s warden, and Mr. Charles Payne was appointed Vicar’s warden. The following were elected sidesmen: Messrs. Frank Way, Willie Morris, H. Edgar, Sydney Way, Horace Evans, Evan Morris; parochial council, Messrs. T. Baldwin, W. Wilton, W. Sibley, W. Hughes, John Morris, Berkley Angell; (ladies) Mrs. Evans (Vicarage), Nurse Thomas, Mrs. W.J. Payne, Mrs. James Davies, Mrs. R. Hughes, Mrs. J. Baldwin. The choirmaster, Mr. B. Angell, and the organist, Mr. O. Richards, were re-elected. A tribute was then paid to the Vicar, who was presented with a cheque as an Easter offering. The Vicar thanked the people for their gift. A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and Rev. J.C. Payne was carried with acclamation. Rev. J.C. Payne responded to the vote of thanks.

29 April 1922 Easter Vestry The Easter Vestry in connection with St. David’s Church, Pantywaun, in the Parish of Fochriw and Deri, took place on Friday evening, and was presided over by the Vicar, supported by the churchwarden, Mr. W.J. Payne. The statement of accounts

was presented by Mr. Arthur Davies, which proved very satisfactory. The Vicar gave an address and thanked all for their work during the last year.

13 May 1922 Nazareth The half yearly meetings were held on Sunday and Monday, when Rev. W. Nantlais Williams of Ammanford, preached most edifying sermons to large congregations. Mr. Willie A. Davies presided at the organ and Mr. Wm. Morris conducted the singing.

20 May 1922 Children's Social Evening A very pleasant evening was spent at St. Mary's Hall on Friday evening last in connection with the Sunday School Prize Day. A large number of children and adults had gathered together, and a jolly time was spent with games etc. Refreshments were served by members of the Girls' Guild, under the supervision of Mrs. Evans. Before the musical part of the programme, Rev. S. Evans, B.A., vicar, gave an address to the children, as did Mr. Payne. The following contributed: Miss Prosser's class, Freda Evans, Olive M. Payne, Miss Nan Prosser, Eirwen Jones, and Addie Baldwin. The accompanist was Mr. Octavius Richards. The singing of "God Save the King" brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

3 June 1922 Jumble Sale A very successful jumble sale was held in the Church Hall on Friday evening last in connection with St. Mary's Church. A large number of articles had been collected and were eagerly bought up, the stallholders having a busy time for a few hours. The stalls included: jumble stall, sweet stall, fancy stall, mat stall, hoop-la, refreshments, electric battery, etc. The stallholders were members of the Mothers' Union and Girls' Guild, under the supervision of Mrs. S. Evans. The Vicar and men of the church assisted.

10 June 1922 Carmel The half-yearly meetings were held on Sunday and Monday last. Very large congregations attended. The preacher was Rev. Hugh Hughes, Llandudno, who preached striking sermons, which were much appreciated. The singing was conducted by Mr. David Davies ("Pencerdd"), with Mr. T. Walters presiding at the organ, assisted by the orchestra, which greatly added to the beautiful music.

10 June 1922 St. Mary's Church Whitsunday was observed at St. Mary's with celebrations of Holy Communion at 7, 8, and 11 a.m., all of which were well attended. The 11 a.m. service was fully choral. The Vicar celebrated at all services. At 2.30 the Sunday School was catechised. There was evensong and sermon at 6 o'clock, the Vicar preaching a very instructive sermon. The lessons were read by Mr. W.J. Payne, churchwarden, and the singing was conducted by Mr. Berkley Angell, with Mr. Octavius Richards at the organ. The services were continued on Monday and Tuesday morning with Holy Eucharist at 7 o'clock.

17 June 1922 Carmel Chapel The half-yearly meetings were held on Sunday and Monday last with large congregations. The preacher was Rev. Hugh Hughes, Llandudno. The singing was conducted by Mr. David Davies ("Pencerdd"), with Mr. T. Walters at the organ, and assisted by the orchestra, which added greatly to the beautiful music.

17 June 1922 St. Mary's Church Whit-Sunday was observed with the normal services with the Vicar presiding. The lessons were read by Mr. W. J. Payne (churchwarden) and the singing conducted by Mr. Angell.

24 June 1922 Missionary Exhibition This was held at the Church Hall, and organised by Rev. F. H. Somerville who had been an Indian Missionary, and also, Chaplain at the Buenos Aires Anglican Cathedral. Rev Somerville's lecture was brimful of interest.

24 June 1922 Mothers' Union The members of the St. Mary's Mothers' Union journeyed to Bargoed on Tuesday evening to hear an address by Mrs. Digby Rees. The Fochriw Branch is growing into a very strong, useful and energetic body of workers.

1 July 1922 Tea The annual Sunday School tea of St. Mary's Church took place on Thursday last and passed off very successfully. The usual band and procession through the village was dispensed with this year as a token of respect to P. C. Perrott who passed away the previous Tuesday, and the funeral of Mr. Ben Jones which took place the same day. There was tea, for children first, and then for adults. Afterwards, the children were then taken up to Pentwyn for sports under the care of the vicar, Rev. S. Evans, and Messrs. W. J. Payne (Superintendent), Horace Evans, T. B. Edwards, Percy Jenkins, Tom Jones, W. Morris, S. Way, and O. Richards. The latter part of the evening was devoted to dancing in the hall.

8 July 1922 Nazareth Tea The annual tea was held on Monday last in good weather. All the children of the Sunday School, with their teachers and adult members of the chapel, sat down to an excellent tea which had been prepared by an earnest body of workers. The tray-holders were Mr. David Lewis, Mrs. Lee, Misses Doris Davies, Katie Davies, Zenith Davies, Maggie M. Jones, Mattie Jones assisted by Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Budd, Mrs. Morris, Mr. Morris, Mr. A. Slimmons, Mr. C. J. Lawrence, Mr. Isaacs, Mr. W. A. Davies.

8 July 1922 Childrens' Annual Treats These were held here last Monday in connection with the various denominations. The children of Carmel and Noddfa, with the Sunday School adults, made a demonstration through the village singing en route. Before parting to their respective churches, appropriate songs were sung whist waiting near the Post Office. Messrs. Thomas Evans, Noddfa, and David Davies, Carmel, jointly conducted the singing. After tea, the usual sports were held.

15 July 1922 Nazareth The pulpit at Nazareth was occupied last Sunday by Rev. David Davies of Cardiff who gave very edifying sermons which were much appreciated.

29 July 1922 Social A social was held at St. Mary's Hall under the auspices of the Mothers' Union.

9 September 1922 Noddfa The pulpit was occupied on Sunday last by the late pastor, Rev. Esaiah Williams who preached stirring sermons to large congregations. In the afternoon, several were baptized into membership. The singing was conducted by Mr. Thomas Evans with Miss Hilda Phillips at the organ.

16 September 1922 Social A very pleasant social evening was held on Friday night at the Church Hall. Games and dancing were enjoyed by all. Mr. L. B. Edwards was M.C. with Mr. Octavius Richards at the piano and Mr F. Wilton at the violin.

7 October 1922 St. Mary's Well-attended services were held on Friday last, the festival of St. Michael and All Angels, beginning with early celebration at 8 a.m.. The preacher in the evening service was Rev. J. C. Payne, Deri. Mr. Octavius Richards was at the organ and Mr. Berkley Angell prepared the singing.

14 October 1922 Social At the Church Hall on Thursday evening last, with dancing, games etc.; T. B. Edwards, M.C.

28 October 1922 A Cardiff Journey 40 to 50 members of the Mothers' Union visited the Cory Hall, Cardiff, to hear an address by Mrs. Hubert Barclay. A special train, arriving back at 8.45p.m., and with a special fare, was made available through Mr. Lewis, stationmaster.

28 October 1922 Harvest Thanksgiving Services were held in St. Mary's on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. The church was beautifully decorated with fruit, vegetables and flowers. Afterwards, these were distributed to the sick and needy and to hospitals.

4 November 1922 Social A well attended social and dance was held last Thursday at St. Mary's Hall. Mr. T. B. Edwards acted as M. C., Mr. O. Richards as pianist and Mr. F. Wilton as violinist.

4 November 1922 Nazareth C. M. The annual services took place last Sunday and Monday and brought together large congregations. The preacher was the Rev. D. C. Davies, Cardiff, who many years ago commenced his ministry at Nazareth Chapel.

4 November 1922 St. David's Pentwyn Harvest festival services were held at Pentwyn on Sunday and Monday last.

18 November 1922 Whist Drive and Dance Held at St. Mary's Hall on Monday, with Messrs. T. B. Edwards and O. Morris as MCs.

25 November 1922 St. Mary's Hall A social and dance was held at the Hall on Monday evening last. The Hall was nicely decorated for the occasion. Refreshments were provided by the ladies of the Church. The duties of M.C. were ably carried out by Mr. T.B. Edwards. Mr Octavius Richards was the pianist, and Mr. F. Wilton the violinist.

25 November 1922 Carmel A very pleasant and interesting evening was organised under the auspices of the Guild of the above Church, and turned out a decided success. Mr. D. Jenkins Jones is the respected pastor. The tables had been gaily decorated and laden with good things to make a happy feast. The tea commenced at 4.30 and for some hours afterwards, the cutters etc. were kept going at full pressure. After all had done justice to the good things, a first class concert was held, Mr. James John presiding. Each artiste met with a cordial reception.

2 December 1922 Social and Dance At St. Mary's Hall on Monday. O. Richards, pianist, F. Wilton, violinist.

9 December 1922 Carmel The half-yearly meetings were held on Sunday and Monday. The preacher was the Rev. P. Gough of Landore, Swansea.

16 December 1922 Social and Dance On Monday evening at the Church Hall, an excellent social and dance was held under the auspices of the M.U and Y.C.W. in aid of Mr. David Lewis (ex-Serviceman) who has been unable to work for the last few years. The Hall had been nicely decorated and a very large crowd assembled. Refreshments were provided and the tables were attended by the good ladies of the church. Octavius Richards was accompanist, F. Wilton violinist, and the M.Cs. were J. Edwards and O. Morris.

30 December 1922 St. Mary's Hall A social and dance was held on Monday evening last.

30 December 1922 Christmas Fair Held at the Church Hall on Friday evening last. It was opened by Mrs. R. Hughes.

30 December 1922 Singing Festival The annual singing festival was held at Carmel on Christmas Day. The morning service was presided over by Mr. J. J. Lewis and the afternoon service by Mr. Daniel Rowlands and the evening by Rev. D. J. Jones. There was a good congregation throughout the day. The conductor was Mr. Webber (Merthyr), and the organists Messrs. T. Walters and W. Angell.

30 December 1922 Noddfa Chapel The United Singing Festival in connection with Noddfa and Nazareth chapels was held at Noddfa on Christmas Day. There was a large attendance, the conductor being Mr. Thomas Evans (junior), and the organists Miss Hilda Phillips, Messrs. W. Lawrence and I. Thomas. The morning service was presided over by Mr. Idris Jones; the afternoon Mr. T. Evans (senior); evening Mr. Evan Jones.

6 January 1923 Operetta At St. Mary's Hall on Friday and Saturday, a humorous and romantic French Fairy Operetta, 'Barbette,' was performed by members and children of Noddfa Baptist Chapel. Mr. Thomas Evans (Junior) was the conductor, and was supported by the Fochriw String Orchestra, under their conductor Cllr. D. J. Thomas. Mr. William John of Pontlottyn was stage manager, and Mr. D. J. Shankland taught the Tars the Hornpipe Dance. The chief characters were: Barbette - Miss Elvis Phillips; Lucie - Mr. Robert Thomas; Madame Dulac - Mrs. Tom Evans; Prof. Dubois and Monsieur Le Maire - Mr. T. J. Jones; Charles Hawthorne - Mr. T. Walters; Le Capitaine Curious - Mr. J. Williams; Valun - Mr. D. Rees; Suzette - Mrs. H. Jones; Leonce Durie - Mr. J. Thomas; Uncle Sam - Mr. D. Thomas; Lisette - Mrs. J. Williams; Marie - Miss Maggie Rees; Julie - Miss E. A. Evans; Cecile - Miss R. Gregory; Harcot, Junot, Pierrot, Jack, Bill and Joe - Messrs. C. Thomas, E. Jones, E. Evans, J. Thomas, D. G. Parry and T. Thomas; Queen of Fairies - Miss Phyllis Williams; Sylvana - Miss Margery Lewis.

13 January 1923 Whist Drive and Dance Held at St. Mary's Hall on Monday in aid of St. Dunstan's. The M.C. for the whist drive was Mr. T. B. Edwards, and for the dance Mr. J. B. Edwards. The pianist was Mr. A. Thomas.

20 January 1923 'Cinderella and the Princess' The Carmel Juvenile Operatic Society under their conductor Mr. W. J. Angell gave a performance of the above. Mrs. H. C. Davies took the leading part of The Fairy Godmother. Mr. James Thomas was the accompanist.

27 January 1923 Social At St. Mary's Hall. Mr. A. Thomas was M.C.

10 February 1923 Noddfa Chapel Under the auspices of Nazareth Chapel, a humorous, dramatic recital was given by Prof. W. Mills. The chairman was Mr. J. P. Isaac (headmaster).

17 February 1923 St. Mary's Hall A social evening, with dancing and games, was held on Shrove Tuesday evening. The M.C. was T. B. Edwards with A. Thomas at the piano and F. Wilton on the violin.

17 February 1923 Social A social evening took place at Carmel Vestry on Monday for the gentlemen who had helped in connection with the cantata 'Cinderella and the Prince,' recently held. After tea, there was a musical evening, presided over by Mr. Moses Williams. The following contributed to the programme: Messrs. J. J. Lewis, L. Rowlands; Misses D. Davies, A. Cook, E. Angell and friends, L. Roberts and friends, B. Morgan, M. H. Thomas, R. Lewis, T. Cumpstone. Walking sticks were presented by Mr. W. J. Angel, the cantata conductor, to

Messrs. W. J. Beery, G. Dean, Ivor Morgan, J. Coates (Dowlais), Daniel Morgan (Rhydney), and Albert Mantle.

10 March 1923 Carmel A very interesting bachelors' tea was held at Carmel Vestry on St. David's night, when a large number attended and did justice to the good things provided. After tea, a very pleasant musical programme, suitable for St. David's Day, was enjoyed by all.

10 March 1923 Noddfa A very pleasant social evening was held at Noddfa to welcome Rev. Ieuan Evans who is taking up the pastorate. Mr. T. Evans, senior deacon, gave an encouraging welcome to Rev. Evans. An excellent tea was provided, and this was followed by a musical programme with items from Mr. T. Evans, Mr. D. Thomas, Mr. J. Jones, Miss May Morgan and Mrs. W. H. Jones. The latter part of the evening was devoted to games.

10 March 1923 Nazareth C.M. A social evening was held at Nazareth on St. David's night, when a large number gathered together. The tables had been nicely decorated and filled with good things. After food, a musical evening followed, presided over by Mr. Idris Jones, B.A. The following contributed: recitations - L. Roberts, P. Evans, I. Evans, A. Slimmons, Hilda Morris, E. Pugh, J. A. Jones, T. Evans; violin solo - Jenny Jones; solos - Misses M. Jones, N. Morris; Mrs. J. Lewis; Messrs. W. A. Davies, I. Jones; duet - Muriel Jones and Nellie Morris; Lynda Roberts and P. Evans; quartette - Messrs. W. A. Jones, W. A. Davies, D. J. Davies and B. Davies. The accompanists were Mr. & Mrs. W. A. Davies, Miss Katie Davies and Mr. Idris Jones.

17 March 1923 Singing Festival On Sunday evening last, members of Noddfa & Nazareth carried out an excellent musical programme at Noddfa. The singing reached a very high standard and was most inspiring. Mr. Thomas Evans, junior, was the conductor, and the accompanists were Miss Hilda Phillips and Messrs. Wyndham Lawrence and Joshua Thomas.

17 March 1923 Noddfa Chapel On Wednesday last, crowded congregations assembled at Noddfa, including visitors from Treharris, Aberdare etc. when the induction of the new pastor, Rev. Ieuan Evans took place. Rev. Evans comes from Talybont, Cardiganshire, where he was in charge of a very flourishing church. Rev. R. Hughes, Pontlottyn, extended a hearty welcome to Rev. Evans on behalf of the Rhydney Valley Baptist Association, followed by Mr. Thomas Evans, senior deacon, who also extended a very warm welcome to their new pastor. Amongst the many clergy was Rev. S. Evans, the vicar of Fochriw. There were letters of welcome from former pastors: Rev. Esaiiah Williams and Rev. Moses Young. The evening service was a memorable one, the sacred edifice being well filled. The preachers were Revs. George Griffiths, Rhydney, and W. Jones, Treharris, who preached appropriate and edifying sermons. Mr. Thomas Evans (junior) conducted the singing, and Miss Hilda Phillips was at the organ.

24 March 1923 Social A very pleasant children's social was held at St. Mary's Hall on Friday evening last, when the children were entertained to tea by the good people of the Church, after which, stamp albums were distributed, the prizes in connection with Sunday morning attendance at Church. The vicar gave a short address.

7 April 1923 St. Mary's Four services were held at St. Mary's on Good Friday: first at 8a.m.; next, a children's service at 10a.m.; a three hours devotion from noon to 3p.m.; an evening service at 7p.m. All services were well attended. The vicar was the preacher and the celebrant. The church had been beautifully decorated with spring flowers and Easter lilies.

14 April 1923 St. Mary's Hall A successful social and dance took place at St. Mary's Hall on Friday last. The M.C. was Mr. T. B. Edwards and the music was supplied by the Fochriw Orchestra under their conductor Cllr. D. J. Thomas.

14 April 1923 Easter Vestry Rev. S. Evans, vicar, presided at the annual Easter vestry at St. Mary's on Wednesday evening. There was a large attendance. The financial statement was given by Churchwarden W. J. Payne and this proved very satisfactory. Electric light had been installed in the church and hall, and this had filled a long-felt want. The hall had been re-floored, and this too was a great improvement. The parish had paid its quota in full last year, and also had made an increased donation to A.C.S. W. J. Payne was re-elected people's warden, as was Charles Payne as vicar's warden, Octavius Richards as organist and Berkley Angell as choirmaster. A strong parochial church council was elected, of which Mr. J. Lloyd Jones was appointed secretary.

21 April 1923 Social and Dance A social and dance was held at the Church Hall on Monday evening. Mr. T. B. Edwards was M.C., Mr. A. Thomas the pianist, and Mr. F. Wilton the violinist.

21 April 1923 “Cinderella and the Prince” The Carmel Operatic Society played the above operetta at the Miners’ Hall, Merthyr, on Thursday last. The crowded and most appreciative audience were well-pleased. All the artistes excelled themselves and enjoyed themselves immensely. The Committee wishes to thank all who contributed to the success of the evening.

5 May 1923 St. Mary’s Hall On Friday evening, an excellent fancy dress social was held at the Church Hall. It was very well-attended. The Hall had been decorated beautifully for the occasion. The winners of the fancy dress were: Ladies – Mrs. W. Hughes; Gentlemen – Mr. Harry Evans. Mrs. J. Bevan and Mrs. A. Jones were the judges, and their decisions were well received. The Fochriw Orchestra supplied the music, and Mr. T. B. Edwards was a very capable M.C.

12 May 1923 Welsh Drama The inhabitants of Fochriw were given a rich treat on Friday and Saturday last, when the members of Noddfa Dramatic Society performed the Welsh drama ‘Jac Martin.’ in excellent style and to large audiences. Leading members of the cast were: Mr. Gomer Williams, Mrs. Lydia Williams, Mr. D. J. Thomas, Mr. T. Evans, junior, Mrs. A. M. Evans, Mr. T. J. Jones, Mr. T. Walters, Mr. J. R. Walters, Mrs. Tom Evans, Mrs. Seaborne Williams, Mr. E. Evans.

19 May 1923 Presentation A presentation to Miss Doris Davies, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Lodwick Davies, under-manager of G.K.N. Fochriw Colliery, took place at Carmel on Thursday night. Miss Davies is leaving the village to take up the nursing profession. She is the possessor of a very rich musical voice, and her services were in constant demand for concerts, cantatas etc. She was given a handsome, gold, wristlet watch subscribed by the inhabitants of the place and presented by Mr. W. J. Angell, and a handsome Bible given by the chapel, which was presented by Mr. Moses Williams, superintendent of the Sunday School. The presentations were part of a fuller evening of solos, recitations, instrumental contributions, and speeches.

26 May 1923 Half-Yearly Meetings The half-yearly meetings at Nazareth C.M., were held on Saturday night and Sunday last, when Rev. Wm. Adams, Abercarn, preached edifying sermons to large congregations. Messrs. W. A. Davies and W. Lawrence presided at the organ, and Mr. W. Morris conducted the singing.

26 May 1923 St. Mary’s On Whit Sunday, the services at the Parish Church were well attended, and the church was beautifully decorated with a profusion of flowers. There were celebrations of Holy Communion at 6a.m, 8, and 11 a.m., Choral Sunday School was at 2.30, evensong and sermon at 6 p.m. The Vicar officiated throughout the day.

26 May 1923 St. Mary’s Church The annual Sunday School treat of St. Mary’s was held on Tuesday. The children assembled at the Hall, where the vicar gave a short address, after which they formed in a procession, and were headed by the Pontlottyn Church Lads’ Brigade Bugle Band, and paraded the streets of the village with their banners flying. After the parade, they sat down to an excellent tea, and subsequently went to Pentwyn, where a programme of sports was enjoyed by all. After this, games and dancing were enjoyed in the Hall. The pianist was Mr. Octavius Richards, and the violinist Mr. F. Wilton. Mr. T. B. Edwards was M.C. The day was a great success and thanks are due to all who helped.

2 June 1923 St. Mary’s Hall A social evening was held at the Church Hall on Friday evening last. The music for the dancing was supplied by the Fochriw Orchestral Society. Refreshment was provided by the ladies. The master of games was Mr. T. B. Davies.

2 June 1923 Eisteddfod One of the most successful eisteddfodau held in the village took place in Carmel Chapel on Saturday evening last. Great credit is due to the secretaries, Mr. J. J. Lewis and Mr. W. J. Angell, and also Mr. David Davies, treasurer. Mr. Moses Williams was an ideal conductor, and also chairman of the committee. There were record entries, and the adjudicators gave every satisfaction. The adjudicators were: Music: Mr. Evan Thomas (‘Alaw Morlais’); preliminary - Mr. Tom Thomas; literature - Mr. Lewis Jones, Penyardren; accompanists - Mr. T. Walters and Mr. J. Thomas.

Awards: Boys & Girls under 8 - ‘Dos Cuddia dy Ofid’ - Vernon Davies, Fochriw; Boys and Girls under 10: ‘Look and Live’ - Penny Roberts, Ystrad Mynach; boys solo under 15 - ‘Meet

me at the Fountain' - Jackie Hughes, Bedlinog; girls solo under 15 - Alice Gittens; solo, men over 60 - Richard Thomas, Fochriw & John Skyrn, Abercanaid, divided; recitation under 16 - Gwladys Williams, Penywern & Irene Thomas, Penydarren, divided; solo under 6 - Phyllis M. Davies; open recitation - W. Llew Thomas, Fochriw; contralto solo - Mrs. Hannah C. Jones, Fochriw; soprano solo - divided between Mrs. Blanche Phillips, Dowlais, and Miss Minnie Francis, Treharris; tenor solo - Mr. Richard Lewis, Penywern; baritone solo - Mr. W. D. Bowen, Bargoed; champion solo - T. R. Jones, Dowlais; essay - 'Fochriw's Greatest Requirements' - Thomas Howell Jones; love letter - Willie Adams Jones; children's choir - Bedlinog Boys, conductor by Willie Adams Jones; mixed choir - Music Lovers, conductor Willie Adams Jones.

9 June 1923 Carmel Chapel The annual meeting was held on Sunday and Monday last. The Rev. Evan Jones, Bargoed, preached appropriate sermons. The singing was conducted by Mr. D. Davies, with Mr. Thomas Walters at the organ.

1 September 1923 St. Mary's Mothers' Union On Wednesday, about 40 members journeyed to Caerphilly. They were entertained to an excellent tea by Mrs. Wadley Underwood, after which several places of interest were visited including the castle. Mrs. Evans, the Vicarage, arranged the visit. The members returned with the 9 p.m. train.

8 September 1923 Organ Recital On Thursday evening, at St. Mary's Church, an excellent organ recital was given by Mr. T. Parry Edwards, organist and choirmaster of St. Martin's Church, Caerphilly. He was assisted by two eminent artistes in the persons of Madame H. C. Davies and Mr. W. A. Davies. The Vicar delivered an appropriate opening address, after which the hymn 'All people that on earth do dwell,' was sung with much feeling. The organist then gave the following in fine style: 'Festal March' (Elvey); 'Allegretto Grayices' (Tours); 'Minuet from Samson' (Handel); 'Melody in F' (Rubinstein); 'Festive March' (Smart); 'Hallelujah Chorus' (Handel). Then, the soloists, singly, and finally together, gave excellent renderings of their repertoire. The evening ended with the singing of the hymn 'Jesu, lover of my soul.'

29 September 1923 Spiritualism The Bargoed and District Spiritualist Society, Mr. E. Cleverley, president, has created quite a successful activity in the village. Meetings held at the Co-operative Hall have attracted large numbers.

29 September 1923 Noddfa Special services were held at Noddfa on Wednesday, to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone. The united choir gave a very fine rendering of 'By Babylon's Waves,' under the conductorship of Mr. W. A. Jones. The pastor, the Rev. Ieuan Evans, then preached a very powerful sermon. The choir sang the 'Hallelujah Chorus,' and the pastor thanked conductor and choir. Miss Hilda Phillips was at the organ, and Mr. Thomas Evans conducted the singing. Mr. T. Walters was the accompanist for the choir.

6 October 1923 St. Mary's Church Harvest services were held this week. The celebrant was the Vicar, and the special preacher the Rev. J. C. Phillips, vicar of Penydarren. Mr. W. J. Payne read the lessons, Mr. B. Angell conducted the singing, and Mr. O. Richards was at the organ.

20 October 1923 Nazareth C.M. The annual meetings of the chapel were held on Sunday and Monday, the preacher being the Rev. J. Roberts, M.A., Cardiff.

20 October 1923 Induction Service On Tuesday afternoon at Nazareth Chapel, the Rev. Richard Evans, Treorchy, was inducted to the charge of Nazareth (Fochriw) and Ysgwyddgwyn (Deri). The Rev. R.M. Harris, Troedyrhiw, presided. Mr. John Jones, deacon of Nazareth, and Mr. K.P. Jones, deacon of Ysgwyddgwyn, extended a hearty welcome on behalf of both chapels to Mr. & Mrs. Evans. Mr. John Jones said that the call was unanimous. Mr. R.F. Jones,

Deri, also spoke. The Rev. T.E. Davies, Treorchy, and the Rev. Mr. Jones, Aberavon, on behalf of the Rhondda Monthly Meeting, bore excellent testimony to the qualities of Mr. Evans as a Christian. Deacons, on behalf of Gosen, Treorchy, paid tribute to the work done by Mr. & Mrs. Evans. Amongst others who spoke were Revs. W. Arthur Jones, D.G. Evans (Merthyr), D.J. Jones (Carmel, Fochriw), S. Evans, B.A. (Vicar of Fochriw and Deri), Ieuan Evans (Noddfa, Fochriw), Mr. Isaac Morgan, Cardiff. The Rev. Richard Evans spoke a few appreciative words of thanks. The visitors were entertained to a good tea at Noddfa Vestry, provided by the good people of Nazareth and Ysgwyddgwyn. At 6p.m. at Nazareth, the Rev. T.E. Davies, Treorchy, preached a very powerful sermon. The Rev. Isaac Roderick closed the meeting with prayer. The singing was conducted by Mr. William Morris, and the organist was Mr. W.A. Davies.

27 October 1923 Social A very pleasant social evening was held at St. Mary's Hall on Friday evening last, and was well attended. There were games and dancing as well as refreshments provided by members of the Mothers' Union. Mr. Willie Hughes was M.C., and Mr. O. Richards the pianist.

3 November 1923 Social A social evening was held on Friday at St. Mary's Hall. The M.C. was Mr. Willie Hughes and the accompanist Mr. Octavius Richards.

10 November 1923 Mothers' Union A special service was held at St. Mary's on Tuesday evening, and was well attended, the preacher being Rev. J. R. D. Williams, vicar of Rhymney.

10 November 1923 Children's Social On Wednesday evening, a children's social was held in the Church Hall in connection with St. Mary's church. Quite a large number of children and several adults were present. Prizes were given for the best fancy dressed boy and girl, the Vicar adjudicating. Tea was provided by the Mothers' Union. Mr. Willie Hughes was M.C. for games, and Mr. Octavius Richards was at the piano.

17 November 1923 Church in Wales Temperance Society A Band of Hope in connection with the juvenile section of the above was started with the children at St. Mary's Church on Wednesday evening, when quite a number of children were enrolled. For the present, it is intended to meet every Wednesday evening at 5.30, when the children will be instructed and different classes formed. The Vicar, Rev. S. Evans, Mr. J. Lloyd Jones, secretary, and Mr. W. N. Hughes were in charge.

1 December 1923 Nazareth A pleasant social evening was spent at Nazareth on Wednesday evening, to welcome the new pastor, Rev. Richard Evans and his family. There was a large number present. An excellent spread had been prepared by the good people of the chapel. After tea, a first class musical programme was given. The chairman was Mr. J. P. Isaac, headmaster, who gave an appropriate opening address, followed by Mr. John Jones, who spoke encouraging words to the new pastor. Mr. Wm. Morris then sang a tenor solo in fine style; recitation by Mr. Thos. Walters; solo, Mrs. J. Walters; solo, Miss Muriel Jones; recitation, Mrs. B. B. Davies. At his juncture, the Rev. Rd. Davies gave a fine address which was much appreciated. The accompanists were Mr. I. Walters, Mr. W. Davies, and Mrs. M. Lewis.

8 December 1923 Carmel The half-yearly meetings were held on Sunday and Monday last, when the special preacher was the Rev. T. Bryn Thomas, Ferndale. All the services were well attended, with very powerful sermons preached throughout. On Sunday morning a most effective service took place, when, before a large congregation, Rev. Thomas installed five new deacons - Messrs. Wm. J. Angell, Wm. Griffiths, George Sibley, James J. Lewis and Jenkin Pugh. In effecting the sacred charge, Rev. Thomas preached an appropriate sermon which was listened to with rapt attention. The singing was conducted by Mr. David Davies (Pencerdd Morganwg), and Mr. T. Walters, A.L.C.M., presiding at the organ.

8 December 1923 Nazareth C.M. An interesting lecture was held on Thursday evening last, when Dr. D. M. Phillips of Tylorstown delivered a lecture entitled 'Twyll Ysprydegiaeth' to the large number present. Dr. Phillips dealt with his subject in a masterly way, and kept his audience in excellent spirit. Rev. D. J. Jones thanked Dr. Phillips, seconded by Rev. Ieuan Evans. Rev. Isaac Roderick, Merthyr, also spoke, and composed some appropriate verses for the occasion. Rev. Rd. Evans, Nazareth, presided. The singing of a hymn closed the proceedings.

29 December 1923 St. Mary's Church Christmas Day was observed at St. Mary's with the celebration of Holy Communion at 6a.m., 8a.m. and 11a.m., and carol service at 6p.m.. The

church had been nicely decorated in keeping with the festive season. The celebrant and preacher throughout the day was the Vicar, Rev. S. Evans. Mr. B. Angell conducted the singing, and Mr. Octavius Richards was the organist.

29 December 1923 Carmel The annual singing festival took place on Christmas Day and was well attended. The conductor for the festival was Mr. Evan Thomas, Penywern, who performed his duties in first class style. At the morning service, the Rev. D. Jenkin Jones presided. Mr. James John Lewis presided in the afternoon and Mr. Daniel Rowlands at the evening meeting. The accompanists were Mr. T. Walters, Mr. Willie Angell and Mr. Aneurin Thomas.

29 December 1923 Noddfa The annual united singing festival in connection with Nazareth and Noddfa Churches took place on Christmas Day at Noddfa Chapel. All the services were largely attended. The conductor for the festival was Mr. Willie Angell Davies. Mr. Thomas Evans, senior, presided over the morning service, Rev. Ieuan Evans over the afternoon and Rev. R. Evans over the evening. The accompanists were Miss Hilda Davies, Mr. Wyndham Lawrence and Mr. Joshua Thomas.

5 January 1924 Watch Night Service A very impressive Watch Night Service was held at St. Mary's. The address was given by the vicar, Rev. S. Evans.

5 January 1924 Nazareth The pulpit was occupied by the new pastor Rev. Richard Rees on Sunday last. He preached a very powerful sermon which was much appreciated.

12 January 1924 Fochriw Operetta: 'Feast of St. Hans' The Noddfa Welsh Baptist Church recently transformed the two vestries under the chapel into a convenient and comfortable hall for the purpose of holding entertainments, etc.. Much credit is due to ex-Sergeant Williams, Mr. Thomas Evans, Secretary, together with the other officers and young men of the church, for the time and labour spent in bringing about the improvement. Last week the hall was opened by the young people of the church. Five evening were occupied with the performance of the operetta 'The Feast of St. Hans,' by Smyth Cooper. The chief characters were: Kristin - Miss E. Phillips; Kaja - Mrs. Annie Evans; Fur Skomager - Miss Hilda Evans; Little Ika - Miss G. Thomas; Ordfofer - Mr. Thomas John Jones; Konstabel - Mr. Joshua Thomas; Skomager - Mr. T. Evans (jun); Jacob - Mr. J. Williams; Giacome - Mr. Tom Walters; Deen - Mr. D. G. Parry; Naomi - Mrs. Lydia Williams; Anna - Miss P. Williams; Elsa - Miss R. Gregory; Hans - Mr. J. R. Walters; Karl - Mr. Emlyn Evans; Holanta - Miss M. Lewis; Bruro - Master Emlyn Evans; First Brownie - Master K. Phillips; Second Brownie - Master W. Howells; Third Brownie - Master J. I. Morgan; Crier - Mr. L. Williams. The pianist was Miss H. Phillips who has been organist at Noddfa for many years, and as such is most faithful and efficient. Miss Phillips and Mr. Thomas Evans, the conductor, trained the choir and characters to attain their excellent standard. Invaluable assistance was also given by the Fochriw orchestra under the conductorship of Cllr. Dd. John Thomas. The duties of stage manager were carried out by Mr. William John, Pontlottyn. The Hall was packed, many being turned away on two occasions.

19 January 1924 "The Village Outcast" at St. Mary's Hall on January 24th, 1924. "Muzzle won't 'muzzle' your smiles." American papers please copy!

9 February 1924 St. Mary's Hall A pleasant evening was spent last Monday at St. Mary's Hall when members of the St. Mary's Drama Society sat down to an excellent tea given by the lady members of the Society. A musical programme followed.

23 February 1924 Drama The Noddfa Chapel was comfortably full on Thursday evening last, when Noddfa (Bargoed) Dramatic Society produced Mr. D.J. Davies' composition "Maesymeillion." The chairman, the Rev. Ieuan Evans, gave an appropriate address. The plot of the drama was well worked out, and great tact had been adopted in the presentation of the various characters. The Rev, W.J. Williams, Noddfa, Bargoed, thanked all, especially Noddfa Church, Fochriw, for their kindness to them, and he hoped to repay then some day. A most enjoyable evening was brought to a close by the singing of a hymn.

1 March 1924 Social On Monday night at St. Mary's Hall a most enjoyable time was spent when the Dramatics Society organised a social evening, which also included a laughable sketch, entitled 'The New Wireless.' The characters were: The Professor - Mr. W. J. Payne; Custard - Mr. Harold Harris; Archibald - Mr. J. Lloyd; Mr. Soloman - Mr Willie Harris; Uncle Sam - Mr. Tom Angell; Gertie Miller - Miss Nan Prosser. The other part of the evening was taken up with dancing.

8 March 1924 Temperance Meeting A meeting of the St. Mary's Branch of the Church in Wales Temperance Society was held on Wednesday when Mr. Charles Payne gave a very eloquent address on 'Temperance.' Mr. J. Lloyd Jones also commented from the society's text book, 'The Formation of Character,' and was ably assisted by Mr. Harold Harris.

8 March 1924 St. Mary's Hall A fine social evening was held at St. Mary's on Shrove Tuesday, and being Pancake Day, pancakes were very much in evidence at the refreshments tables, which were attended by the ladies of the church. The younger ones enjoyed themselves with games etc. Dancing was also enjoyed, the duties of M.C. being carried out by Mr. Willie Hughes, with Mr. Octavius Richards at the piano. The social concluded with a laughable sketch, the following taking part: W. J. Payne, W. N. Hughes, Harold Harris, J. Lloyd Jones, Tom Angell, R. Wilton, Miss Nan Prosser and Miss W. Hughes.

8 March 1924 Bachelor's Tea At Nazareth Chapel last Thursday, a very enjoyable evening was spent when the tray-holders were the bachelors of the chapel. There was a prize for the best-dressed table, and so keen was the competition that the adjudicators had to divide the prize between Mr. W. A. Davies and Mr. C. J. Lawrence. A sketch, 'The Bakestone,' was finely portrayed by the following members of the chapel: Miss A. M. Jones, Mrs. Edith Lewis, Mrs. Mattie Lewis, Misses Doris Davies, Katie Davies, Sophia Lee, Elenid Lawrence and Aseneth Davies. Rev. Richard Evans then gave an encouraging address after which the programme was as follows: solos – Mr. William Morris, John Adams-Jones and Phyllis Evans; recitations - Bessie and Esther Pugh; a gramophone selection chosen by Miss Mary Jones. The evening closed with singing of "Hen Wlad Fy Nhadau."

8 March 1924 Social On Saturday night at Carmel Chapel a fine social and entertainment was held and largely attended. The tables had been gaily decorated and were laden with good things, to which a good number sat down and were well attended to by the ladies of the chapel, assisted by the gentlemen. After tea a first class musical programme was given, the chairman being Mr. Moses Williams. Solos were rendered in fine style by Mr. James John Lewis, Mr. Leyshon Rowlands, Latimer Evans; duets - Misses A. Lewis and M. A. Thomas; recitations - Miss Nesta Evans and Nesta Jenkins; gramophone selections – Mr. D. J. Price. One of the highlights of the evening were two splendid dramatic selections. The accompanist was Mr. Thomas Walters: the secretarial duties were carried out by Miss Maude Jones and the treasurer was Miss E. M. Sibley.

15 March 1924 Noddfa On Friday last, a social tea was held. An excellent repast was prepared by the young ladies of the church. After food, an interesting programme was gone through which included two sketches which were much enjoyed by all present.

29 March 1924 St. Mary's Special Lenten services were held on Thursday evening when the Rev. D. Morgan of Pontlottyn gave a sermon on "God is Spirit."

12 April 1924 Lenten Services The special preacher at St. Mary the Virgin on Thursday evening was Rev. D. Morgan, Pontlottyn who gave an inspiring address, after which 'The Story of the Cross' was sung.

12 April 1924 Welsh Drama Fochriw and district were entertained to a fine treat last week, when members of the Nazareth Dramatic Society performed in excellent style, the drama 'Dic Shon Dafydd,' to crowded audiences. So great was the crowd the first three nights that a repeat performance had to be given on Saturday evening. The staging, scenery and stage effects were all that could be desired. The character selection was also excellent, and many of the players were performing for the first time on stage. Parts were played by Mr. Willie A. Jones, Mr. Jack Lawrence, Mr. Willie A. Davies, Mrs. Edith Lewis, Mr. Berkley Davies, Mr. Griffith Morris, Mr. William Morris, Mrs. T. Pugh, Miss Katie Davies, Miss Annie M. Jones, Mrs. Sophie Lee, Mrs. Mattie Lewis, Mrs. Catherine Roberts, Mr. Harry Roberts, Mr. Griffith Jones, Mr. C. J. Lawrence, Mr. Alf Simmons, Mr. J. Edgar and Master John Adams. Stage workers were Messrs. P. Isaac, Idris Jones, E. Parry, Dd. Lewis, D. Davies and J. Lewis.

19 April 1924 St. Mary's Church The usual services in keeping with Palm Sunday were held, the Vicar officiating.

19 April 1924 "Belshazzar's Feast" On Friday and Saturday evenings last, Carmel Choir, under the able conductorship of Mr. Tom Walters, A.L.C.M., gave two brilliant performances at Carmel of the oratorio "Balshazzar's Feast" (Dr. G.F. Root). It was freely commented on that

Fochriw and district had enjoyed a rich musical treat. The choir was beautifully balanced and showed a fine conception of every movement, whilst all the solosists received a rousing reception, namely: soprano, Madam H.C. Davies; contralto, Madam C.T. Walters; tenor, Mr. James J. Lewis; bass, Mr. Jas. Jones. The accompanists - Mr. Willie Angell and Mr. Aneurin Thomas - did their parts well. On Friday, the president was the Rev. D. Jenkin Jones, and on Saturday, Mr. George Sibley.

26 April 1924 Good Friday Services were held at St. Mary's. The special preacher for the three hour service was Rev. D. Morgan.

26 April 1924 St. Mary's Easter Day was celebrated at St. Mary's with morning, afternoon and evening services.

3 May 1924 St. Mary's The Easter Vestry was held on Wednesday at the Church Hall. Rev. Samuel Evans, vicar, presided. The people's warden, Mr. W. J. Payne, presented a statement of account which was very satisfactory. Marked progress had been made during the year, the number of communicants on Easter Day being very encouraging. The vicar thanked individuals and organisations for the work that they had done during the past year. Mr. W. J. Payne was unanimously re-elected as people's warden and Mr. Charles Payne was once again chosen as vicar's warden. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for presiding, and the meeting ended in prayer.

3 May 1924 Fochriw Vestry Scenes: Vicar and Parochial Council Secretary Unusual scenes were witnessed at the vestry meeting at St. Mary's Church Hall, Fochriw, on Wednesday. The Vicar, The Rev. S. Evans, B.A., who presided, objected to Mr. J. Lloyd Jones, the parochial secretary, taking the minutes of the meeting, and an argument ensued during which, it is alleged, the vicar pushed the secretary off the platform. The secretary persisted in reading out that portion of the constitution of the Church in Wales which clearly defines the duties of the parochial secretary. However, the chairman still objected, declaring that "he did not care twopence for the constitution" and further saying "he was in control of the meeting." He also threatened to send for the police to eject the secretary. The business of the meeting then continued, the chairman taking the minutes. Mr. W.J. Payne was re-elected people's warden and the vicar re-elected Mr. Charles Payne as his warden. The appointment of sidesmen was deferred, and when the election of Parochial Church Councillors was in progress, and the name of Mr. J. Lloyd Jones proposed, the chairman said that he would take full responsibility in absolutely refusing to submit this proposition, and he did refuse. After the churchwarden had presented his accounts, the vicar closed the meeting by thanking all those who had assisted him during the year.

24 May 1924 Easter Vestry The annual Easter Vestry was held at St. David's Pentwyn on Friday last.

24 May 1924 St. Marys The preacher on Sunday was the Rev. W. J. Brown, vicar designate, Rishton, Blackburn. The vicar took the service, and the lessons were read by Mr. W. J. Payne.

24 May 1924 Nazareth Rev. Joseph Jenkins, Llandovery, preached on Sunday. The singing was conducted by Mr. W. Morris, with Mr. W. Angell Davies at the organ.

7 June 1924 Noddfa: Flower Sunday and Young People's Anniversary Scholars were presented with Certificates of the Welsh Baptist Union. Flowers which were divided between the Merthyr General Hospital and Pontsarn Sanatorium were given by Mrs. Tom Evans, Miss Walters and Miss Maggie Rees.

14 June 1924 Anniversary The annual preaching services in connection with Carmel Congregational Chapel took place on Saturday and Sunday, when the Rev. Howells, Bridgend (late of Rhymney) delivered stirring sermons to large congregations. Mr. David Davies conducted the singing, and Mr. T. Walters presided at the organ.

28 June 1924 St. Mary's Church Tuesday being St. John the Baptist Day, services were held at St. Mary's Church at 11a.m. and 7.30p.m. The services were conducted by the Vicar, and the sermon was preached by the Rev. R. Evans, B.A., the new curate of the parish, whose address was greatly appreciated.

28 June 1924 Carmel: Pastor's Farewell Sermon The Rev. D. Jenkin Jones preached his farewell sermon on Sunday last to large congregations, previous to his departure to take charge of Cilcennyn and Dihewyd, Cariganshire. For the last four years he has laboured faithfully at

Fochriw, where his presence will be greatly missed. His many friends wish him well in his new sphere of work. An account of the presentation will appear next week.

5 July 1924 Double Honour Ex-Police Sergt Henry Williams, a deacon of Noddfa Baptist Chapel, has been appointed president of the Rhymney Valley Baptists for the coming year. Also, he has been appointed treasurer of the East Glamorgan Baptist Association.

5 July 1924 Presentation A large and representative gathering assembled at Carmel Chapel on Monday evening to show appreciation of the services of Rev. D. Jenkin Jones, who is leaving Fochriw for Cilcennyn, Cardigan, after four years working in the village.

12 July 1924 Sunday School Treats The treat for Carmel Congregational and Nazareth C. M. Chapels was held on Monday. The treat for Noddfa Sunday School was on Wednesday. The weather at Barry was ideal for the treat.

26 July 1924 Carmel On Friday, Miss S.J. Ellis, B.A., Bangor College, conducted a service and preached a very edifying sermon, which was much appreciated by the number present. The pulpit was occupied on Sunday by the Rev, David Davies, Merthyr, who gave a very inspiring discourse. The singing was conducted by Mr. David Davies, and Mr. T. Walters presided at the organ.

26 July 1924 Mothers' Union About 30 members of the St. Mary's Branch journeyed to Llandaff on Monday to join in the special service at the Cathedral. Mrs. S. Evans, the enrolling member, led the party. The party was entertained to an excellent tea at the home of Nurse Thomas, Brynmorlais, Cardiff, one of the late members of the branch, where an excellent spread had been prepared, to which all did justice.

9 August 1924 St. Mary's Hall: Sale of Work A sale of work was held on Friday last in aid of work on the churchyard. The Hall had been gaily decorated, and presented a very pleasing appearance. The ladies of the Church have been very busy at the Vicarage, sewing and getting ready for the event, under the untiring leadership of Mrs. Evans. The Vicar presided at the opening ceremony which was performed by Col. Lindsay of Ystrad Mynach. The accompanist was the Rev. R.C. Evans, B.A., curate. The chairman gave an encouraging address, after which Mr. W.J. Payne, people's warden, proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Colonel for so kindly coming amongst them to open their sale of work. Mr. Charles Payne, vicar's warden, seconded, and the vote was carried with acclamation. The several stalls included Mothers' Union stall, parochial stall, fancy stall, sweet stall, Deri stall, jumble stall, refreshment stall, hoop-la and bran tub. Thanks are due to all who worked so hard to make the event such a great success.

16 August 1924 Carmel The pulpit at Carmel was occupied on Sunday by their old pastor, the Rev. D. Huws Jones, now of Llanelly, who preached very edifying sermons to large congregations. Mr. T. Walters presided at the organ, whilst Mr. David Davies conducted the singing

20 September 1924 Pulpit The pulpit at Nazareth C.M. Chapel was occupied on Sunday last by the Rev. B. Evans, who preached very powerful sermons, which were appreciated by the congregations. The singing was conducted by Mr. W. Morris, with Mr. Wyndham Lawrence presiding at the organ.

20 September 1924 Sunday School Treat The annual Sunday School tea party in connection with St. Mary's Church took place on Thursday last, and proved a great success. The weather was very favourable, and the little ones enjoyed themselves to their hearts content. They assembled at the Hall at 2 o'clock, where prayers and a short address were given by the Vicar, Rev. S. Evans. Afterwards, the children were marshalled up outside the Hall, and looked a pleasing sight in their dresses of various colours. Headed by the Vicar, the curate, Rev. R.C. Evans, and the churchwardens, the children paraded the streets of the village with their banners proudly floating in the breezes. After the parade, they returned to the Hall where the tables were laden with all good things that go to gladden the hearts of the little ones. After tea, sports and games were indulged in, and a happy time was spent. Great credit is due to all who worked so hard to make the treat such a success.

4 October 1924 Harvest Festival Services were held on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at St. Mary's. The Rev. James of Fleur de Lis was the special preacher. The choir was conducted by Mr. J. Wood on account of the family bereavement of Mr. Angell.

18 October 1924 Nazareth Harvest Festival services were held on Monday and Tuesday last.

25 October 1924 Nazareth Calvinistic Methodist Special yearly meetings were held on Sunday and Monday.

25 October 1924 Whist Drive A whist drive was held at St. Mary's Hall. Among the players were Mr. and Mrs. Evan Evans of Australia, who had left the village 38 years ago. They presented the prizes to the winners. The Conservative candidate called to apologise for the clash with his election meeting. The duties of M.C. were shared between Rev. S. Evans and Mr. W. J. Payne.

1 November 1924 St. Mary's A special meeting in connection with the Mothers' Union was held.

1 November 1924 Children's Social A children's social was held at the Church Hall. Taking part in the entertainment were W. J. Payne, Harold Harris, Sid Way, Nan Prosser and Rowena Harris, who performed a laughable sketch. The accompanist was Harry Hughes.

8 November 1924 Mothers' Union Special services were held on Tuesday at Bargoed.

8 November 1924 All Hallows Eve Childrens' Fair Held at the Church Hall and organised by the Vicar and Mrs. Evans.

15 November 1924 St. Mary's Profound reverence marked the observation of the "two minutes' silence" at St. Mary's Church. The service was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. S. Evans. The hymn, "Jesu, Lover of My Soul," was very feelingly sung, and as the appointed hour drew near, the bell sounded its solemn toll, and there reigned supreme silence. At the close, the hymn, "O God, Our Help in Ages Past." was sung.

6 December 1924 Protestant Laity Association A meeting of this organisation was held on Monday at the Hall. Mr. C. Vincent Jones was appointed chairman, Mr. O. L. J. Rees, vice-chairman and Mr. P. V. Warner, secretary. Mr. O. J. Morgan read a paper to the gathering.

13 December 1924 Carmel Half-yearly meetings were held led by Rev. J. Charles Jones of Dowlais.

20 December 1924 "King of Kandy" Carmel Juvenile Operatic Society under their conductor W. J. Angell presented this operetta. The following took part: Annie Jones - Princess; Harry Hughes - King of Kandy; Mr. Idris Griffiths - Prince Zaria; Tommy Howell Jones - Prince Karaya; Haydn Davies - Chancellor of the Exchequer; Leyshon Rowlands - Lord High Executioner; Tom Lewis - Court Physician; Miss M. J. Cole - Mistress of the Nautch; C. Davies - Court Jester; L. Slimmons - Court Magician. Other parts were taken by Mr. E. Davies, Mr. D. J. Davies, Mr. I. Davies, Mr. C. Davies, Mr. Evan Davies, Mr. Gwynfor Davies, Miss R. Griffiths. The accompanists were Miss Hannah Evans and Mr. W. Lawrence. Members of the orchestra were Miss Agnes Cook, Messrs. Bob Rees, W. Barry, H. Morgan, J. Price and D. Morgan. Stage managers were Messrs. J. J. Lewis, E. M. Davies, W. Griffiths and W. R. Lewis.

3 January 1925 Social A Christmas Social was held at St. Mary's on Monday. Prizes were given to every child. Rev. S. Evans, Mrs. Evans and helpers gave a very pleasant evening to all the children.

3 January 1925 St. Mary's Church Christmas services commenced on Christmas Eve at midnight with a celebration of Holy Communion. There was a choral celebration and carol service at 6.30p.m. on Christmas day.

3 January 1925 United Singing Festival On Christmas Day, Noddfa and Nazareth Chapels joined together at Noddfa. The conductor was Mr. Thomas Evans and the singing was of a very high standard. The morning was presided over by Mr. Henry Williams and opened by Mr. William Davies. The afternoon meeting was presided over by Mr. Willie Adams Jones and opened by Mr. William Morris. Rev. Ieuan Evans was the evening president. Great praise is due to the choirs and to the organists Miss Hilda Phillips and Messrs. Wyndham Lawrence and Joshua Thomas.

3 January 1925 Singing Festival A singing festival was held at Carmel Chapel on Christmas Day and conducted by Mr. Septimus Ashton of Aberafan. The morning meeting was presided over by Mr. George Sibley and opened by Miss Tegwen Cumpstone reading a portion of scripture. The organist was John E. Davies. The afternoon meeting was presided over by Mr. Jenkin Pugh and opened by Miss Rona Lewis. Mr. William Angell was at the organ and Miss Agnes Cook was soloist. Mr. J. J. Lewis presided over the evening meeting. This was opened

by Miss Beryl Ballard. Mr. Ashton conducted. A duet was given by Mrs. G. Thomas and Miss Ceinwen Ballard. Mr. Thomas Walters was at the organ.

10 January 1925 Lecture Dr. Phillips gave a lecture 'The Miracles of the Twentieth Century' which was very well attended. Rev. Richard Evans, pastor of the chapel, was chairman.

10 January 1925 "Jan of Windmill Land" On Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday last, large and appreciative audiences gathered at Noddfa Vestry for performances of the above by the children of Noddfa. The children had been carefully trained and performed their parts splendidly, looking very smart in their beautiful costumes. The principal parts were: Miss Hilda Evans - Frau Masterdyk; Master Emlyn Evans - Jan; Kenneth Phillips - Max; Windsor Rees - Piet; Master Richard Jones - Mathis; Miss Dilys Evans - Myn; Miss Margaret H. Williams - Gertrunn; Burgomaster - Mr. Emlyn Evans; Masters John Mantle, John Thomas and William Davies - Retainers; Mr. Thomas John Jones - St. Nicholas; Mr. Crad Thomas - Knight Ruprecht; Miss Elvis Phillips - Mrs. John Bull; Miss Magdalene Pugh - Alice; Miss Doris M. Thomas - Beatrice; Masters Tegfryn Evans, Gwyn Evans, Thomas J. Walters and Ivor Morgan - Golliwogs; Miss Elsa Matthews - Fairy Queen; Misses Lily Thomas, Katie Thomas, Bessie Williams, Esther Pugh, Betty Jones, Tidwen Morgan, Bethune Gregory and Beryl Gittings - Flower Fairies; Kathleen Williams, Minnie Lewis, Margaret Robertson, Marion Gregory, Doris Edwards, Hannah Mantle - Baby Bulbs; Phyllis Davies and Eirlys Evans - Black Fairies; Rau Parry and Chrissie Davies - Dutch Girls; Egryn Thomas - Dutch Boy. Mr. Thomas Evans was the conductor and Miss Hilda Phillips the accompanist. Great praise is due to them, to the orchestra under their conductor Mr. David J. Thomas, and to numerous willing helpers with stage and scenery.

17 January 1925 Choir Outing The members of St. Mary's Surplice Choir spent a very happy time on Saturday last at Newport (Mon).

17 January 1925 Whist Drive An excellent whist drive was held at the Church Hall last Thursday. The duties of M.G. were carried out by the Rev. S. Evans, vicar. The winners were: ladies - 1. Mrs. T. Evans; gents - 1. Mr. W.J. Davies. Other prizewinners were: Mrs. D.J. Thomas, Miss E.M. Lawrence, Messrs. E. Evans & T.I. Evans. The prizes were presented by Mrs. Joliffe, Newport, Mon. The energetic secretaries were Messrs. C. Ballard and J. Richards.

24 January 1925 Social A well-attended social-dance was held at the Church Hall on Tuesday evening last. The refreshments were attended to by members of the Mothers' Union. The M. C. was Mr. E. Puddle, with Mr. Wyndham Lawrence as a very efficient accompanist.

31 January 1925 Social A well-attended social and dance was held at the Church Hall on Thursday evening last. The Hall had been nicely decorated for the occasion. The refreshments were attended to by members of the Mothers' Union. The duties of M.C. were ably carried out by Mr. E. Puddle, with Mr. Wyndham Lawrence as a very efficient accompanist.

14 February 1925 Pulpit The pulpit of the Parish Church was occupied on Sunday by the Vicar, Rev. S. Evans, who made touching references to the passing away of one of the members of the church in the person of Mrs. Olwen Evans, wife of Mr. Mordecai Evans. The Vicar expressed deep sympathy for the family. The pulpit at Noddfa was occupied by the Pastor, Rev. Ieuan Evans, who delivered a very striking, and greatly appreciated, English sermon entitled 'The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse.'

21 February 1925 Noddfa The pulpit was occupied on Sunday last by the respected pastor, Rev. Ieuan Evans. The sermon was on the 'Ten Commandments.'

21 February 1925 Whist Drive and Dance Held at St. Mary's Hall on Thursday last. The M. C. for whist was Mr. W. J. Payne, and for the dance Mr. E. Puddle. Mr. Davies, Rhymney was pianist and Mr. Williams, violinist.

28 February 1925 Mothers' Union On Friday evening, a pleasant time was spent at St. Mary's Hall, when members of the St. Mary's Branch of the Mothers' Union and their friends, numbering close to 100, sat down to a knife and fork supper. Games and a musical programme followed. The accompanist was Mr. Harry Hughes. Solos were rendered by Mr. Willie Jones. The Branch, with Mrs. Evans as enrolling member, has been instrumental in raising hundreds of pounds for church work. On Monday, they entertained the children to a social evening.

28 February 1925 Protestant Alliance Meeting Held on Tuesday at the Hall. The following persons were elected: Mr. Roy Morgan - chairman; Mr. John Paine - vice-chairman; Mr. J. Bedford Lewis, B.Sc. - secretary. The organising secretary, Mr. V. G. Fowler, who is at present touring South Wales explaining the ideals of the Alliance, said it was not out to govern the Church. It was open to both sections of the Church, and he did not think it progressive to wage war on the so-called arrogance of priests. The main aim was that of educating the people to the Protestant faith, and to win people by quiet reasoning to the faith. Mr. D. Evans, B.A., who is accompanying Mr. Fowler, read a paper on 'The Oxford Movement.'

14 March 1925 Noddfa Vestry On Saturday evening the members and friends of Noddfa celebrated St. David's Day in fine Welsh style. An excellent bachelors' tea was provided followed by a miscellaneous programme which included a very fine sketch.

14 March 1925 Nazareth Gwyl Dewi was celebrated at the chapel on Monday. The tables had been nicely laden with good things, and were superintended by the bachelors of the chapel. A miscellaneous programme followed the tea.

21 March 1925 Noddfa Chapel Special services were held at Noddfa on Thursday last. There were large attendances. The special preachers were: Rev. R. G. Hughes, Pontlottyn, in Welsh; and R. S. Rogers, B.A., of Swansea, in English. On Sunday, Rev. Ieuan Evans made a number of new members, holding a baptismal service. He also gave a stirring sermon on 'Baptism.' Mr. Thomas Evans conducted the singing, whilst Mr. Joshua Thomas played the organ.

21 March 1925 St. Mary's Church A very impressive Lenten Service was held at St. Mary's on Wednesday evening. The Vicar gave a very striking sermon on 'The Prodigal Son.'

21 March 1925 Drama On Friday and Saturday last, the Carmel Dramatic Society gave an excellent performance of the drama 'Alun y Meddig' to large audiences. The principal characters were: Mr. Tom Walters, Miss Maria Jones, Mr. Lewis H. Angell, Mr. William Evans, Mr. Harry Hughes, Miss Olwen Lloyd, Mr. David Griffiths, Miss Annie M. Jones, Miss Ceinwen Ballard, Miss Sarah Jones, Miss Annie Jones, Mr. Edmund Davies, Mr. Bryn Davies, Mr. David H. Lewis, Mr. Evan Davies, Miss A. M. Jones, Miss Nesta Evans, Miss Mary J. Cole. The stage management was in the capable hands of Mr. Thomas Jones, with Messrs. Willie R. Lewis and R. Burrows as scenic artists.

28 March 1925 St. Mary's A special Mothers' Union service was held on Tuesday evening the Vicar preaching an appropriate sermon. Books and calendars were given to children and adults by the Vicar.

4 April 1925 St. Mary's On Wednesday evening, a Lenten service was held. The special preacher was Rev. J. H. Bloomer, Caerphilly.

11 April 1925 Palm Sunday From early morn until late in the day, the churchyard of St. Andrew's, Pentwyn, was visited by hundreds of people from around the district. The graves bore evidence in beautiful floral tokens to the old customs of paying tribute to loved ones now "beyond the veil."

11 April 1925 St. Mary's Services were held on Palm Sunday, commencing with the normal celebration of Holy Communion at 8a.m. At 11a.m. a distribution of palms took place, followed by choral celebration. The services were continued at 6p.m. The preacher and celebrant throughout the day was the vicar, Rev. S. Evans. The lessons were read by the churchwarden, Mr. W.J. Payne, and Mr. Octavius Richards presided at the organ.

11 April 1925 "The Dark Little People" On Thursday, Friday and Saturday last, the Nazareth Dramatic Society presented a Welsh comedy entitled, "The Dark Little People," to crowded audiences at the Library Hut. The production of the play was without doubt a dramatic achievement of the highest order, and would have done credit to a first-class company. All the artistes appeared to be perfectly at ease in their respective parts, and were loudly cheered. The whole performance was one of which the Nazareth Dramatic Society can feel proud, and we hope to hear more of them in the future. The stage arrangements were admirably carried out, and the dresses and effects were good. It would be a pity to make comparisons where the entire cast deserved praise. The characters were performed by: Mr. Berkely Davies, Mr. Charlie Budd, Mr. Griff Morris, Mr. Willie A. Jones, Mr. John Edgar, Mr. W.A. Jones, Mr. Griff Jones, Mr. Alf Slimmons, Miss Katie Davies, Mrs. Davies, Mrs. J. Lawrence, Mrs. David Lewis, Mrs.

J. Lewis, Miss A. Lawrence, Miss E. Lawrence. The duties of stage manager were ably carried out by Mr. David Lewis, with Mr. Wyndham Lawrence as an efficient accompanist. Thanks are due to all the members of Nazareth who helped to make the drama the success it was.

18 April 1925 St. Mary's Easter Services Morning, afternoon and evening services were held, the Vicar officiating. Mr. W. J. Payne read the lessons, Mr. Berkley Angell conducted the choir, Mr. Octavius Rees was at the organ and Mr. Morton played the violin.

25 April 1925 Baptism On Tuesday at Rhas Las pond above the village, five young men of the Penticostal Movement were baptised by their leader Mr. William Jones, Dowlais Top. An address was given by Mr. H. Jones, Cwmbargoed on 'Christian Baptism and its Significance.'

25 April 1925 Whist Drive Under the auspices of the Mothers' Union Guild, a successful whist drive took place on Tuesday evening in the Church Hall. Pianoforte and violin selections were given in excellent style by Mr. Octavius Richards and Mr. T. J. Horton of Pengam. M. C. for the whist was Mr. T. B. Edwards.

25 April 1925 Easter Vestry The annual Easter Vestry of St. Mary's Church took place on Wednesday, the Vicar presiding. The Vicar thanked all who had contributed to the work of the Church during the past year.

2 May 1925 Pulpit News The pulpit at Nazareth was occupied by Rev. Mr. Jenkins of Bargoed, who preached very powerful sermons. The singing was conducted by Mr. Wm. Morris, with Mr. Wyndham Lawrence as organist.

9 May 1925 St. Mary's Hall: Childrens' Social This was held on Friday evening last with a large attendance. The Vicar, Mrs. Evans and others entertained the children, which included many games. Refreshment followed.

9 May 1925 Whist Drive A highly successful whist drive was held by members of the Mothers' Union on Monday night at St. Mary's Hall. It was very well attended. Refreshments were served by members of the branch. The M. C. was Mr. T. B. Edwards.

16 May 1925 Social Dancing and whist were included in a very happy social evening at St. Mary's Hall on Saturday evening. M. C. for dancing was Mr. T. B. Edwards and for whist Mr. W. J. Payne and Mr. Brangwyn. Refreshments were served by members of the Mothers' Union. Mr. Octavius Richards was at the piano and Mr. Horton at the violin.

16 May 1925 Noddfa The many friends of the highly respected pastor, Rev. Ieuan Evans, will be pleased to know that an unanimous and hearty invitation to the pastorate has been extended to him from Saron Baptist Church, New Tredegar. After careful consideration, Rev. Evans has decided to remain at Noddfa. It would have been a severe loss to Noddfa had he decided to leave. The church has flourished since his coming. There are large congregations on Sundays, well-attended weekly prayer meetings, and other branches of church work are going well. May he stay in our midst long into the future.

16 May 1925 Childrens' Concert On Thursday at St. Mary's Hall, the Abertysswg McLaren Juvenile Choir, under their conductor Mr. J. R. Matthews, gave a first-class concert, the Hall being almost filled to capacity. Rev. S. Evans thanked the choir heartily for their excellent efforts, and was particularly grateful that the concert had been given free of charge in order to swell church funds.

23 May 1925 Confirmation A number of Fochriw candidates were confirmed by the Bishop of Llandaff at a service in Cyfarthfa Parish Church. Rev. W. Evans prepared the candidates.

13 June 1925 Outing The children of Noddfa Baptist and Nazareth C.M. Churches, accompanied by a large number of adults, went on an outing to Barry Island last Wednesday.

13 June 1925 Special Services The annual services in connection with Nazareth church were held last Saturday and Sunday. Rev. Davies of Cardiff was the special preacher. Mr. William Morris conducted the singing and Mr. Wyndham Lawrence was at the organ.

20 June 1925 Carmel The annual meetings in connection with Carmel Congregational Chapel took place on Sunday and Monday last, and were very well attended.

20 June 1925 Musical Treat On Thursday evening the inhabitants of the village were entertained to a first-class musical treat when the Church Choir, under the conductorship of Mr. Thomas Walters, A.L.C.M., A.Mus.L.C.M., gave an excellent performance of 'Abraham,' assisted by the following eminent artistes: Soprano - Miss Annie Jones; Contralto - Miss Ceinwen Ballard; Tenor - Mr. T. J. Jones, B.A.; Bass - Mr. W. Angell; Boy soprano - Master

Vernon Davies; Accompanist - Miss Hannah Evans. Both choir and artistes were in great form. The chairman was Mr. G. Sibley.

27 June 1925 Noddfa On Sunday afternoon, the Rev. Ieuan Evans delivered a sermon on "The Ten Commandments." Mr. John Williams sang a baritone solo. The conductor was Mr. Thomas Evans, with Mr. Joshua Thomas at the organ.

27 June 1925 Mothers' Union On Monday, the Mothers' Union branch of St. Mary's Church, with friends, journeyed by charabanc to Penarth to attend the festival at All Saints' Church.

11 July 1925 Whist a whist drive was held at the Church Hall on Tuesday evening.

11 July 1925 Carmel Chapel: Sunday School Treat On Monday, members of the Sunday School and numerous adults spent a happy day at Barry Island.

11 July 1925 St. Mary's Church The annual Sunday School tea and sports took place on Thursday. A children's service was held in the Church, and at 2p.m. the children and adults paraded the streets, headed by the Vicar, clergy and churchwardens, after which was the tea and sports.

25 July 1925 Whist Drive A very successful whist drive was held at St. Mary's Hall on Tuesday. The M. C. was Mr. W. Candrick.

1 August 1925 Flower Sunday Last Sunday, Noddfa Baptist held its annual Flower Sunday or Children's Day. Flowers presented by the Sunday School children were arranged by the young ladies of the Church. Children's sermons were preached by the pastor at both morning and afternoon services. The afternoon service was of a miscellaneous character, the following taking part: Emlyn Evans, Richard J. Price, Gwyneth Parry, Tegfryn Evans, Maggie H. Williams, Marjorie Lewis, L. Morris, Mrs. Hilda Evans, Nehemiah Thomas and Christy Davies. The Fochriw Male Choir rendered two choruses in fine style under their conductor Mr. W. J. Angell.

8 August 1925 Whist Drive A whist drive took place at the Church Hall on Thursday. The winners were: Ladies - 1. Mrs. Jones; 2. Miss A. Lawrence; Gents - 1. Mr. W.J. Payne, 2. Mr. Charles Hollister.

8 August 1925 Concert On Sunday, a well attended sacred concert took place at Carmel Chapel, under the auspices of the Fochriw Male Voice Party, under the able conductorship of Mr. W.J. Angell, assisted by the following artistes: Mrs. H.C. Davies, Mrs. C. Walters, Mr. John Williams, and Miss Nesta Jenkins. The chairman was Mr. Thomas Evans. The choir sang the following choruses: "Artyrs of the Arena," "Loudly Proclaim," and "Crossing the Plain."

26 September 1925 Concert Under the chairmanship of ex-Sergt. Williams, the Fochriw Male Voice Party, assisted by eminent artistes, provided a first-class concert at Carmel Chapel on Tuesday evening. The attendance was good.

3 October 1925 Harvest Festival On Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Harvest Thanksgiving services were held at the Parish Church of St. Mary's. The Church had been beautifully decorated with a profusion of fruit, flowers and vegetables. On Sunday, the services commenced with Holy Communion at 8a.m.; matins and sermon at 11a.m.; children's service at 3p.m.; and evensong and sermon at 6p.m. The Vicar officiated throughout the day. On Monday the special preacher was Rev. Evans of Deri, and on Tuesday Rev. Price, Rector of Bedwas. The Fochriw Male Voice Party under their conductor Mr. W. Angell performed at the Tuesday service. On Wednesday the special preacher was Rev. Phillips, Sub-Warden of St. Michael's College, Llandaff. The lessons were read throughout by the churchwarden Mr. W. J. Payne, and the Choir under their conductor Mr. Berkley Angell sang the harvest anthem 'Render Thanks and Praise.' Miss Myrtle Harris took the solo. Mr. Octavius Richards was at the organ.

10 October 1925 St. Mary's Hall On Monday, a whist drive was held. The M. C. was Mr. Brangwynne.

17 October 1925 'The Widow's Son.' Very successful performances of this work were given by Noddfa Dramatic Society on Thursday, Friday and Saturday last, at Noddfa Vestry, to crowded audiences. The drama is the work of the pastor, Rev. Ieuan Evans. Those taking part were: Master Tegfryn Evans, Mr. D. J. Jones, Miss Elizabeth A. Evans, Mrs. Tom Evans, Master Windsor Rees, Mr. Gomer Williams, Miss Elfryns Phillips, Mr. Joshua Thomas, Mr. Tom Walters, Mr. Caradoc Thomas, Mr. Thomas Evans, Misses Marjorie Lewis and Phyllis

Williams, Mr. D. J. Parry, Mr. Bert Edwards, Mr. John Williams, Mr. Tom Thomas, Mr. Emrys Evans, Mr. Emlyn Evans, Mr. John Rees Walters, Mr. Tom Walters and Mr. Thomas Evans. The chairman on Thursday was Mr. D. Hughes, M.E., manager of Ogilvie; on Friday, Mr. John Bevan, M.E.; Saturday, Mr. D. Williams, M.E., manager Groesfaen.

24 October 1925 Nazareth Half-yearly meetings were held on Sunday and Monday. They were very well attended. The preacher was Rev. D. Williams, Aberavon.

7 November 1925 Social An All Hallows Eve tea and entertainment was held at St. Mary's Hall. Mr. W. J. Payne was chairman for the evening. Winners of the singing and recitation competitions were Albert Dummett and May Adams. A sketch, 'Advertising for a Servant,' was performed by the young ladies of the Church, with the following taking part: Misses Addie Baldwin, Margaret Harris, Lena Rees, Margaret Richards, Cissie Evans, Ursula Harris, Jessie Llewellyn and Olive May Payne. Tea was provided and apples distributed - the gift of the Vicar.

14 November 1925 Harvest Thanksgiving Services Services were held at Noddfa Baprist Church last Sunday and Monday. Special sermons were preached by the Pastor, Rev. Ieuan Evans. An English service was held on Sunday afternoon, when Rev. Evans preached to an appreciative congregation.

21 November 1925 Dramatic Society Members of St. Mary's Dramatic Society have been rehearsing a drama, "Driven from Home," which will be performed on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

21 November 1925 St. Mary's Church A very solemn service was held at St. Mary's on Armistice Day. the Vicar gave a most effective address and the two minutes silence was observed.

28 November 1925 St. Mary's Church During the service on Sunday, some of the Queen-Mother's favourite hymns were sung in memory of Queen Alexandra.

5 December 1925 Whist Drive A whist drive was held at St. Mary's Hall on Thursday. The Vicar was M. C.

28 November 1925 Drama On Thursday, Friday and Saturday last, at the Church Hall, St. Mary's Dramatic Society, under the directorship of Mr. W. J. Payne, added another brilliant success to their high reputation as amateur actors, when they produced the human drama, 'Simon Lee,' and 'Driven from Home.' The scenic touches were in the capable hands of Mr. Willie Curtiss. The actors were: Mr. H. Hughes, Mr. Harold Harris, Mr. W. J. Payne, Mr. Percy Gwynne, Mr. David Tyler, Mr. J. L. Jones, Mr. C. Ballard, Mr. T. B. Edwards, Mr. H. Ballard, Mr. T. James, Mr. Sid Way, Mr. Jack Lawrence, Mrs. H. Hughes, Mrs. W. J. Payne, Mrs. W. Candrick, Miss R. Davies, Miss V. Wilton, Miss Gwyneth Evans and Miss Cynthia Candrick. Stage managers were Messrs. Charles Hollister and H. C. Payne. The pianist was Mr. Octavius Richards and the violinists Misses Mary Morgan and Agnes Cook.

12 December 1925 Carmel Half-yearly meetings were held on Sunday and Monday, led by a former pastor of the Church, Rev. D. Huws, now of Llanelly, who preached inspiring sermons. The singing was conducted by Mr. Davies, with Mr. T. Walters at the organ.

5 December 1925 Social At St. Mary's Hall, a children's social took place with a musical programme, games and a laughable sketch.

19 December 1925 Drama Week A very successful drama week is being held at Carmel Congregational Chapel this week. The members have been working very enthusiastically and have got together some excellent companies: Tonyrefail, Bedlinog, Bethania (Dowlais), Morlais (Dowlais), Rhymney and Rhymney Dramatic. The adjudicators are Rev. Ieuan Evans, Fochriw, and Mr. R. J. Jones, J.P., Aberbargoed.

26 December 1925 Nazareth The pulpit on Sunday was occupied by Rev. Isaac Roderick, a former pastor, now of Merthyr. The singing was conducted by Mr. William Morris and Mr. Wyndham Lawrence was at the organ.

26 December 1925 Drama Week The drama week at Carmel was a great success. The following is a list of the dramas performed: Monday, Tonyrefail, 'Oeshwn Pencoedmer;' Tuesday, Bedlinog, (a) 'Firois,' (b) 'Noson o Farrug,' (c) 'Y Pwllgor;' Wednesday, Bethania, Dowlais, 'Y Boneyi;' Thursday, Morlais, 'Nobody's Daughter;' Friday, Rhymney, 'Outside the Gates;' Saturday, Rhymney, 'Maesymeillion.'

26 December 1925 Xmas Fare At St. Mary's Hall on Monday evening 'Ye Olde Christmas Fare,' was held and well attended. The following stalls had been set up: Mothers' Union Stall; Sweet Stall; Fancy Stall; Refreshment Stall; Parochial Stall; Skittles; Hoop-la; Bran Tub; Sweet and Flower Sellers.

2 January 1926 St. Mary's Christmas Day was observed at St. Mary's with services of Holy Communion at midnight, 8am and 11am. - the later being choral. The celebrant was of the vicar. At 6.30p.m. there was evensong and carol service, the conductor being Mr. Berkley Angell and the organist Mr. Octavius Richards.

2 January 1926 Singing Festival On Christmas Day, the annual singing festival was held, and was well attended. The singing reached a very high standard. The conductor was Mr. Septimus Ashton, Aberfan. The chairmen were: morning – Mr. William Griffiths; afternoon – Mr. George Sibley; evening – Mr. Evan M. Davies. The organists were Messrs. Thomas Walters and Willie Angell.

2 January 1926 Noddfa Chapel On Christmas Day, the united choirs of Noddfa and Nazareth held a singing festival, and a very fine programme of music given. The conductor was Mr. William Morris, and the accompanists Messrs. Wyndham Lawrence and Joshua Thomas. The chairman for the morning was Miss Katie Davies. In the afternoon the Rev. Ieuan Evans presided, and in the evening, Mr. David Davies and the Rev. R. Evans, Deri.

2 January 1926 Pulpit News The preacher at Nazareth Church on Sunday was Mr. J. Alun Jones, a student at Cardiff University College. This young man is the son of Mr. David Jones, schoolmaster, Ystrad Mynach, who is a native of our village, and a grandson of Mr. John Jones, who for a long period was secretary and precentor of Nazareth Church.

9 January 1926 St. Mary's A Watch Night service was held at St. Mary's Church on New Year's Eve, conducted by the Rev. S. Evans, who gave a very appropriate address. Mr. Wyndham Lawrence presided at the organ.

9 January 1926 Social A very pleasant social evening was held at St. Mary's Hall on Thursday, and was very well attended. The duties of M.C. were very ably carried out by Mr. T. B. Edwards, while a fine programme of music was given, with Mr. Octavius Richards at the piano.

16 January 1926 Choir Supper On Wednesday, at St. Mary Hall, the choir Supper took place. Speeches were given by the Vicar and churchwarden. Votes of thanks to the vicar and Mrs. Evans for their efforts with the children, were carried with acclamation. The cloth removed, the evening was given over to games and singing. The following contributed to the programme: Misses A. Baldwin, M. Harris, L. Rees, J. Llewellyn, U. Harris, Messrs D. J. Williams, A. Llewellyn, W. Rees, and I. B. Edwards. The accompanist was Mr. Octavius Richards.

23 January 1926 St. Mary's Hall An enjoyable whist drive was held last Thursday. The M.C. was the Vicar.

6 February 1926 Social On Friday evening, at St. Mary's Hall, a very happy children's evening was spent. There was singing and games. Tea was served by members of the Mothers' Union. The programme was presided over by Mr. W. J. Payne. The recitation competition was won by David Lloyd Jones. The following contributed to the musical programme: Ursula Harris, Margaret Richards, Jessie Llewelyn, Sylvia Adams, D. J. Williams, D. J. Price, Danny Potter, Alvin Llewelyn, Windsor Rees, Lena Rees, Robert Llewelyn. The meeting concluded with a laughable sketch "Cupid's Frolics," the following taking part: Addie Baldwin, Lena Rees, Olive May Payne, Margaret Richards, Sylvia Adams, Enid Gittoes and Jessie Llewelyn.

13 February 1926 Mothers' Union Supper The members and friends of the St. Mary's Branch of the Mothers' Union, held their annual supper on Tuesday evening. The tables were under the supervision of Mrs. S. Evans. The vicar thanked the members for the good work they were doing in connection with the church.

13 February 1926 Concert On Sunday evening at Carmel Chapel, a sacred concert was held, when the choir, under the conductorship of Mr. Thomas Walters, gave an excellent rendering of "Abraham," to a very large audience. Both choir and soloists were in excellent form and created a fine impression. The choir, conductor and accompanist (Mr. W. Angell) deserve praise for their masterly performance. The chairman was Mr. Geo. Sibley.

6 March 1926 Carmel Chapel St. David's Day was commemorated with a social and concert. The ladies who presided at the tables were: Mesdames A. Davies and E. A. Evans, Misses M. Cook, M. Jones, B. Rowlands, G. Evans, L. Jones and L. Lawrence. Mr. M. Williams was chairman, and Mr. T. Llewelyn of Bristol gave an address. The following contributed to the programme: organ solo, T. Walters; solo, L. Evans; violin solo, Miss M. Morgan; solo, R. Price; duet, C. Cole and T. Cumpstone; solos, L. Rowlands, Nest Evans & H. Thomas; humorous reading, T. Walters. Mr. W. Angell sang "Hen Wlad fy Nhadau," Mr. T. Walters accompanying.

6 March 1926 Nazareth Chapel Quite a happy time was spent on St. David's night. The concert was presided over by Mr. William Morris. The accompanists were Mr. Wyndham Lawrence and Miss Katie Davies. The following contributed to a musical programme: songs by the children, "Bachgen Bach o Gymry," "Ar Hyd y Nos;" recitations, Esther M. Pugh, Jessie Jones and Bessie Pugh; quartette, Mr. Willie Davies and party; duet, Messrs. G. & Wm. Morris; duet, Maggie Slimmons & Jessie Jones; duet, Mr. W. A. Davies and Miss Addie Lawrence; solo, Mr. Wm. Morris, Masters Alfred Davies and Ewart Davies. Rev. R. Evans gave a very inspiring address. The singing of "Hen Wlad fy Nhadau" brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.

6 March 1926 St. David's Day was celebrated by the Young People's Society of Noddfa Church by a social, when the trayholders were Mrs. M. A. Jenkins, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. M. J. Jones, Mrs. Clark, Miss Marjorie Lewis, Miss Phyllis Williams, Mrs. Lydia Williams, Mrs. Morris, while the helpers were Mrs. Morgan (Rising Sun), Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Jones and Mr. William Davies. A competitive entertainment was enjoyed. The president was the Rev. Ieuan Evans. Following the entertainment, a drama was performed, which created roars of laughter. The characters were taken by Miss Marjorie Lewis, Miss Phyllis Williams, Messrs. Herbert Edwards, John R. Walters, Caradoc Thomas, Tom Thomas, Emllyn Evans, Joshua Thomas, Miss Elizabeth Ann Evans, Miss Magdelene Pugh, Miss Maggie H. Williams, Mr. David G. Parry, Miss Doris Thomas and Mrs. Tom Evans. The joint secretaries were Mr. J. Thomas, Mr. Albert Edwards and Mr. Tom Thomas. Ex-Sergeant William managed the scenery.

6 March 1926 St. Mary's Church The special preacher at the Lenten service on Wednesday was the Rev. D. Morgan, Pontlottyn.

13 March 1926 Lantern Lecture Mr. R. George Reeves, Cardiff, gave a lecture on "The Truth about Russia" at the Church Hall on Friday, illustrated with lantern slides. Rev. S. Evans presided.

20 March 1926 Protestant Faith Guild A meeting of the above guild took place last Monday evening at the hall. The following officers were chosen: chairman, Mr. Gwilym John Paines; vice chairman, Mr. D. R. Evans; honorary secretary, Mr. Percival Burton, Graig House; delegates to conferences, Mrs. J. R. Kendrick and Miss Lewis. The Rev. J. R. Pennant-Smith, author of "The Right Road" and "Aids to the study of Holy Scripture" give a very fine address on "Why Roman Catholicism has failed in Wales." A vote of thanks to the speaker was proposed by Mrs. Moore and seconded by Mr. Hubert Adams. All applications for admission to the above Guild should be addressed to the honorary secretary.

20 March 1926 St. Mary's Church A well-attended Lenten service was held at St. Mary's on Wednesday evening. Rev. D. R. Morgan, Pontlottyn, gave a splendid discourse. The vicar intoned the service, with Mr. O. Richards at the organ.

27 March 1926 Confirmation At the Parish Church of St. Mary's, the Lord Bishop of Llandaff held a confirmation service on Monday evening, the sacred edifice being crowded. The service throughout was most impressive and there were 53 candidates confirmed from Deri, Fochriw and Pantywaun.

27 March 1926 Drama On Thursday, Friday and Saturday last, the members of the Carmel Dramatic Society gave excellent performances of the drama "The Human Factor" (Naunton Davies). The play had been well prepared and was much appreciated by the large audience. Those who took part were: Messrs. Thomas Walters, Evan Davies, Miss Olwen Lloyd, Mr. William Evans, Mr. Daniel James, Miss Annie Maud Jones, Miss Annie Jones, Mr. Thomas Howell Jones, Mr. David H. Lewis, Mr. Edmund Davies, Mr. David Griffiths, Miss Maria

Jones, Mr. Iorwerth Evans, and Miss Ceinwen Ballard. The duties of stage manager were ably carried out by Mr. T. Jones, and the scenic artist was Mr. W. R. Lewis.

3 April 1926 Lecture A very interesting and instructive lecture was given by the Rev. W. Cynon Evans, Treherbert, at Nazareth Chapel last Monday, to a large number of people. The lecturer took as his subject "Athrilyth a Hwyliau Hen Bwlpud Cymru." The lecture and discussion which followed were much appreciated and enjoyed by all. Rev. Richard Evans presided.

3 April 1926 St. Mary's Church On Tuesday evening, the inhabitants of Fochriw were entertained to a rich feast of Passion Music by the choir of St. Peter's Church, Deri, under the very able conductorship of Mr. John Owen. Rev. Redvers Evans presided at the organ. The Vicar gave a short address, which was much in keeping with the occasion.

10 April 1926 Carmel Chapel A very successful concert was given at Carmel Chapel on Sunday by the members of the Fochriw Male Voice Party, and was presided over by Mr. W. J. Payne. Mr. W. J. Angell conducted, and Mr. W. Edwards was the accompanist. The following selections were given by the Party: "Martyrs of the Arena," "Crossing the Plain," "Sleep Thy Last Sleep" (in memory of the faithful departed), and "Crusaders" (the test piece for Cardiff). Soprano solos were given by Madame Adams, Deri; contralto solos, Miss Evans, New Tredegar; recitations, Miss Nesta Jenkins and Master Richard Price. Hearty votes of thanks were proposed by Mr. D. J. Davies, secretary of the choir, and seconded by Mr. Jenkin Pugh.

24 April 1926 Easter Vestry The annual Easter vestry was held in the Church Hall on Wednesday evening and was well attended. The Reverend Samuel Evans, vicar, presided. He was supported by his warden, Mr. Charles Payne, and the people's warden, Mr. W. J. Payne. The vicar said that this was his seventh Easter vestry, and he was pleased to see so many present. The past year had had its difficult periods owing to industrial depression, but, nonetheless, they had been able to meet their obligations. He thanked all who had helped during the year. The churchwardens supported the vicars remarks, giving especial thanks to the Mothers' Union for its splendid efforts. The auditors report was given by Mrs. L. G. Jones and Mr. C. Ballard. Both wardens were re-elected. A strong body of sidesmen and Parochial Council were also elected. The vicar moved a vote of condolence with the family of the late Sir Walter Nicholas.

1 May 1926 Whist Drive Held on Monday evening at the Church Hall. The Vicar was the M.C.

8 May 1926 The Churches The following officiated at the various churches on Sunday: St Mary's, morning, Rev. S. Evans; evening, Rev. R. Evans; Nazareth, Mr. Edwards, Trevecca College, Brecon; Noddfa, Rev. Ieuan Evans; Carmel, Mr. Jones, Cardiff College.

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15 May 1926 Nazareth Chapel The half yearly meetings in connection with the chapel were held up on Sunday and Monday, and were well attended. The Rev. J. Davies, Aberfan, preached edifying sermons to large congregations. The singing was conducted by Mr. William Morris, whilst Messrs. Wyndham Lawrence and Willie Davies presided at the organ.

29 May 1926 St. Mary's Church The Whitsun festival was observed at the above Church with the following services: 8a.m. and 11a.m., Holy Communion; 2:30p.m., children's service; 6:00p.m., evensong. The celebrant and preacher throughout the day was the vicar. Mr. Richards presided at the organ and Mr. Angell conducted the singing.

19 June 1926 Carmel Chapel The annual meetings in connection with the chapel were held on Sunday and Monday. Rev. J. Phillips, Mountain Ash, preached very edifying sermons. Mr. T. Walters was at the organ, with Mr. David Davies conducting the singing.

26 June 1926 Mothers' Union A large number of the St. Mary's branch journeyed to Llandaff Cathedral on Thursday last to join in the jubilee services at the cathedral. The arrangements were in the hands of Mrs. S. Evans, The Vicarage. On Sunday, at St. Mary's, the jubilee year

was observed. A large number attended the early celebration. The Vicar read the faculty for the stained window which it is proposed to unveil in July. On a brass tablet will be engraved, "To the glory of God and in sweet memory of the sons of our mothers. This window was erected by the Fochriw Branch of the Mothers' Union." The services were continued on Tuesday, the special preacher being the Vicar of Pontlottyn, Rev. A. Lloyd Jones. Mr. O. Richards was the organist.

17 July 1926 Eisteddfod at Carmel What was acclaimed to be the most successful eisteddfod ever held in the village took place on Saturday at Carmel Chapel. The singing, in the words of the well-known conductor, Mr. Abel Jones, Rhymney, reached a very high standard. Although the competitions were very keen, a happy spirit prevailed. The conductor was the Rev. Ieuan Evans. The proceeds were in aid of the distress funds, and a goodly sum was realised. The winners were: boys 'solo - R. J. Price; girls solo - Olwen Chapman; pianoforte solo, Nesta Evans; recitation - Nesta Evans; champion solo - R. J. Price; soprano solo - divided between Madame H. C. Davies and Miss M. Jones; contralto solo - divided between Mrs. H. Evans and Mrs. M. J. Lewis; tenor solo - Mr. Willie Jones; baritone solo - Mr. C. Davies; love letter - divided between Messrs. W. A. Jones and T. Jenkins; prize bags - Mrs. W. H. Jones; hymn tune (over 50 years) - Mr. A. Walters; female choir - "Gentle Saviour, King of Love" - three parties competed, prize won by "Marionettes," conductress, Madame H. C. Davies; mixed choir - prize won by North Staffordshire, conductor Mr. J. J. Lewis; male voice - "Crusaders" - prize won by Plant y Mynydd, conducted Mr. Griffith Jones. The adjudicators were: music - Mr. Abel Jones, Rhymney; literature - Mr. Samuel Lewis, Fochriw; prize bags - Mrs. S. Evans, The Vicarage. The accompanists were Mr. Wyndham Lawrence and Mr. Thomas Walters. The secretarial duties were ably carried out by a Mr. James Gregory.

24 July 1926 Pulpits The pulpit at St. Mary's was occupied on Sunday last by Mr. W. J. Payne (morning), and the Rev. R. C. Evans, Deri, (evening). Carmel Chapel: Miss Thomas, Carmarthen. Noddfa: Rev. Ieuan Evans. Nazareth: Mr. Pugh, Llandebie.

31 July 1926 Chair Eisteddfod A successful Eisteddfod was held at Carmel Chapel on Saturday. The adjudicators were: music - Mr. John Thomas, Penywern; literature - Mr. William Jones, Dowlais. The conductor of the Eisteddfod was Mr. W. J. Payne. The energetic secretary was Mr. James Gregory; chairman, Mr. William Price; accompanist, Mr. Wyndham Lawrence. The awards were as follows: solo, boys under 10 - Vernon Davies; ditto girls - Phyllis Davies; recitation under 10 - Miriam Davies; boys solo under 14 - Vernon Davies; girls solo under 14 - Nesta Jenkins; recitation - Psalm 23 - Morfydd Jones; pianoforte solo - Nesta Evans; Children's Choir "Sweet and Low" - three choirs competing - Pontmorlais (conductress Miss Adelaide Lawrence), Young Musicians (Mr. D. J. Davies), Strike Songsters (Miss Annie Jones)- winners Strike Songsters; soprano solo - Mrs. Margery Lewis; contralto solo - Mrs. H. Evans; baritone solo - Mr. J. Williams; prize bags - Mrs. Doris Thomas; novelty bad prizes - Miss A. G. Thomas and Miss Elsie Griffiths; love letter - Miss Stella Cole. The winner of the chair for the best verses on the Eisteddfod proved to be Mr. Evan M. Davies, who was chaired with the usual ceremonies. Adult recitation - Mr. James Williams; duet - Miss Addie Lawrence and Mr. W. A. Davies; hymn tune - Mr. Joseph Shankland; female choirs - 3 competed - Cor Gwalia (Miss S. Jones), Craig y Nos (Mrs. J. Lawrence), Miss Ceinwen Ballard's Choir - winner, Cor Gwalia; mixed choirs - "O Dduw, rho im' Dy Hedd" - 2 competed - Manchester United (Mr. J. Evans), North Staffordshire (Mr. J. J. Lewis), the latter winning; male voice party - "Tempest and Calm" - 3 competed - Plant y Mynydd (Mr. Griff Jones), Music Lovers (Mr. Willie Roberts), Philharmonic (Mr. Joshua Thomas) - winners, Philharmonic. The proceeds were in aid of the Distress Fund.

7 August 1926 Churches: Pulpit St Mary's: Rev. R. C. Evans; Noddfa: Rev. Ieuan Evans; Nazareth: Rev. Rd. Evans; Carmel: Rev. Harris, Merthyr.

21 August 1926 Eisteddfod A very successful Eisteddfod was held at Carmel Chapel on Thursday and was well attended. The competitions were very keen, and the singing reached a high standard. The conductor for the day was the Rev. Ieuan Evans, who did his work splendidly. The adjudicators were: music - Mr. David Jones, Bargoed; literature - Mr. Isaac Evans, Deri; prize bags - Mrs. Evans and Mrs. J. Llewellyn; preliminary adjudicators - Messrs. W. J. Angell and T. Walters; accompanists - Messrs. Wyndham Lawrence and Willie Angell.

The secretaries were Messrs. J. Gregory and John Walters. The proceeds were in aid of the Distress Fund. The choral competition results were as follows: Children's Choir - Fochriw Music Lovers (Miss Annie Jones); Mixed Choir - North Staffordshire (Mr. J. J. Lewis); Male Voice Party - Penywern (Mr. D. J. Davies).

4 September 1926 Former Pastor Visit At Carmel chapel on Sunday, there was a large attendance, the occasion being the visit of the Rev. D. Hughes Jones, Llanelly, who preached powerful sermons which were much appreciated. The singing was conducted by Mr. David Davies, with Mr. Thomas Walters at the organ. The Rev. Jones was for some years the respected pastor of Carmel Chapel.

4 September 1926 Concert A first class competitive concert was held at Carmel Chapel on Friday evening last in the aid of the distress Fund. The adjudicators were: music, Mr. Tom Gabriel, Bargoed and Mr. David Jones, Bargoed; literature, Rev. I. Evans, Fochriw; accompanists, Mr. T Walters and Mr. Wyndham Lawrence.

25 September 1926 Siloh On Wednesday, services were held at the chapel to commemorate the reopening after renovations. The preachers were the Rev. Ieuan Evans, Noddfa, Fochriw, who preached a very edifying English sermon, and the Rev. Gibbon, Gelligaer, whose Welsh sermon was much appreciated. The Fochriw Ladies Choir, under the conductorship of the Mr. Willie Davies, rendered special choruses. The accompanists were Messrs. Joshua Thomas and Wyndham Lawrence, and the conductor of the singing was Mr. Thomas Evans.

23 October 1926 Carmel Young People's Guild The first meeting of the above Guild took place on Wednesday, when the programme for the evening was a miscellaneous concert. The following took part: pianoforte solo - Miss Nesta Evans; solos - Miss Ceinwen Ballard, Messrs. Latimer Evans and Claerwyn Davies; recitations - Mr. T. Walters. A sketch entitled "The Doctor's Holiday," proved very comical, and was much enjoyed. Hymns were sung at the commencement and conclusion of the meeting. Mr. S. Jenkins proved a capable chairman, and he outlined the aims and objects of the Guild. Short addresses were given by Messrs. T. Howell Jones, Jenkin Pugh, Daniel Rowlands, and Evan Morgan Davies, who urged all to join and make the Guild a social asset to the village.

30 October 1926 Harvest Festival The harvest services took place at St. Mary's on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and there were large congregations. The church had been beautifully decorated with different fruits and a profusion of flowers, and presented a pleasing spectacle. The services throughout were very inspiring. The Vicar was the preacher and celebrant on the Sunday. Monday: Rev. J. C. Payne, Vicar of Cymmer, Port Talbot; Tuesday: Rev. V. B. Jones, Merthyr; Wednesday: Rev. A. Jones, Vicar of Pontlottyn. The lessons were read by Mr. W. J. Payne, and the organist was Mr. Wyndham Lawrence.

6 November 1926 Carmel Y.P.G. The weekly meeting took place on Wednesday. The programme was a debate on "Who should be treasurer in the household?" Papers were read by Miss A.M. Jones and Mr. T.H. Jones. The majority were in favour of the wife being the treasurer.

13 November 1926 St. Mary's The pulpit was occupied on Sunday last by Rev. L. Evans, Vicar of St. James, Tredegar. The services were in keeping with Remembrance Sunday.

20 November 1926 Fochriw Memorial: Unveiling of Stained Glass Window: Impressive Ceremony Services of an impressive character were held at St. Mary's Church on Thursday last (Armistice Day). The Church was filled to capacity with people who had assembled to do honour to those brave sons who had died leaving behind precious and fragrant memories. The window had been erected by members of the St. Mary's Branch of the Mothers' Union, of which Mrs. S. Evans is the enrolling member. The window is a magnificent work of art, erected in the west end near the font, and was the admiration of all. It is a striking figure of the Blessed Virgin and Infant Child, surrounded by the Angels, with a brass tablet underneath with the following inscription: "To the Glory of God and in sweet memory of the sons of our mothers. This window was erected by the Fochriw Branch of the Mothers' Union." The service commenced with the singing of the hymn, "Gracious Saviour, Who didst honour." The vicar, the Rev. Samuel Evans, then took the service, after which Mr. W. J. Payne, churchwarden, read a portion of Scripture from Ecclesiastes. Then the procession to the west end of the Church took place for the unveiling. The ceremony was performed by Mrs. J. Jones, Merthyr Tydfil, in

the following words: "To the glory of God and to the memory of the sons of our mothers, we unveil this window in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, Amen." The Rev. R. L. Rhys, Llanishen, Rural Dean, delivered a stirring sermon, taking his text from Deuteronomy, "Thou shalt remember." Amongst the representative gathering was a large number of the Pontlottyn Branch of the Mothers' Union; the Deri Branch of the British Legion, and several from the outlying districts. After the service, tea was provided in the Church Hall.

20 November 1926 Eisteddfod A very successful Eisteddfod was held at Noddfa vestry on Thursday last with the members of the chapel, when some splendid singing and keen competitions were the order of the evening. The officers were chairman, Mr. T. J. Jones; adjudicators - music, Mr. G. Thomas; literature, the Rev. I. Evans; accompanist, Miss H. M. Phillips. The winners were as follows: girls solo under six: Edna Jones; girls solo under 10: Eunice Morris; girls solo under 14; Iris Evans; boys solo under 10: Tom Jenkins; boys solo under 14: Richard Price; duet: Bethune Gregory and friend; soprano solo: Miss Margery Lewis; contralto solo: Miss Elvis Phillips; tenor solo: Mr. T. J. Jones; bass solo: divided between Messrs. E. Evans and J. R. Walters; Champions solo: Miss Marjorie Lewis and Mr. Tom Wales; impromptu speech: Mr. Crad Thomas; open recitation: Mr. T. J. Jones; duet: Mavis and friend; hymn tune over 50 years: "Siencyn"; male voice: Mr. J. R. Walters' party; ladies Choir: Miss Elvis Phillips' party.

27 November 1926 Nazareth Chapel The annual meetings were held on Sunday and Monday. The Rev. T. E. Jones, Merthyr, preached inspiring sermons. Mr. Willie Davies presided at the organ, and Mr. William Morris conducted the singing

27 November 1926 Carmel Young People's Guild On Wednesday, Miss A. M. Jones presided. Readings were given by Messrs. C. Cook, D. James, H. Harris, E. M. Davies, W. Griffiths, and J. Davies. A successful unpunctuated reading competition was arranged by Miss Jones, and a humorous singing competition by Mr. Thomas Walters.

27 November 1926 Drama At Carmel Chapel on Tuesday evening, the St. Mary's Dramatic Society gave a performance of "Simon Lee." This company, under the management of Mr. W. J. Payne, has been in great demand during the strike. Mr. William Price was the chairman, and the principal characters were: Messrs. W. J. Payne, Harry Hughes, T. B. Edwards, Harold B. Harris, Caradoc Ballard, Jack Lawrence, Gilbert Harris, D. Tyler, H. Ballard, W. Thomas, Mrs. H. Hughes, Mrs. W. J. Payne, Mrs. W. Candrick, Mrs. T. B. Edwards, Miss Rosie Davies, Miss C. Candrick, Miss E. Edwards, Mrs. Gwyne, Mrs. Jones, and Mrs. Tyler. The accompanist was Mr. Octavius Richards, and stage-managers Mr. Charles Hollister and Mr. Charles Morgan. The scenic artist was Mr. William Curtis.

27 November 1926 Concert At Noddfa Vestry on Friday a concert was held, the chair being taken by the pastor, the Rev. Ieuan Evans. The following contributed to the programme: solos, Miss Margery Lewis; duet, Emlyn and Jack; recitation, Miss Ray Parry; solo, Mr. Bert Edwards; recitation, Miss Elsa Matthews; solo, Mr. D. G. Parry; recitation, Mr. Gomer Williams; duet, Miss Elvis Phillips and Miss Margery Lewis; sketch, "The Will"; sketch, "Dr Killumkwick"; sketch, "The Singing School." This was the American Trio's first appearance in Wales - Messrs. D. E. Evans, B. Edwards and J. R. Walters. Miss Marjorie Lewis sang "Hen Wlad fy Nhadau." The accompanist was Miss Hilda Phillips.

4 December 1926 Drama On Wednesday evening, the Dramatic Society gave a repeat performance of the drama, "Driven from Home," at Carmel Chapel, and received a great ovation. On Sunday evening, they gave a performance at St. David's Hall, Rhymney.

4 December 1926 Concert A first class concert was given on Thursday evening at Carmel Chapel in the aid of the welcome home funds by the Pontlottyn Glee Party, under the conductorship of Mr. Victor Lewis. The chair was taken by Councillor Tom Jenkins, and the accompanist was Mr. Thomas Walters.

4 December 1926 Presentation Carmel Chapel was crowded on Tuesday evening, the occasion being the presentation of handsome gold pendants, suitably inscribed, to Mrs. Sarah Davies and Mrs. Amy Lewis on their return from Cardiff. The chairman was County Councillor Marriott, Dowlais; Councillor Jenkins, Fochriw; Councillor Edwards, Deri; Mr. D. W. Prosser and Mr. D. J. Evans, Dowlais. The presentation was made by Mrs. Jones in her customary

graceful manner. At the close, a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the chairman, speakers, chapel authorities, and all who contributed to such an excellent evening.

11 December 1926 Drama The Dramatic Society gave a performance of the drama "Driven from Home" at the Bargoed Institute on Monday evening, before a very appreciative audience.

11 December 1926 Carmel Chapel The half yearly meetings in connection with the chapel were held on Sunday and Monday last and were well attended. The preacher throughout the services was the Rev. T. George, Tredegar, who preached stirring sermons, which were much appreciated. On Sunday afternoon, the Rev. George preached in English. The singing was conducted by Mr. David Davies, with Mr. Thomas Walters at the organ.

18 December 1926 Carmel Young People's Guild On Wednesday, the weekly meeting was held, presided over by Mr. T. H. Jones. A paper was read by Mr. D. M. Davies on "The history of the Fochriw."

25 December 1926 Carmel Young People's Guild On Wednesday, the weekly meeting was held, presided over by Mr. T. Walters. Miss Gwyneth Havard, a member of the Nazareth Guild, Pontlottyn, read a paper on "Time." There were a good number present, and nearly all responded and commented on the paper.

1 January 1927 Singing Festival At Carmel Chapel on Christmas Day, the annual singing festival was held. The special conductor for the day was Mr. Henry, Llandebie. The morning session was presided over by Mr. Daniel Jenkins; Miss Mona Ballard read a portion of Scripture; duet, Mr. Ronald Lewis and Miss Ceinwen Cole. The afternoon meeting was presided over by Mr. William Griffiths, when Master Tudor Davies read a portion of Scripture, and a solo was given by Mrs. T. Walters. The evening meeting was presided over by Mr. David Griffiths; Mr. Thomas Walters read a portion of Scripture; solo, Miss Agnes Cook; recitation, Nurse Ballard Davies. The choir rendered their programme. The accompanists were Mr. Thomas Walters, Mr. Willie Angell, and Miss Nesta Evans.

1 January 1927 Noddfa Festival The Christmas singing festival of the united chapels of Nazareth and Noddfa, was held on Christmas Day at Noddfa chapel. The singers were trained by Mr. William Morris and Mr. Thomas Evans. The conductor was Mr. Thomas Evans. The morning was presided over by Mr. Thomas Evans, senior, and a portion of scripture was read by Mr. Thomas Walters. The afternoon meeting was presided over by Mr. Berkley Davies, and a portion of scripture was read by Mr. William Morris. The evening meeting was presided over by the Rev. Ieuan Evans, and a portion of scripture was read by the Rev. Richard Evans. The choir gave renderings of hymns and anthems. The accompanists were Mr. Wyndham Lawrence, and Mr. Joshua Thomas.

8 January 1927 St. Mary's Hall On Friday evening, a children's concert took place, the following taking part: Misses Ursula Harris, Jessie Llewellyn, Miriam Davies, Enid Edwards, Hannah Lewis, Thelma Thomas, Mair Williams, Francis Adams, Violet Grimmet, Wynda Edwards, Eirwen Williams, Phyllis Martin, Lesley Candrick, R. J. Price, William Pullen, W. J. Jones, H. Ballard and Mr. Bert Miller. The singing competitions proved very keen, the winners being Misses Hannah Lewis, Ursula Harris, and Jessie Llewellyn. Mr. C. Ballard was the adjudicator. The concert ended with a laughable sketch entitled "A Queer Lot," the following taking part: Mr. W. J. Payne, H. B. Harris, W. Thomas, D. Tyler, D. J. Williams, and B. Miller.

15 January 1927 Concert Carmel Chapel was crowded on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, when the Juvenile Choir, under the able conductorship of Miss Annie Jones, produced a programme of music, action songs and dances that will live long in the memory of all who were present. The scenery and stage effects were delightful. Miss Annie Jones (conductor), Mrs. S. J. Jones (instructress) and Mr. Brinley Richards (accompanist), the three of whom had charge of the whole enterprise, are to be congratulated on their success. The proceeds are in aid of Carmel Chapel funds. The chairmen were Councillor Tom Jenkins, Mr. William Price and Mr. Sam Lewis. The stage manager was Mr. W. R. Lewis. The following was the programme: prologue, Miss Nesta Jenkins; "Hurrah Chorus" the Choir; "Afternoon Tea" march, song and drill; "Song of the Woodland" Miss Phyllis Davies; "Beautiful Flowers," action song by the Flower Girls; floral dance; recitation, "Baby's Treasures," Miss Mattie Jenkins; "The Child and the Robin" the Choir; solo, "Love's own sweet song" Miss Addie Lawrence; Butterfly Song and Dance; violin solo "The Wanderer" Miss Mary Morgan; recitation, "Mother's Little Errand Girl" Miss Nesta

Jenkins; "Rag Dolls" - action song; "The Butterfly's Ball" chorus, the Choir; duet, "Gathering Flowers" Misses Addie Lawrence and Iris Edwards; "Caller Herrin" action song; violin solo; action song; recitation; "Ffarwel i'r Gwynt a'r Eira" chorus by the Choir.

15 January 1927 St. Mary's On Sunday, the special preacher was the Rev. E. H. Day, organising secretary of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel. The Vicar intoned the service, and the lessons were read by Mr. W. J. Payne. Mr. O. Richards was the organist.

22 January 1927 Whist Drive A whist drive was held at St Mary's Hall on Monday evening. The vicar was the M. C..

22 January 1927 Concert A Children's Concert was held at the Church Hall on Friday evening. The following took part: Wynda Evans, Beryl Gittings, Enid Edwards, Maggie Slimmons, Miriam Davies, Marion Gregory, Cynthia Candrick, Eirwen Williams, M. J. Jones, Alfred Dummett, Mr Bert Miller, Mair Williams and party, W. J. Davies and party, banjo selections - Mr B. Miller. Open singing competition: winner, Mary Lewis. Singing competition under 12 - 1. Mary Lewis; 2. Doris Edwards; 3. Phyllis Martin. The adjudicator was Mr C. Ballard. The evening concluded with a laughable sketch entitled "The Man in the Box." The following took part: Messrs. W. J. Payne, H. B. Harris, D. Tyler, W. Thomas, H. Ballard, B. Miller, G. Baldwin.

29 January 1927 Whist Drive Held at the Church Hall on Monday evening. The M. C. was the Vicar.

29 January 1927 Concert A Children's Concert was held at the Church Hall on Friday evening presided over by Mr. W. J. Payne. The following contributed to the programme: Mr. R. J. Price, Miss H. Lewis, C. Lewis, M. Lewis, Doris Edwards, Marion Gregory, Ursula Harris, Enid Edwards, S. A. Jones, Edith Jones, W. J. Davies and party, Miriam Davies, Wynda Edwards, M. Williams. Singing competition - "Will you meet me at the Fountain? - winner, Miss Mary Lewis. Recitation - Psalm 23 - winner, Miss Doris Edwards. A laughable sketch concluded the programme.

5 February 1927 Whist A very pleasant whist drive was held at St Mary's Hall on Monday evening. The Vicar of was the M. C.

5 February 1927 Concert A children's concert was held at the Church hall on Friday evening, presided over by Mr. W. J. Payne. The following contributed to the programme: Mary Lewis, Eirwen Williams, Miriam Davies, Maggie Slimmons, Enid Edwards, Gwyneth Evans, Edith Jones, Marion Gregory, Sarah Ann Jones, Thelma Thomas, Betty Simpson, Frances Adams, Elfreda Davies, Mattie Jenkins, Nesta Jenkins, Ursula Eirwen Williams. Impromptu speech competition: winner, Miss O. M. Payne. Singing competition under 16: winner, Miss Ursula Harris. A laughable sketch concluded the programme.

5 February 1927 A New Play Excellent performances of the new play entitled "The Rider of the White Horse," by the Rev. Ieuan Evans, were given at Noddfa vestry on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings, by the Noddfa Dramatic Society. The appreciative audiences ranked the play and performances with the best ever seen at Fochriw. The characters were played by: Mr. Joshua Thomas, Miss Marjorie Lewis, Miss Elvis Phillips, Mr. Thomas John Jones, Mr. Emllyn Evans, Mr. John Roberts, Mr. John Rees Walters, Mr. Albert Edwards, Miss E. Walters, Mr. Tom Thomas, Mr. David George Parry, Mr. Cradoc Thomas, Mr. David G. Paris, Mr. Brin Thomas, Miss Dilys Evans. The stage assistants were: Mr. Robert Thomas, Miss Hilda Phillips, Mrs. Ieuan Evans, and Miss Irene Phillips. The secretarial duties were carried out by Mr. Jenkyn Thomas, and the treasurer was Mr. Gwilym Thomas. The party have been the recipients of endless congratulations for stage arrangements, team work and such a splendid production. This is the second work written by the pastor to be performed at Fochriw. The first was "The Widow's Son." The reverend gentleman's energy has not only brought honours through such able and talented performances, but has also brought him Fellowship of the Victoria College, London, with honours; and given him the right to use the B.Ch. from a well known university.

12 February 1927 Noddfa Chapel The pulpit was occupied on Sunday last by the pastor. An important announcement was made at the evening service which should be interesting to all English speaking people in the locality: an English service will be held next Sunday at six o'clock, when the pastor will deliver an English sermon on the subject "The King's Glory."

19 February 1927 Whist Drive A whist drive was held at the Church Hall on Monday. The M.C. was Mr. W. Candrick. Mrs. Howells distributed the prizes.

19 February 1927 Drama On Friday and Saturday, the inhabitants of the district were entertained to a performance of the drama, "The Village Outcast," performed by the St. Mary's Dramatic Society, under the direction of Mr. W. J. Payne. The Vicar presided, and gave an encouraging address each evening. The following took part: Messrs. W. J. Payne, Harold B. Harris, T. B. Edwards, Percy Gwynne, W. Curtis, Jack Lawrence, H. Ballard, Crad Ballard, and Mrs. W. J. Payne, Mrs. L. Candrick, Mrs. L. Edwards, and Misses Margaret Edwards, Addie Lawrence, Maggie Morris, Lena Rees, Margaret Harris, Rosie Davies and Sal Evans. The accompanist was Mr. Octavius Richards. The scene artist was Mr. W. J. Curtis, and the stage attendants Mr. C. Hollister, Mr. C. Payne and Mrs. Gwynne.

26 February 1927 Drama The St. Mary's Dramatics Society gave a performance off "The Village Outcast" at Deri on Monday evening.

26 February 1927 St. Mary's Hall A whist drive was held on Tuesday evening. Mr. W. Candrick presided.

5 March 1927 Social On Monday, at the Church Hall, the children were entertained to a tea and entertainment. The Vicar and Mrs. Evans, with a band of helpers, worked hard with the little ones. A musical programme was given by Kenneth Price, Amy Jones, Eddie Jones, J. Mills, R. J. Price, P. Martin, Francis Adams, J. Williams and Leonard Jones.

5 March 1927 Carmel Young People's Guild The meeting on Wednesday was presided over by Miss Mary Griffiths. Mr. Thomas Walters read a paper entitled "With the Great Masters - Beethoven, Mozart and Handel," and illustrated his reading with works on the piano. The meeting concluded with Welsh folk songs by the Guild choirs, this being preparation for St. David's night.

5 March 1927 Concert At the Church Hall on Friday, a Children's Concert was held, Mr. W. J. Payne presiding. The following contributed to a miscellaneous programme: R. J. Price, Willie Johnson, Walter Mummery, Ursula Harris, Ceinwen Lewis, Marion Gregory, Enid Edwards, Lorna Mummery, Hilda Everett, Wyndam Edwards, Mavis Pritchard, Freda Davies, Jessie Llewellyn; duet - Mary Lewis and Goronwy Tyler; quartette - Ursula Harris, Mavis Pritchard, Ceinwen Lewis and Bethune Gregory; singing competition under 16 years - winners - Ursula Harris, Ceinwen Harris and Mavis Pritchard; singing under 10 - Mary Lewis. The adjudicator was Mr. C. Ballard, and the accompanist Mr. Octavius Richards.

12 March 1927 St Mary's Social A "Pancake Day" social was held at St. Mary's Hall on Shrove Tuesday. The event was organised by the Mothers' Union, and was well attended. A whist drive was held at which a large number took part. Afterwards, there was dancing, Mr. Wyndham Lawrence being the accompanist.

12 March 1927 Drama The Nazareth Dramatic Society performed the drama "The Miser's Daughter," at Nazareth Chapel on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The scenery and stage effects were very good, everything combining to make it one of the best performances this company has given. The part of the miser found a worthy character in Mr. Jack Lawrence, and the miser's daughter was finely portrayed by Miss Addie Lawrence, whose appearance for the first time as a leading actress proved a great success. Others taking part were Mr. Willie Davies, Mr. Berkley Davies, Mr. Griffiths Jones, Mr. Griffith Morris, Mrs. David Lewis, Mr. Charles Budd, Mr. Trevor Lawrence. The stage manager was Mr. David Lewis.

12 March 1927 St David's Day At Nazareth chapel on St. David's night, a well attended social and entertainment took place in commemoration of the Patron Saint. The chairman was Mr. Jack Lawrence. The following contributed to the programme: solos - Misses E. M. Pugh, Marion Gregory, Hilda Morris, Mr. Griff Morris; recitations - Bessie Pugh, Mrs. Edith Lewis, Esther Pugh, Griffith Morris; readings - Phyllis Evans, Jack Lawrence; duet - Maggie Slimmons and Jessie Jones; trio - Esther Pugh and friends; duet - Mr. and Mrs. D. Lewis; solos - Douglas Evans and friend, Amy Jones, Ewart Davies; Welsh jig - Adelaide and Eiluned Lawrence; quartette - Mrs. D. Lewis, Miss A. Lawrence, Messrs. W. A. Davis and D. Lewis. The singing of the "Hen Wlad fy Nhadau" brought an enjoyable evening to a close.

12 March 1927 Carmel Church Celebration An enjoyable evening was spent on St. David's night when the annual social was held and a special programme arranged by the Guild. The

Guild choir rendered Welsh folk songs such as "Llanberis," "Hob y Deri Dando," "Bugrilio Gwenith," and "Aderyn Du Pigflyn." Other items were: pianoforte solo - Miss Nesta Evans; solo "Welsh Melody," Mr. Thomas Walters; dialogue - Messrs. Gomer Evans and Latimer Evans; gramophone selections - Miss Mary Jones; song - Mr. C. Davies; recitation - Mr. T. Walters; song - Mr. L. Evans; Welsh unpunctuated reading - winner, Mr. Lewis Angell; violin solo - Miss Mary Morgan; dialogue - Messrs. E. M. Davies and T. Walters; song - Mr. Leyshon Rowlands; recitations - Mrs. Ballard Davies and Miss Nesta Jenkins. Mr. S. Jenkins presided.

19 March 1927 Carmel Young People's Guild The weekly meeting was presided over by Miss Elsie Griffiths. The programme for the evening was "Literature Night," and all members responded by reading or reciting poems from the works of favourite authors.

19 March 1927 Pulpit Noddfa: Rev. Ieuan Evans, pastor; Carmel: Rev. J. G. Jones, Dowlais; St. Mary's: Mr. W. J. Payne (morning), Rev. S. Evans, vicar (evening); Nazareth: Mr. D. J. Jones, Trevecca College, Brecon.

26 March 1927 Nazareth A very pleasant social took place at the chapel on Thursday evening last. The members of Nazareth Dramatic Society were entertained to supper by the members of the chapel in appreciation of their last successful performance of "The Miser's Daughter," in aid of chapel funds.

2 April 1927 St. Mary's On Friday special services were held at St. Mary's in connection with the Mothers' Union. The Vicar officiated. The special preacher in the evening was the Vicar of Penydarren.

9 April 1927 Noddfa Baptist Church Eisteddfod The Eisteddfod published for April 16th, 1927, has been postponed until May, 21st, 1927.

9 April 1927 Carmel Young People's Guild The weekly meeting took place last Wednesday, when Mr. Leyshon Rowlands presided. The programme for the evening was a paper read by Mr. A. Ballard on the subject "Humour." The reader gave a very interesting and delightful account of humour as portrayed by the Jew, Scotchman, Welshman and Irishman, and illustrated them by amusing anecdotes. The evening proved a fine wind-up to the guild sessions.

9 April 1927 Social On Saturday last, the Guild held a social to mark the conclusion of the session. A fine programme had been prepared. The chief feature of the evening was a Welsh sketch, in which the following took part: Mr. Willie Morgan, Miss Mary Jones, Miss M. Griffiths, Miss Beryl Ballard. It was a remarkable success. Solos and instrumental selections were next rendered, followed by games, etc. A very enjoyable evening was spent. This augers well for the future of the Guild next year.

23 April 1927 St. Mary's Church Good Friday services were held at the Parish Church, the vicar officiating. The Church had been beautifully decorated with a profusion of spring flowers. The celebrant was the vicar. Mr. Berkley Angell conducted the singing, with Mr. Octavius Richards at the organ.

30 April 1927 Protestant Faith Union Meeting The last meeting of the session was held on Thursday night last, Mr. Gwilym John Payne presiding, and he was supported on the platform by Mrs. J. R. Kendrick, Mrs & Miss Olive Way, and the secretary, Mr. Barton. The lecture was given by the Rev W. L. G. Rees, Merthyr Mawr, on "The Revised Prayer Book." The new session will be opened in September next.

30 April 1927 Noddfa Baptist Ministers Call The Rev. Ieuan Evans has accepted a unanimous and enthusiastic call to Calfaria, Pontardulais, near Swansea. His eloquence in both English and Welsh has made him a popular preacher throughout the Rhymney Valley. Both his dramas, "The Widow's Son" and "The Rider of the White Horse," met with huge success. During the strike Mr. Evans was in constant demand as a conductor and adjudicator at various eisteddfodau in aid of the local canteens. For two years he has taught the Welsh, Elocution and Dramatic Art classes under the Glamorgan Education Committee. He holds a degree from a prominent university, the Fellowship of the Victoria College, and also the diploma, Licentiate of the Victoria College of Music. His tune, entitled "Tabernacle," was sung at the annual singing festival, Aberystwyth, in 1923, and "Noddfa" recently appeared in "The Darian." Mr. Evans was author of the "History of Nonconformity in North Cardigan," which also appeared in

one of the London and Wales papers in 1923. The reverend gentleman intends commencing in his new sphere at the beginning of June. His ministry has been much appreciated by Noddfa Church, which holds its pastor in the highest esteem. With sorrow do his flock think of his departure. All wish Mr. Evans still greater success at Pontardulais.

30 April 1927 St. Mary's Hall A whist drive was held up at the above Hall on Monday evening, the duties of M.C. being ably carried out by Mr. Bryn Price.

7 May 1927 Whist A whist drive was held at St. Mary's Hall on Monday evening last. The duties of M.C. were ably carried out by Mr. W. Candrick.

7 May 1927 Fochriw Vestry: A Splendid Year's Progress Reported On Wednesday evening, the Easter Vestry was held at St. Mary's Church, the vicar, Rev. Samuel Evans, presiding. He was supported by Mr. Charles Payne and Mr. W. J. Payne (churchwardens), and Mr. T. B. Edwards (parochial secretary). The statement of accounts was presented by Mr. W. J. Payne, and were most satisfactory. The retiring churchwardens were re-elected, and Councillor John Edwards, Deri, was re-elected churchwarden for St Peter's, Deri. The Vicar reviewed the work of the past year, which was most satisfactory despite the effects of the strike. He mentioned particularly, the beautiful stained-glass that had been erected in the West end of the Church due to the efforts of the Mothers' Union, which was such a power for good within the parish. He thanked all those he had worked for the Church during the past year, including the Dramatic Society. Members of the Parochial Council were re-elected. The People's Warden, in moving a vote of thanks to the vicar, wished to mention in particular the magnificent work of Mrs. Evans, who spared no efforts, always giving her best to the work of the Church. A very happy meeting was closed in prayer.

14 May 1927 St. Mary's Hall A very successful whist drive was held at the Hall on Monday last. The duties of M.C. were ably carried out by Mr. T. B. Edwards.

21 May 1927 Whist Drive A very successful whist drive was held at St. Mary's Hall on Monday evening. There was a large attendance. The duties of M.C. were carried out in a very able manner by Mr. Crad Ballard.

21 May 1927 Mother's Union Supper At St. Mary's Hall on Tuesday evening, the annual supper in connection with the St. Mary Branch of the Mothers' Union was held. The hall had been tastefully decorated with the colours of the Mothers' Union,. The tables were laden with good friends, and about fifty sat down. In the unavoidable absence of the vicar, Mr. W. J. Payne presided. A musical evening followed, both old and young taking part. A whist competition formed part of the programme. The singing of "Auld Lang Syne" brought a happy meeting to a close.

28 May 1927 Keen Eisteddfod at Noddfa Baptist Chapel A very successful Eisteddfod was held at Noddfa Baptist Chapel on Saturday. The arrangements were well carried out, and reflected great credit on the officers and committee. The adjudicators were: music, Mr. D. J. Thomas, Fochriw; literature, Rev. Ieuan Evans, Fochriw; prize bags, Mrs. Evans, Bryn, and Mrs. Williams, Ivor House. The accompanists were Mr. W. Lawrence, and Mr. D. J. Thomas. Mr. John Bevan was the able conductor. The following were the prize winners: girls solo under 12: Mary Lewis, Pentwyn; boys solo under 12: Granville Bowen, Bargoed; recitation under 12: Winnie Evans and Katie Thomas; girls solo under 16: M. Probert, Bargoed; boys solo under 16: Douglas Bowen, Bargoed; recitation under 16: Myra Evans, Dowlais; pianoforte solo under 11: K. Parfitt, Aberbeeg; pianoforte solo under 13: M. Gill and R. Wheeler; pianoforte solo under 16: M. Williams, Abertillery; essay upon St Paul: Mr. W. T. Davies, Rhymney; open recitation: Stewart Prosser, Abertillery; soprano solo: Miss Margery Lewis, Fochriw; contralto solo: Madame Davies, Blackwood; tenor solo: Mr. Griff Morris, Fochriw; bass solo: Messrs. Claerwyn Davies, Fochriw and G. Isaac, Nantyglo; duet: Dilys and Douglas Bowen, Bargoed; champion solo: Mr. Claerwyn Davies, Fochriw; Children's Choir: Deri; prize bag: Miss Rosie Davies.

4 June 1927 Nazareth The half-yearly meetings were held on Sunday, when the Rev. R. W. Davies, Rhymney, preached edifying sermons. The singing was conducted by Mr. William Morris, with Mr. Wyndham Lawrence at the organ.

4 June 1927 St. Mary's Hall A whist drive was held at this Hall on Monday. The M.C. was Mr. W. J. Payne.

11 June 1927 Outing The members and children of the three chapels - Carmel, Noddfa, and Nazareth - journeyed by special train to Barry Island on Wednesday, where a very happy time was spent.

18 June 1927 Mothers' Union A large number of the members of St. Mary's Church Branch of the Mothers' Union, journeyed to London on Tuesday morning. They visited the Mary Sumner House, and a service at St. John's Church, Westminster. Several places of interest were also visited.

18 June 1927 Whist Drive A very pleasant whist drive was held at the Church Hall on Tuesday evening. The duties of M.C. were well carried out by Mr. Crad Ballard.

18 June 1927 Special Meetings The yearly meetings in connection with the chapel were held on Sunday and Monday last, and were well-attended. The services were inspiring and edifying. Sermons were preached by Professor D. Miall Edwards, Brecon. The singing was conducted by Mr. David Davies and Mr. Thomas Walters was the organist.

25 June 1927 Whist Drive A whist drive was held at St. Mary's Hall on Thursday. The M.C. was Mr. E. Jones

2 July 1927 Whist Drive A successful whist drive was held at St. Mary's Hall on Monday, Mr. C. Ballard being the M.C.

9 July 1927 St. Mary's Church The pulpit of the Church was occupied on Sunday by the Rev. W. Pontin, Rhymney, who delivered a very striking sermon on behalf of the church schools in the Llandaff diocese. The Vicar, who has been ill, also took part in the service.

9 July 1927 Whist Drive A very successful whist drive was held at St. Mary's Hall on Monday, Mr. W. J. Payne being the M.C.

16 July 1927 St. Mary Church On Tuesday evening, the Mother's Union were addressed by Rev. G. Pritchard, Gilfach.

16 July 1927 St. Mary's Hall A social evening and presentation took place at the Hall on Tuesday evening for Mr. W. Candrick, Mrs. Candrick and family, on the occasion of their departure for Tasmania. The Vicar made the presentation which took the form of purse of money placed in a hand-made bag which had been made and given by Miss Rosie Davies. Rev. Evans spoke very highly of Mr. and Mrs. Candrick, and he also voiced the feelings of all present, in wishing them and their family God-speed. Mrs. Candrick feelingly responded. Miss Margery Lewis gave a solo. During the evening there was a whist drive.

30 July 1927 St. Mary's Hall On Thursday last, the annual Sunday school tea took place and was very well attended. The tables were beautifully decorated with all good things, and prayers were offered by the Rev. Morgan, Pontllynn, in the absence of the vicar who is on holiday. After tea, sweets were distributed amongst the scholars.

6 August 1927 Whist Drive A very successful whist drive was held at St. Mary's Hall on Thursday last, and was well attended. Mr. W. Brangwynne was M.C. Winners: Ladies - 1. Mrs. S. Jones, 2. Mrs. L. Bishop; Gents - 1. Mr. D. Way, 2. Mr. S. Bishop. Knock-out: Miss W. Baldwin and W. Davies.

13 August 1927 St. Mary's Hall: Whist Drive The duties of M.C. were carried out by Mr. C. Ballard. Prize winners: Ladies: 1. Mrs. S. Jones; 2. Miss E. Wood; Gents: 1. Mr. D. Jones; 2. Mr. S. Jones. Knock-out: Mr. D. Way and Mr. P. Gwynne.

20 August 1927 St Mary's Hall: Whist Drive Mr. C Ballard was M.C. Prize winners: Mr. W. Davies, Miss R. Davies, Mr. S. Bishop and Mr. Stevenson. Knock out: Messrs. W. Davies and C. Ballard.

27 August 1927 St. Mary's Hall: Whist Drive The duties of M.C. were carried out by a Mr. W. Brangwynne. Prize winners: Ladies: 1. Mrs. T. Watkins, 2. Mrs. Raymond; Gents: 1. Mr. L. Small, 2. Mr. W. Morgan. Knock-out: Miss Lena Rees and Mr. W. Morgan.

3 September 1927 St. Mary's Hall: Whist Drive The duties of M.C. were carried out by a Mr. Willie Davies. Prize winners: Ladies: 1. Sybil Gwynne, 2. Mrs. B. Price; Gents: 1. Mr. Webster, 2. Mr. S. Bishop. Knock-out: Mr. & Mrs. Webster.

17 September 1927 St. Mary's Hall: Whist Drive The M.C. was Mr. Gardiner. Prizewinners: Ladies: 1. Miss Gwenda Thomas, 2. Mrs. Sullivan; Gents: 1. Mr. T. Jones, 2. Mr. W. M. Davies. Knock-out: Mrs. Stewart Jones and Mr. J. Bishop.

24 September 1927 St. Mary's Hall: Whist Drive Mr. W. Brangwynne was M.C.. Prizewinners: Ladies: 1. Mrs. Watkins, 2. Mr. W. Way; Gents: 1. Mr. Tudor Jones, 2. Mr. T. Jones. Knock-out: Mr. Jones and Mrs. Jones.

1 October 1927 St. Mary's Hall: Whist Drive Rev. S. Evans was M.C. Prizewinners: Ladies: 1. Mrs. T. Jones, 2. Mr. H. Ballare; Gents: 1. Mr. G. Smith, 2. Mr. Winstone. Knock-out: Mr. E. Jones and Mr. H. Ballard.

1 October 1927 Lecture On Tuesday, at Nazareth Chapel, an edifying and instructive lecture was given by Dr. Phillips, Tylorstown, the subject of his lecture being "America - its people and their ideals." The chapel was well filled and the lecturer was in brilliant form.

1 October 1927 Nazareth Chapel A quarterly meeting, the first of its kind, was held at the chapel on Sunday evening last, when a large congregation listened to a programme contributed by the following members of the Sunday school: Mr. Griffith Morris, Mr. Willie Adams-Jones, Miss Addie Lawrence, Mrs. T. Pugh and Miss B. Pugh, Messrs. W. Walters, W. A. Davies, J. Lawrence, B. Davies, Alfred Slimmons. The duties of chairman were ably carried out by Mr. William Morris, and those of accompanist by Messrs. W. A. and D. J. Davies.

8 October 1927 St. Mary's Hall: Whist Drive Mr. C. Ballard was M.C. Prizewinners: Ladies: 1. Mrs. Smith, 2. Mrs. B. Thomas; Gents: 1. Mr. T. Jones, 2. Mr. J. Bishop. Knock-out: Messrs. H. Ballard and W. Thomas.

15 October 1927 Whist Drive A very successful whist drive was held at the Old Library on Friday evening. The M.C. was Mr. S. Jenkins. Priewinners: Ladies: 1. Mrs. S. Jones, 2. Mr. Harding; Gents: 1. Mr. T. Puddle, 2. Mrs. S. Jones.

15 October 1927 Harvest The Harvest Thanksgiving services were held at the Parish Church on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, when large congregations assembled. The Church had been beautifully decorated with flowers, fruit and vegetables. On Sunday morning, the celebrant and preacher was the Rev. Samuel Evans, Vicar; on Sunday evening, the Rev. A. L. Jones, vicar of Pontlottyn; on Monday evening, the Rev. R. W. Roberts, vicar of St. Mary's, Cardiff; on Tuesday evening, the Rev. D. T. Griffiths, Merthyr; and on Wednesday evening, the Rev. F. Bedford, St. Mary's, Cardiff. The lessons were read Mr. W. J. Payne, the singing conducted by Mr. Berkley Angell, and the organist was Mr. Octavius Richards.

22 October 1927 St. Mary's Hall: Whist Drive Rev. Samuel Evans was M.C. Prizewinners: Ladies: 1. Mrs. B. Price, 2. Miss Emily Herman; Gents: 1. Mr. C. Ballard, 2. Mr. W. R. Evans. Knock-out: Miss E. Herman and Mr. Percy Gwynne.

22 October 1927 Nazareth The yearly meetings in connection with the chapel were held on Saturday night and Sunday last, when the Rev. Dr. D. M. Phillips, Tylorstown, preached throughout the meetings. There were large attendances. The singing was under the able conductorship Mr. William Morris, whilst Mr. Wyndham Lawrence and Mr. W. A. Davies presided at the organ.

29 October 1927 St. Mary's Hall: Whist Drive Miss A. M. Jones was M.C. Prizewinners: Ladies: 1. Miss Gwenda Thomas, 2. Miss Rosie Davies; Gents: 1. Mr. D. Evans, 2. Mr. D. W. Morris.

29 October 1927 Carmel Chapel On Monday, the large audience at Carmel Chapel were entertained to a first class musical and dramatic treat, when Mr. E. Rogers, Cardiff, the well-known elocutionist (eight times National winner and adjudicator) gave one of his famous recitals. The programme contained humorous, pathetic and dramatic items. Mr. Rogers was assisted by Miss Agnes Cook, soprano, and Miss Ceinwen Ballard, contralto. Mr. Thomas Walters, A.R.C.O., was the accompanist, and the entertainment was presided over by Mr. M. Williams.

5 November 1927 St. Mary's Hall: Whist Drive Mr. W. Brangwynne was M.C.. Prizewinners: Ladies: 1. Mr. David Davies, 2. Miss Emily Hermon; Gents: 1. Mr. Tudor Jones, 2. Mr. Stewart Jones. Knock-out: Mrs. S. Jones and Mr. David Lewis.

5 November 1927 Entertainment At the Church Hall on Friday evening, the first of a series of children's entertainments took place, and was greatly enjoyed. Mr. W. J. Payne presided. The

following contributed to a musical programme: Freda Davies, Ursula Harris, Mavis Pritchard, Jessie Llewellyn, Ceinwen Lewis, Mary Lewis, Rita Cole, Jennie M. Wright, Phyllis Marks, Wynda Edwards, A. Griffiths, William J. Jones, D. J. Williams, J. Pasc Lewis, G. Tyler, D. Tyler, C. Everett. Singing competition: 1. Mary Lewis; 2. Doris Edwards; 3. Rita Cole. Open singing competition: Ursula Harris. Accompanists: Messrs. O. Richards and C. Everett.

12 November 1927 St. Mary's Hall: Whist Drive Mr. C. Ballard was M.C. Prizewinners: Ladies: 1. Mr. D. Morris, 2. Mrs. Hawkins; Gents: 1. Mr. Evans, 2. Mr. M. Davies. Knock-out: Mrs. G. Price and friend.

12 November 1927 British and Foreign Bible Society At Carmel vestry on Monday evening, a meeting was held under the auspices of the British and Foreign Bible Society, when Mr. W. Moses Williams presided. The Rev. H. Withers addressed the meeting most earnestly on behalf of the society, and a very good impression was left upon the minds of all present. The Rev. Richard Evans opened the meeting. Mr. Sam Lewis moved, and Mr. W Angell Davies seconded a hearty vote of thanks to the speaker.

19 November 1927 St. Mary's Hall: Whist Drive Mr. C. Ballard was M.C. Prizewinners: Ladies: 1. Mrs. S. Jones, 2. Mrs. Wood; Gents: 1. Mr. D. Way, 2. Mr. H. Addis. Knock-out: Miss S. Gwynne and Mr. W. Davies.

19 November 1927 Armistice Service At St. Mary Church on Friday morning, a short service and the great two minutes silence was conducted by the Rev. Samuel Evans, Vicar. On Friday evening, the services were continued, when representatives from various bodies were present - ex-Servicemen, the Royal and Ancient Order of Buffaloes, etc. A most inspiring service was conducted by the Vicar. The Rev. W. S. Pontin, Rhymney, preached, choosing as his text "Thou shalt remember."

26 November 1927 St. Mary's Hall: Whist Drive and Social A benefit night was held on Tuesday in aid of Mr. David Walters, Penybank, who has been ill for a long period. The Hall had been gaily decorated for the occasion by the ladies of the Church, and a large number attended. Mr. C. Ballard was M.C. for whist. Prizewinners: Ladies: 1. Mrs. Stanley Jones, 2. Mrs. R. Greening; Gents: 1. Mr. Gilbert Harris, 2. Mr. J. Harding. After the whist, there was dancing, and a happy time was spent. The accompanists were O. Richards and Mr. Gilbert Harris, and the M.C. for dancing was Mr. H. Ballard.

26 November 1927 Entertainment A children's entertainment was held at the Church Hall on Friday evening, Mr. W. J. Payne presiding. The following contributed to the programme: Mary Lewis, Ursula Harris, Mavis Pritchard, Phyllis Martin, W. Edwards, R. J. Price, M. Lewis, H. T. Lewis, Kathleen Williams, Hilda Morris and Edith Wilton. Competition - reciting the 23rd Psalm - divided between David Lloyd Jones and Willie Wilton. Open singing competition: divided between Ursula Harris and R. J. Price. The evening concluded with the laughable sketch entitled "The New Actor," the following taking part: Messrs. Harold Harris, W. J. Payne, David Tyler, T. J. Williams, G. Tyler, and Miss Ursula Harris.

3 December 1927 St. Mary's Hall On Tuesday evening, a social was held under the auspices of the Mothers' Union. The M.C. for whist was Mr. W. Brangwynne, and for dancing Mr. T. Puddle. The winners of the whist were: Ladies: 1. Mrs. David Jones; 2. Mrs. Jane Morgan; Gents: 1. Mr. E. Jones Jones; 2. Mr. E. Puddle. The accompanist for dancing was Mr. Octavius Richards, and the violinist, Mr. T. Horton.

3 December 1927 Church Hall A children's entertainment was held on Friday evening, presided over by Mr. W. J. Payne. The following contributed to the programme: Mary Lewis, Phyllis Davies, R. J. Price, Gwendoline Llewellyn, Kenneth Brangwynne, Olga Chapman, D. Lloyd Jones, Jessie Llewellyn, Kathleen Williams, Mavis Prichard, Ursula Harris, W. Edwards. Drawing competition: M. Williams. Singing competition - 1. R. J. Price, 2.&3. W. Edwards and Jessie Llewellyn. Open recitation prize: divided between Rosie Williams and J. P. Lewis. The evening concluded with a laughable sketch entitled "Rival Relatives," the following taking part: Misses Ursula Harris, Yvonne Thomas, Mavis Prichard, Rosie Williams, Phyllis Davies. Mr. Octavius Richards was the accompanist.

10 December 1927 St. Mary's Hall: Whist Drive Mr. C. Ballard was M.C.. Prizewinners: Ladies: 1. Mrs. Bryn Price, 2. Miss Gwenda Thomas; Gents: 1. Mr. B. Price, 2. Mr. S. Bishop. Knock-out: Mr. E. Thomas and Mr. T. Davies.

10 December 1927 Carmel Chapel The half yearly meetings in connection with the chapel were held on Sunday and Monday. The Rev. D. H. Jones, Treharris, preached very edifying sermons to the large congregations present. Mr. T. Walters presided at the organ, and the singing was conducted by Mr. David Davies.

10 December 1927 Children's Concert At the Church Hall on Friday evening, a very fine concert was held. The following contributed to an excellent musical programme: Kenneth Brangwynne, R. J. Price, Hilda Brangwynne, M. Lewis, Doris Edwards and Olga Chapman. Competitions were held, and the following were the winners: drawing competition - Miss M. Jones; recitation - divided between David L. Jones, W. J. Jones and Cyril Lewis. A sketch entitled "By the doctor's orders," was well played by the following: Ursula Harris, Mavis Pritchard, Arvonna Thomas, Phyllis Davies, Windsor Rees, Tom Mantle, and R. J. Price. A very happy evening was brought to a close with a laughable sketch entitled "The Great Arrival," the following taking part: Messrs. W. J. Payne, David Tyler, George Williams, J. P. Llewellyn, Windsor Rees, R. J. Price and Ursula Harris.

17 December 1927 St. Mary's Hall: Whist Drive Mr. C. Ballard was M.C.. Prizewinners: Ladies: 1. Mrs. E. Price, 2. Miss T. Cumpstone; Gents: 1. Mr Tudor Jones, 2. Mr. D. Morris. Knock-out: Miss State and Mr. Percy Gwynne.

17 December 1927 St. Mary's Church On Wednesday evening, Canon Hicks of Lincoln Cathedral, delivered a very striking sermon on overseas missions. The Church was well filled, and the congregation listened attentively to a most instructive sermon.

17 December 1927 Concert At the Church Hall on Friday evening, a very fine concert was held, Mr. Charles Payne presiding. The following contributed to the programme: Esther M. Pugh, Jessie Jones, Edith Jones, Jimmy Lewis, Hilda Brangwynne, Mary Lewis, Ursula Harris, S. M. Price, W. Davies, Doris Morgan, Phyllis Martin, Hilda Morris and party. Competitive singing: 1. Ursula Harris, 2. Bethune Gregory. Recitation: Doris Edwards and Eunice Morris. Competition (finding coats): R. J. Price. The evening concluded with a laughable sketch entitled "The Drunkard's Hoard," those taking part being Messrs. Harold Harris, W. Curtis, H. Barnard, D. Tyler, D. J. Williams, John P. Llewellyn, George Williams.

24 December 1927 Entertainment A children's entertainment was held at the Church Hall on Friday. The following contributed to a miscellaneous programme: Gwenny Lewis, Hilda Brangwynne, Willie Davies, Freda Davies, Mimmie Lewis, Dd. Cecil Jones, Kenneth Price, Doris Edwards, Kathleen Willaims, Phyllis Davies. Competitions: recitation - Doris Edwards; singing - divided between Ursula Harris and Richard J. Price; impromptu speech - R. J. Price. The entertainment concluded with a laughable sketch entitled "A Day at School," the following taking part: Messrs. Harold Harris, W. J. Payne, W. J. Curtis, David Tyler, George Williams, J. P. Llewellyn, Windsor Rees, R. J. Price, H. Ballard, Lena Rees, Mwynwen Jones. Mr. Harold Harris was the adjudicator.

24 December 1927 Ye Olde Christmas Fayre A Xmas Fair and Sale of Work took place at the Church Hall on Monday. The sale had been organised by Mrs. Evans, The Vicarage, and the members of the Mothers' Union, who had been busy for a long time sewing and preparing for the event, and their efforts were crowned with success. The stalls were well laden with useful articles, which reflected the splendid work done. The opening ceremony was performed by Mrs. Lloyd Jones, The Vicarage, Pontlottyn. The stall holders were: Mothers' Union stall – Mrs. Lewis and Mrs. Morgan; Advertisement stall – Mrs. Isaacs, Mrs. S. Lewis; Fancy stall - Miss Rosie Davies, Mrs. Syd Way; Sweet stall – Mrs. W. H. Jones and Mrs. W. J. Payne; Refreshment stall – Mrs. Way, Mrs. Wilton, Mrs. S. Jones, Mrs. Price, Mrs. D. R. Lewis; Jumble stall – Mrs. Morris and Mrs. Powell; Parochial stall, Mrs. J. Lawrence, Mr. C. Payne, Mr. W. J. Payne; Bran tub – Mrs. Tyler; Hoop-la – Messrs. W. Morris, D. J. Williams, H. Ballard; Candle stall – Mr. W. Wilton. Excellent services were rendered by the Vicar, Messrs. G. Way, W. J. Davies, Frank Way, S. Jones, T. Puddle, Mrs. Pryce Jones, Mrs. Bishop. Lavender bags - Miss Winifred Evans; Chocolate attendants, Misses Lena Rees, Olive M. Payne, Ursula Harris, Margaret Harris, M. A. Bishop, M. Morris, and Dywnwen Ballard.

31 December 1927 St. Mary's Hall: Whist Drive and Social At the Church Hall on Wednesday evening if very pleasant best drive and social took place under the auspices of the Fochriw branch of the British Legion . Mr. W. J. Payne was M.C., and Mr. Wyndham

Lawrence of the accompanist. . Whist prizewinners: Ladies: 1. Miss T. Cumpstone, 2. Mr. C. Taylor; Gents: 1. Mr. A. J. Evans, 2. Mr. Percy Gwynne.

31 December 1927 St. Mary's Church Xmas Day was observed at St Mary's Church in the usual manner. The Church had been decorated with holly and evergreens. Services were as follows: Holy Communion - 9a.m. and 11a.m. - the vicar officiating. The organist was Mr. O. Richards, with Mr. B. Angell conducting the singing. The evening services were postponed.

31 December 1927 Gymanfa Ganu At Carmel Chapel, the annual gymanfa ganu took place on Christmas Day. The morning session was opened by Misses Maggie E. Thomas, Nesta Jenkins and Mona Ballard. During this service, the children were catechised by Mrs. Sam Lewis. The afternoon session was opened by Mr. Jenkin Pugh, and Mr. Daniel Jenkins presided. The conductor for the day was Mr. J. C. Evans, Bargoed, and the accompanists Messrs. Thomas Walters and Willie Angell. The singing during the morning and afternoon sessions reached a very high standard, but owing to light failure the evening service could not be held.

31 December 1927 Noddfa Noddfa and Nazareth denominations held there gymanfa ganu on Christmas Day at Noddfa Chapel, where there were large congregations. The singing was of a very high standard, and the choir responded admirably to the leadership of Mr. Willie Adams Jones, who was the conductor. In the morning, which was for children, the meeting was opened by Mr. W. A. Jones, with Mr. Willie A. Davies presiding. At the afternoon service, the Rev. Richard Evans (Fochriw and Deri) opened the service. The president was ex-Sergeant Williams. As the evening session could not be held, it is the intention to have a repetition of the Gymanfa next Sunday. The accompanists were Messrs. Wyndham Lawrence and Joshua Thomas.

7 January 1928 Preferment The Rev. J. C. Payne has been offered the living of Burlscombe, Devonshire. He has not yet given his decision.

7 January 1928 Drama The inhabitants of Fochriw and district were given a dramatic treat during the past week, when members of the Noddfa Dramatic Society staged two excellent dramas entitled "Old Honesty," and "The Factory Girl." The coach was Mr. William John, Pontlottyn, whose name is a household word in the dramatic circle. The following took part: ("Old Honesty") Mr. Alf Morris, Master Windsor Rees, Mr. Bert Edwards, Mr. Emlyn Evans, Master Richard Jones, Miss Elsa Matthews, Miss Ray Parry; ("The Factory Girl") Mr. J. R. Walters, Mr. D. J. Thomas, Mr. T. J. Jones, Mr. D. G. Parry, Mr. Crad Thomas, Mr. Tom Thomas, Miss M. H. Williams, Tom Thomas, Miss P. Williams. The producer was Mr. William John. The scenery was manipulated by Mr. Joshua Evans.

7 January 1928 Carmel Chapel A repetition of the Christmas Gymanfa Ganu was held at the above Chapel on Sunday under the conductorship of Mr. W. J. Angell. Messrs. T. Walters and William J. Angell were the accompanists.

7 January 1928 United Chapels The United chapels, Nazareth and Noddfa produced their Christmas singing festival again on Sunday, under the able conductorship of Mr. Willie Adams Jones, with Messrs. Wyndham Lawrence and Joshua Thomas as accompanists.

14 January 1928 Drama: Omission The name of Mrs. Syl Jenkins was omitted from those who performed in "The Factory Girl."

21 January 1928 St. Mary's Hall: Whist Drive Held on Monday evening. The duties of M.C. were ably carried out by Mr. W. J. Payne. Prizewinners: Ladies: 1. Mrs. S. Evans, 2. Mrs. G. Price; Gents: 1. Mr. Dan Evans, 2. Mr. S. Bishop. Knock out: Mr. J. Bishop and Mrs. Morgan.

21 January 1928 Pulpit Noddfa Chapel: The pulpit was occupied on Sunday last by one of their old pastors, the Rev. Moses S. Young. St. Mary's: Rev. Samuel Evans; Nazareth: Mr. Jones, Trevecca College; Carmel: Rev. G. M. Jenkins, Pontlottyn.

28 January 1928 St. Mary Hall: Whist Drive Held on Monday evening. The M.C. was Mr. C. Ballard. Prize winners: Ladies: 1. Mrs. S. Evans, 2. Miss E. Herman; Gents: 1. Mr. Evans, 2. Mr. T. Jones. Knock out: Mr. Brangwynne and Mrs. S. Jones.

28 January 1928 St. Mary's Hall: Entertainment A children's entertainment was held at the above Hall on Friday, presided over by Mr. W. J. Payne. The following contributed to the musical programme: J. P. Lewis, D. J. Davies, K. Brangwynne, Norman Thomas, Arthur J.

Price, M. Jones, E. Jones, M. Lewis, Olga Chapman, J. Jones, E. M. Pugh, Cissie Thomas. The winners of the singing competition were Olga Chapman, Cissie Thomas and Cyril Lewis. The evening concluded with a laughable sketch entitled "Wireless," the following taking part: Messrs. D. Tyler, G. Williams, W. J. Payne, J. P. Llewellyn, D. J. Williams, R. J. Price, Windsor Rees, G. Tyler, Tom Davies, Margaret Harris, Ursula Harris, Lena Rees and Mwynwen Jones.

11 February 1928 St. Mary Hall: Whist Drive Held on Tuesday evening last. Prize winners: Ladies: 1. Mr. T. Jones, 2. Mrs. Howells; Gents: 1. Mr. J. Bishop, 2. Mr. E. Thomas.

11 February 1928 Drama There was a large and appreciative audience at Nazareth Chapel last week to witness the drama "The Bottle" by T. P. Taylor, performed by the Nazareth Dramatic Society under the supervision of Mr. W. A. Jones. The chief characters were played by: Mr. Jack Lawrence, Mrs. David Lewis, Master Harold Barlow, Miss Esther M. Pugh, Miss Jessie Jones, Mr. Berkley Davies, Mr. Griffith Jones, Mr. Griffith Morris, Mr. W. J. Davies, Mr. Evan Davies, Mr. W. A. Jones, Mr. D. H. Lewis, Mr. Tom Davies, Miss Adelaide Lawrence, Miss Rona Lewis, Mrs. Evan Davies. Stage manager: Mr. D. H. Lewis.

25 February 1928 Noddfa Chapel The yearly meetings were held at the chapel on Sunday and Monday last and were very largely attended. The preacher was the Rev. Esaiiah Williams, one of the old pastors of Noddfa, now at Cefn Mawr, North Wales. The singing was conducted by Mr. Thomas Evans and Mr. Joshua Thomas presided at the organ.

25 February 1928 Pancake Social At St. Mary Hall on Shrove Tuesday evening, the annual whist and pancake social in connection with the Mothers' Union took place. The enrolling member, Mrs. Evans, and her members, were very busy, and their efforts were crowned with success. The M.C. for whist was Sergeant W. Howells, and for dancing, Mr. Ted Puddle. The accompanists were Mr. Octavius Richards and Mr. Wyndham Lawrence, with Mr. Tom Horton as the violinist. Prizewinners: Ladies: 1. Mrs. Morris, 2. Mrs. Howells, 3. Mrs. Cumpstone; Gents: 1. Mr. Emrys Thomas, 2. Mr. C. Ballard, 3. Mr. W. T. Morgan.

25 February 1928 Drama On Thursday, Friday and Saturday last, excellent performances of the drama entitled "Little Gerty, the Lamplighter's Darling" (George Lander) were given by the St. Mary's Dramatic Society at the Church Hall to large and appreciative audiences, under the direction of the Mr. W. J. Payne, the producer. The following took part: Miss Lena Rees, Mrs. S. A. Payne, Miss Adelaide Baldwin, Mrs. Annie Wood, Miss Elsie Wood, Miss Margaret Harris, Mr. W. J. Payne, Mr. Harold Harris, Mr. Crad Ballard, Mr. Percy Gwynne, Mr. H. Ballard, Mr. David Tyler, Mr. John P. Llewellyn, Mr. D. J. Williams, Mr. George Williams, Miss Ursula Harris, Miss Olive M. Payne, and Miss Myrtle Gwynne. Mr. Octavius Richards (pianist) and Mr. Tom Horton (violinist) added greatly to the success of the evening with their fine musical selections. The scenic artist was Mr. W. J. Curtiss, and the lighting effects were carried out by Mr. W. J. Davies, whilst Mr. Charles Hollister and Mr. Charles Payne had charge of the scenery.

10 March 1928 Cymanfa Successful services were held at Carmel Chapel on Sunday. The morning service was opened by Nesta Jenkins, Mona Ballard and Mr. E. Thomas. A catechism on the "Gymanfa" was conducted by Mrs. S. Lewis. Mr. E. M. Davies was chairman. The afternoon service was opened by the reading of a Psalm by Miss M. L. Thomas. The chairman for the service was Mr. D. Jenkins. The evening service was opened by Mr. David Rowlands. The singing throughout the day reached a very high standard, and was ably conducted by Mr. W. J. Angell. The organists were Mr. Thomas Walters and Mr. W. Angell. A solo was rendered by Mr. C. Davies, and a recitation was given by Nurse Ballard Davies. A feature of the programme was the fine singing of Mr. Claerwyn Davies in "Lead, Kindly light."

10 March 1928 Cymanfa At Noddfa chapel on Sunday, the United Choirs of Nazareth and Noddfa gave a fine programme of hymns and anthems under the conductorship of Mr. William Adams Jones. The president for the afternoon was Mr. Thomas Evans, and for the evening, Mr. Evan Jones. The organists were Mr. Wyndham Lawrence and Mr. D. J. Thomas.

31 March 1928 St. Mary's Church A special service was held on Monday in connection with the Mothers' Union, the vicar preaching.

7 April 1928 Palm Sunday On Sunday last, the Old Church of St Andrews was visited by hundreds of people who came from near and far to lay flowers on the graves of relatives. At St. Mary's Church, a distribution of palms took place in the morning, and the services were

conducted by the Vicar. The lessons were read by Mr. W. J. Payne, the organist was Mr. Octavius Richards, and Mr. Berkley Angell conducted the singing.

14 April 1928 St. Mary Church On Easter Sunday, the usual Easter services were held. The Church had been beautifully decorated with a profusion of spring flowers. The celebrant and preacher throughout the day was the vicar.

21 April 1928 Children's Social A very happy time was spent at St. Mary Hall on Friday evening last. During the evening eggs and tinfoil were collected and presented to the Merthyr General Hospital.

21 April 1928 Easter Social On Wednesday last, a very enjoyable social evening was spent at St. Mary's Hall. The first part of the evening was taken up with whist and the latter part with dancing. The M.C. for whist was the Vicar, and for dancing Mr. Ted Puddle. Prizewinners at whist: Ladies: 1. Mrs. Isaac, 2. Mrs. Jones, 3. Mr. G. Jones; Gents: 1. Mr. Tim Jones, 2. Mr. Jones, 3. Mr. D. Way. The accompanists were Mr. O. Richards and Mr. Wyndham Lawrence, and the violinist, Mr. T. Horton. The refreshments were in the capable hands of the ladies of the Church.

28 April 1928 Personal The many friends of the Rev. J. C. Payne, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Payne, Glyn-terrace, will be pleased to know that he was instituted and inducted to the living of Burlescombe, Devonshire, on Saturday. At a public meeting before leaving, Mr. and Mrs. Payne were presented with a wallet of Treasury notes, a dining table, drawing-room cabinets, a coffee table, dressing case, tea cosy, and books for the children - the gifts of the public, members of the Mothers' Union, and other organisations.

28 April 1928 Easter Vestry The Easter vestry of the parish of Fochriw and Deri was held at St. Mary's Church Hall on Wednesday, presided over by the Vicar, supported by the Churchwardens, Messrs. Charles Payne and W. J. Payne. The People's Warden presented the various financial statements which showed a balance on the right side. The auditor was Miss R. Davies. The vicar thanked all who had contributed to the life of the Church in the past year. A vote of condolence was passed with the widow and family of Mr. William Sibley, who had been a faithful Church worker. Mr. Charles Payne was chosen vicar's warden for the Parish Church, and Councillor John Edwards for St. Peter's, Deri. Mr. W. J. Payne was re-elected as People's Warden. The following were appointed members of the Parochial Council and sidesman: Messrs. Berkley Angell, Frank Way, Willie Morris, Crad Ballard, Harold Harris, Willie Davies, William Wilton, E. Jones, Walter Davies, O. Richards, William Curtis and William Pope.

5 May 1928 St. Mary Hall: Whist Drive Held on Monday evening, the M.C. being Mr. W. Brangwynne. Prize winners: Ladies: 1. Mr. H. Ballard, 2. Miss Lilian Thomas; Gents: 1. Mr. Ernest Jones, 2. Mr. Tudor Jones. Knock out: Mrs. Jones and Mr. David Way.

5 May 1928 Drama The Carmel Dramatic Society performed three plays on Friday and Saturday before very appreciative audiences: "Potch," "The Poacher," and "Calonnau Plant." The stage managers were Mr. W. Rees Lewis and Mr. T. Jones, and the accompanist was Mr. Thomas Walters. The following were the chief characters: ("The Poacher") Mr. David H. Lewis, Mr. Robert Rees, Miss Sarah Jones, Mr. Cyril Cook; ("Potch") Mr. Willie Morgan, Mr. Bryn Davies, Mr. Enoch Lewis, Miss Nesta Evans, Miss Beryl Ballard, Miss Maggie E. Thomas; ("Calonnau Plant") Miss Sarah Jones, Mr. Willie Morgan, Mr. Bryn Davies, Mr. Enoch Lewis, Mr. John Gwyn Lewis, Master Vernon Davies, Jessie Thomas, Mary L. Thomas, Maggie H. Thomas, Mary L. Morgan, Beryl Ballard, Ceinwen Cole, Nesta Evans.

19 May 1928 Nazareth Chapel On Sunday last, the half yearly meetings in connection with the chapel where held. Principal W. P. Jones, Trevecca College, Talgarth, preached very edifying and inspiring sermons which were well received by the large numbers present. The singing was conducted by the Mr. William Morris, with Mr. W. A. Davies at the organ.

26 May 1928 St. Mary Hall: Whist Drive The M.C. was Mr. Brangwynne. Prize winners: Ladies: 1. Miss R. Davies, 2. Mrs. V. Woods; Gents: 1. Mr. W. Davies, 2. Mr. Fred Way. Knock-out: Mrs. Lena Rees and Mr. W. Davies.

2 June 1928 Outing On Tuesday, the members of Noddfa Chapel journeyed to Penarth for their annual Sunday school outing. On Wednesday, the members of Carmel Congregational Chapel and Sunday school journeyed to Barry Island.

9 June 1928 Pulpit Carmel Chapel: the Rev. B. M. Davies, Goodwick; Nazareth: Rev Richard Evans; St. Mary's: Rev Samuel Evans, Vicar.

9 June 1928 Mothers' Union On Tuesday, several members of the Fochriw Branch of the Mothers' Union journeyed to Llandaff to take part in the dedication service. A very enjoyable day was spent.

9 June 1928 St. Mary's Hall: Whist Drive Held on Monday evening, the duties of M.C. being performed by Mr. Brangwynne. Prize winners: Ladies: Miss Lena Rees; Gents: Mr. D. James. Knock out: Mrs. S. Jones and Mr. W. Davies.

16 June 1928 Carmel Chapel The annual meetings were held on Sunday and Monday. The Rev. D. A. Thomas, Brecon, preached edifying sermons to large congregations. Mr. Thomas Walters presided at the organ.

16 June 1928 St. Mary Hall: Whist Drive Held at the above Hall on Monday. Prizewinners: Ladies: 1. Mr. Bishop, 2. Mrs. S. Jones; Gents: 1. Mr. T. Jones, 2. Mr. Gilbert Harris.

23 June 1928 Carnival Under the auspices of the Noddfa Baptist Chapel, a very successful Carnival and concert was held on Saturday last. A procession was formed at the station gate, headed by the Fochriw Brass Band. Some of the characters were very finely got up, and amongst the prize winners were: Best Group: Pentwyn Jazz Band. Others who had prizes were: Gerwyn Thomas, Olwen Chapman, Mervyn Davies, Olga Chapman, Magdeline Pugh, Maggie H. Williams, Hilda Morris, Beryl Morris, Idris Parry, J. Lewis (Pentwyn). The stall-holders were: sweet stall, Mrs. Captain Edwards and Mrs. J. Williams; refreshments, Miss Alice Mills. The adjudicators were: Mrs. J. Bevan and Miss Katie J. Davies. Entertainments were given at intervals by the young members of the Guild.

23 June 1928 English Church Union A special service in connection with the English Church Union was held on Thursday evening, the special preacher being the Rev. G. H. Kiff, Pontlottyn, who gave a splendid discourse. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Samuel Evans.

7 July 1928 Outing The members of the Noddfa Chapel Young People's Guild spent a very happy time at Weston on Saturday.

7 July 1928 Pulpit The pulpit of Carmel Chapel was occupied on Sunday by a well-known Fochriw gentleman - Rev. Rhys D. Jenkins, now of Rhymney. Mr. Thomas Walters presided at the organ.

7 July 1928 Appointment: Rev. Samuel Evans The many friends of the Rev. Samuel Evans, the vicar of Fochriw and Deri, will be pleased to know that he was offered by the Board of Patronage, the living of St George's-super-Ely, which he has accepted. He has been in charge at Fochriw and Deri for the last nine years. During the war, he saw active service in France, where he was badly gassed, from which he has since suffered.

7 July 1928 Children's Social A tea and social evening took place at the Church Hall on Friday. The winners of competitions were Annie Davies, Albert Williams and Kenneth Brangwynne. The following provided the musical programme: Misses Lena Reece, M. and Ursula Harris, Jesse Llewellyn, Olive Payne, Gordon Lawrence. Splendid work was done and by Mrs. W. H. Jones, Mrs. Payne, Miss Rosie Davies, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Morgan, Messrs. Evans, W. J. Davies, Payne, Richards, S. Lewis and F. Way. The accompanist was Mr. O. Richards.

7 July 1928 Mothers' Union On Wednesday, at St. Mary's Hall, the annual supper in connection with the Fochriw branch of the Mothers' Union was held. Mrs. Evans, and a willing band of workers, prepared the meal. A very enjoyable event evening was spent, in which games and dancing were indulged in. The M.C for whist and games was Mr. W. J. Payne, and for dancing Mr. Ted Puddle. The pianist was Mr. Octavius Richards. Prizewinners: Ladies: Mrs. Violet Baldwin; Gents: Mrs. George Price.

14 July 1928 Social and Fancy Dress On Friday evening at the Church Hall, a very happy time was spent, when a social and fancy dress competition took place. The winners of the fancy dress were Miss Lena Rees (John Halifax) and Master Lyn Jones (baker). Winners of other competitions were: Miss Irfona Thomas, Windsor Rees and Willie Davies. The musical part of the programme was given by: Margaret Harris, Lena Rees, M. Morris, I. Thomas, V. Harris, D.

Gregory, D. Wilton, W. Edwards, G. Lawrence, W. Rees, W. Davies, G. Llewellyn. The accompanist was Mr. O. Richards.

21 July 1928 St. Mary Hall: Whist Drive and Social A whist drive and social was held at the Church Hall on Wednesday, and was well supported. The M.C. for whist was Mr. W. Brangwynne, and for dancing Mr. Ted Puddle. The accompanist was Mr. O. Richards. Prizewinners for whist: Ladies: 1. Mrs. Pryce Jones, 2. Mrs. S. Jones, 3. Mrs. R. Lewis; Gents: 1. Mr. Glyn Jones, 2. Mr. William Howells, 3. Mr. H. Wilton. The refreshments were attended to by the ladies of the Church.

28 July 1928 St. Mary's Hall At the Church Hall on Monday evening, a whist drive was held, the duties of M.C. being carried out by Mr. W. Brangwynne. The winners were: Ladies: 1. Mrs. S Jones, 2. Mrs. V. Wood; Gents: 1. Mr. F. Way, 2. Mr. W. T. Morgan. Knock-out: Mr. F. Way and Mrs. Morris.

28 July 1928 Children's Social Quite the happy time was spent at the Church Hall on Friday evening, when the children had a good time. Games etc. were played, after which tea was taken. Splendid services were rendered by Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Payne, Mrs. Davies, Miss Rosie Davies, Mr. Walter Davies, Mr. Payne, and Mr. Willie Davies. The accompanist was Mr. W. J. Payne.

4 August 1928 Carmel Chapel The North Glamorgan body of Congregationalists met at the above Chapel on Wednesday and Thursday last. On Wednesday evening, a powerful sermon was preached by the Rev. J. Rogers, Merthyr Vale. On Thursday morning, the gynhadled was held, with Mr. Isaac Edwards, J. P., in the chair. A paper was read by the Rev. Aaron Davies, Aberdare. At 2p.m., the meeting was presided over by the Rev. J. T. Rogers; the service was introduced by the Rev. T. J. Euryn Hopkins, Hirwaun, and the Rev. W. Walters, Abernant, delivered a sermon on "His Name, Jesus Christ." A very happy and edifying gyfeillach followed, when the sermon, and the morning paper on "Offeiriadaeth y Credinwyr," read by the Rev. Aaron Davies, Soar, Aberdare, were very warmly commended. At the evening meeting, the Rev. J. R. Salmon, Pontlottyn, presided, and the introductory portion was taken by the Rev. D. Jones, Deri, after which the Revs. D. J. Williams, Ystrad Mynach, and W. Davies, Ynysgau, Merthyr, preached very powerful sermons.

11 August 1928 Personal The many friends of the Rev. J. C. Payne, the Rector of Burlescombe, Devonshire, will be pleased to know that he has been offered the benefice of Fochriw and Deri by the Provincial Board of Patronage.

18 August 1928 British Legion: Farewell to Rev. Samuel Evans At the Rising Sun Inn on Friday evening, the Reverend Samuel Evans, Vicar, was the recipient of a beautiful inkstand, subscribed for by his many friends at the Legion, of which he is the president. The chairman was as ex-Sergeant Williams, who gave a very appropriate speech. The presentation was made by the chairman of the branch, Mr. Ted Puddle, who spoke very highly of their president. The Vicar very freely responded, and said he would always remember their great kindness and would greatly value their gift. P.C. Brangwynne, Mr. J. Lloyd Jones and others also spoke. The musical part of the programme was given in fine style by Messrs. Fred Dummett, C. Tyler, C. Shankland, D. J. Davies, with Mr. Gilbert Harris as the accompanist.

18 August 1928 St. Mary's On Sunday evening, the Rev. Samuel Evans, Vicar, preached his farewell sermon to a large congregation. The Vicar has laboured in the parish for the past nine years, and has done all in his power in the building up of the Church, and for the welfare of the parish. During his discourse, he appealed to them to receive his successor with kindness, and to do all in their power to assist their priest to carry on God's work and the extension of His Kingdom. During the service, Churchwarden Charles Payne proceeded to the altar, and handed the vicar a wallet of Treasury notes subscribed for by the parishioners and friends as a token of esteem.

18 August 1928 Mothers' Union Presentation A very happy event took place at the Church Hall on Saturday evening to mark the occasion of the departure of Mrs. Evans, the enrolling member, for St George's-super-Ely. Since the advent of Mrs. Evans to Fochriw, she has worked hard to maintain this branch of Church work, and her efforts have been amply rewarded by the excellent results. The chair was occupied by Mrs. George Way, who spoke very highly of Mrs. Evans's work. The presentation of a beautiful tea service was handed to Mrs. Evans by Mrs. J.

Davies, one of the oldest members. Mrs. Evans responded saying that she would always treasure the gift, and she appealed to them all to remain loyal together, and she hoped they would give the same support to the new were enrolling member when she came amongst them, as they had given to her. Others who spoke were Mrs. Curtis and Mrs. Davies. Mrs. Pryce Jones handed Mrs. Evans a beautiful nightdress case as a token of appreciation.

25 August 1928 Gospel Hall Special services are being held this week at the above place, and are very largely attended, the Speaker being Mrs. Williams, Llanelly.

25 August 1928 Outing On Saturday last, the Sunday school members and friends of St. Mary's Church and Nazareth Chapel journeyed to Barry Island. Mr. Walter Davies, stationmaster, was responsible for the excellent train arrangements.

8 September 1928 St. Mary's Church: Whist Drive Held on Thursday, the M.Cs. being Messrs. Walter Davies and C. Ballard. Prize winners: Ladies: 1. Mrs. S. Slimmons, 2. Mrs. S. Jones; Gents: 1. E. Jones, 2. H. Ballard. Knock-out: Mr. Frank Way and Mrs. S. Slimmons.

15 September 1928 St. Mary's Hall: Whist Drive The M.C. was Mr. C. Ballard. Prizewinners: Ladies: 1. Mrs. Slimmons, 2. Mr. H. Ballard; Gents: 1. Mr. Ernie Jones, 2. Mr. Frank Way. Knock out: Miss Lena Rees and Mr. Ernie Jones.

22 September 1928 Hospital Benefit The inhabitants of Fochriw and District can look forward to a dramatic treat on October 11th and 13th, when Noddfa Dramatic Society will perform "Joan Danvers" in aid of the Merthyr General Hospital. This drama was performed at the Treorchy National Eisteddfod.

22 September 1928 St. Mary's Hall: Whist Drive Held on Tuesday evening, the M.C. being Mr. C. Ballard. Prize winners: Ladies: 1. Mr. S. Bishop, 2. Mr. H. Ballard; Gents: 1. Mr. W. Davies, 2. Mr. E. Thomas. Knock-out: Messrs. F. Way and C. Ballard. The secretarial duties for these drives is very successfully carried out by Miss Rosie Davies, and splendid assistance is rendered by Mr. W. J. Davies and Mr. Frank Way.

29 September 1928 Whist A whist drive was held at St. Mary's Hall on Tuesday, Mr. C. Ballard being the M.C.. Prizewinners: Ladies: 1. Mrs. S. Jones, 2. Mrs. Parkin; Gents: 1. Mr. H. Ballard, Mr. D. Way. Knock out: Mrs. J. Evans and Mr. Tom Davies.

6 October 1928 Church Hall On Thursday evening, a pleasant whist drive was held, the M.C. being Mr. W. J. Payne. The prize winners were: Ladies: 1. T. Puddle, 2. H. Ballard; Gents: 1. Dan Evans, 2. W. Edwards. Knock out: Mr. Willie Davies and Miss L. Rees.

13 October 1928 Mothers' Union On Tuesday evening, the members of the Mother's Union were addressed by Mrs. Jones, The Vicarage, Pontlottyn.

13 October 1928 Harvest Thanksgiving Thanksgiving services were held at Carmel and Nazareth chapels during the week, and there were large attendances.

13 October 1928 Meeting On Wednesday evening, a fine address was delivered to the unemployed at the Reading Room, when the speaker was Mr. Alfred White, missionary, Industrial Christian Fellowship (Cardiff).

13 October 1928 Personal The Rev. J. C. Payne has accepted the benefice of Fochriw and Deri offered him by the Board of Patronage. He will be inducted on Tuesday next by the Archdeacon of Llandaff, at the Parish Church at 5:30p.m.

20 October 1928 Induction The Rev. J. C. Payne was inducted to the benefice of Fochriw and Deri on Tuesday evening.

20 October 1928 Drama On Thursday and Saturday last, the Church Hall was filled to witness excellent performances of "Joan Danvers," by the Noddfa Dramatic Society who outclassed all their previous attempts, and this was admitted on all hands to be the crowning success of its career. The Rev. J. C. Payne, Vicar, presided, and in some very fitting remarks explained that the performance was in aid of a noble cause - the Merthyr General Hospital. The producer of the play was Miss Hilda Phillips. The scenery, dresses and stage effects added greatly to the success of the performances. During the intervals, Mr. Octavius Richards played very appropriate selections. The characters were played by Mr. T. J. Jones, Mr. D. J. Thomas, Mr. J. R. Walters, Mr. D.G. Parry, Miss Phyllis Williams, Mr. Sylvanus Jenkins, Miss Ray Parry, and Miss Dilys Evans. At the close of Saturday's performance, Mr. Howell Thomas, on behalf of the Hospital Board, thanked the company, and all who had assisted in any way to make the

effort a success. This was seconded by Sister Doris Davies, of the hospital staff, who deputised for the matron. The furniture was kindly lent by Mr. B. Freedman, Dowlais.

27 October 1928 St. David's, Pantywaun Harvest Festival Services were held on Sunday and Thursday, the vicar, officiating.

27 October 1928 Harvest Festival The Harvest Festival Services in connection with St. Mary's Church were well attended. The Church had been tastefully decorated with flowers, fruit and vegetables, and the hearty congregational singing was a feature of the services. On Sunday, the preachers were the Rev. J. C. Payne, vicar, and the Rev. John Francis, vicar of Kenfig Hill.; on Monday, Canon J. Richards-Pugh, Rector of Merthyr; Tuesday, Rev. D. R. Williams, Port Talbot; Wednesday, Rev. R. Ward, Rector of Dowlais.

27 October 1928 Fochriw Induction: Cordial Welcome to Rev. J. C. Payne On Tuesday evening, the parish Church of St. Mary was crowded to overflowing on the occasion of the induction of the Rev. J. C. Payne to the benefice of Fochriw and Deri. The reverend gentleman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Payne, well-known and highly respected citizens of the village. Mr. Payne was born in the village where he has now been made vicar. As a young man he devoted his life to the cause, and was a voluntary lay preacher for 14 years, toiling Sunday after Sunday throughout the parish of Pontlottyn, and afterwards taking full control of the Church of St. Andrew, Pentwyn, where his ministry was marked with wonderful success. He still followed his daily occupation at the pit as engine driver, and in 1915, he decided to give up the pit and devote his full time to the Church. Since that time, his progress has been rapid. He commenced his career under the great divine, the late Rev. Canon Lewis of Ystradfodwg, whose fatherly care was a great factor in the life of Mr. Payne. He held curacies at Ton Pentre, Deri, and had charge of the Conventional District of Cymmer and Abercregan. He was vicar of Burlescombe, Devonshire until his recent appointment.

The induction was performed by the Archdeacon of Llandaff, with all the customs of the Church. The service was taken by the Rev. Samuel Evans, late vicar of the parish. The address was given by Canon T. Jesse Jones of Gellygaer, who spoke in glowing terms of their new vicar. He said his task was an onerous one, but he felt sure he would accomplish it with the wholehearted co-operation of the people. He wanted them to look upon their new vicar, not as the lad they used to know amongst them years ago, but as the minister of the mysteries of God. Let them give him their support, and help him to extend the Kingdom of God in the parish. Let them pray for him and his family, so that their ministrations might be blessed. The United choirs of Fochriw and Deri, under the conductorship of Mr. Berkley Angell and Mr. John Owen sang the service and hymns in pleasing style. After the service, tea was provided in the Church hall for clergy and visitors, the new vicar and his wife making the acquaintance of a number of old and new friends.

27 October 1928 St. Mary's Hall: Whist Drive Held on Thursday evening, the duties of M.C. being carried out by Mr. Walter Davies. Prizewinners: Ladies: 1. Miss M. H. Williams, 2. E. J. Jones; Gents: 1. Mr. W. Howells, 2. Mr. Pugh. Knock-out: Mrs. Howells and Mr. Harding.

3 November 1928 St. Mary's Hall: Whist Drive Held on Monday evening, the M.C. being Mr. W. J. Payne. Prizewinners: Ladies: 1. Mrs. G. Price, 2. Mrs. W. Howells; Gentleman: 1. Mr. W. T. Morgan, 2. Mr. W. Price. Knock-out: Mrs. S. Jones and Mr. T. Jones.

10 November 1928 Nazareth The half yearly meeting was held on Sunday, when the Rev. E. J. Rees, Pontypridd, preached very edifying sermons. The singing was conducted by Mr. William Morris and Messrs. Wyndham Lawrence and W. A. Davies presided at the organ.

10 November 1928 St. Mary's Hall: Whist Drive Held on Monday evening. The M.C. was Mr. C. Ballard. Prize winners: Ladies: 1. Miss H. Rees, 2. Mrs. W. Howells; gentleman: 1. Mr. W. Price, 2. Mr. Stanley Jones. Knock-out: Miss E. Evans and Mr. W. T. Morgan.

10 November 1928 Bible Society A well-attended meeting of the above was held at Nazareth chapel on Monday evening, presided over by Mr. M. Williams, when a very able address was given by the Rev. H. Withers, vicar of the Tylorstown. Rev J. C. Payne, and Rev Richard Evans also spoke.

17 November 1928 St. Mary's Hall: Whist Drive Held on Monday, Mr. W. Davies being the M.C.. The prize winners were: Ladies: 1. Mrs. Stanley Jones, 2. Mrs. Pugh; Gents: 1. Mr. W. Davies, 2. Mr. S. Bishop. Knock-out: Miss Rosie Davies and Mr. S. Jones.

17 November 1928 Lecture A lecture was given by the Rev. D. M. Phillips, Tylorstown, the subject being "The Rev. Edward Mathews, the great pulpit genius." The Rev. Richard Evans presided. The Rev. J. C. Payne proposed, and the Rev. Isaac Roderick seconded, and Mr. J. P. Isaacs, headmaster, supported the vote of thanks.

24 November 1928 St. Mary Hall: Whist Drive Held on Monday, the duties of M.C. being carried out by Mr. C. Ballard. The prize winners were: Ladies: 1. Mr. Thomas, 2. Mrs. B. Price; Gents: 1. Mr. T. Jones, 2. Mr. Evans. Knock out: Miss H. Rees and Mr. H. Ballard.

1 December 1928 St. Mary Hall: Whist Drive Held on Monday. The M.C. was Mr. H. Ballard. Prizewinners: Ladies: 1. Miss Rosie Davies, 2. Mr. Evans; gents: 1. Mr. J. Harding, 2. Mr. J. Bishop. Knock out: Mrs. B. Price and Mr. Evans.

8 December 1928 Carmel Chapel The half yearly meetings were held on Sunday and Monday. The Rev. W. A. Richards, Brynaman, preached powerful sermons. Mr. Thomas Walters was at the organ.

8 December 1928 St. Mary's At a special service in connection with the Mothers' Union, the preacher was the Rev. E. J. Edmonds, the vicar of St. Catherine's, Caerphilly.

8 December 1928 Social A social evening took place at St. Mary's Church hall on Thursday in connection with the Mothers' Union. The M.C. for whist was Mr. Walter Davies, and for dancing Mr. Ted Puddle. Mr. O. Richards was the accompanist. The winners at whist were: Ladies: 1. Mrs. Howells, 2. Mrs. A. Jones; Gentleman: 1. Mr. S. Bishop, 2. Mr. P. Gwynne.

22 December 1928 St. Mary's Hall: Whist Drive Held on Monday, the M.Cs. being Mr. W. Davies and Mr. C. Ballard. Prize winners: Ladies: 1. Mrs. S. Jones, 2. Mrs. V. Woods; Gentleman: 1. Mr. W. Morgan, 2. Mr. J. R. Thomas.

29 December 1928 St. Mary's Church On Christmas Day at the Parish Church well attended services were held. The Church had been nicely decorated. Holy Communion was administered at 8a.m. and 11a.m., with a carol service which was heartily sung, under the conductorship of Mr. Berkley Angell. The celebrant and preacher throughout the day was the Vicar, Rev. J. C. Payne. The organist was Mr. Octavius Richards.

29 December 1928 Noddfa Chapel On Christmas Day, the annual singing festival of the joint churches - Nazareth and Noddfa - took place, under the conductorship of Mr. Thomas Evans, and reached a very high standard. Several anthems and hymn tunes were sung, including one composed by Mr. Wyndham Lawrence, which was greatly appreciated. The chairmen were Mr. John Jones, Mr. B. Davies, and Mr. William Davies. The accompanists were Mr. W. Lawrence, and Mr. D. J. Thomas.

29 December 1928 Carmel Chapel On Christmas Day, the usual singing festival to place, and as in previous years the singing was of a high standard. The conductor for the day was Mr. Daniel Owen, Rhymney, and the presidents were Mr. T. Ballard, Mr. M. Williams, and Mr. D. Jenkins. Solos were sung by Miss Cole, Miss M. Lewis, Miss I. Davies, and recitations were given by Nurse Ballard Davies and J. P. Lewis. The organists were Mr. Thomas Walters, Miss Nesta Evans and Miss Ballard.

5 January 1929 Watch Night Service At the Parish Church on New Year's Eve the very impressive Watch Night Service was conducted by the Vicar.

5 January 1929 "The Christmas Prize" At the Church hall on Thursday and Saturday last, the members of St. Mary's Sunday School, under the conductorship of Mr. Berkley Angell, achieved a fine success in their performance of the Christmas cantata, "The Christmas Prize." Mr. Angell lived up to his reputation and delighted the audience. The singing, dresses and stage effects were good. The Vicar, who presided, paid tribute to all who contributed to the success of the cantata. The chief players were: Mr. W. J. Payne, Mr. Tom Jones, Mr. T. Baldwin, Miss Maggie Slimmons and Miss Doris Edwards, Mrs. Mary Janet Evans and Miss Mary Lewis, Master Windsor Rees, Master Vernon Payne, Miss Jessie Llewellyn, Miss Ursula Harris. The accompanist was as Mr. Octavius Richards, and stage-managers Messrs. C. Hollister and C. Payne.

5 January 1929 Cantata At Carmel Chapel on Thursday and Saturday, the cantata "Flowers of the Forest," was performed by the Carmel Juvenile Section under the conductorship of Mr. Thomas Walters. The chief players were: Bob Rees, Elwyn Davies, Vernon Davies, Nesta Jenkins, Megan Morris, Evan Lewis, Mirvana Davies, Margaret Rowlands, Willie Walters,

Cyril Cook, J. P. Lewis, Thomas J. Morgan, D. James, Beryl Ballard, Tudor Davies, Jesse Thomas, Mona Ballard, Lilian Way, Alice Edwards, Ceinwen Cole, Mimi Lewis, Amelia Evans, Olga Chapman, Rita Cole. The accompanist was Miss Nest Evans, and the stage manager Mr. Tom Lewis. Mr. Evan M. Davies presided on Thursday, and Mr. W. M. Williams on Saturday.

12 January 1929 Cantata At Noddfa Vestry on Monday and Tuesday, excellent performances of the cantata, "Christmas and the Pixies," was given by children of Noddfa Chapel, under the conductorship of Mr. Thomas Evans. The children showed careful training, their singing and acting being very good. The following took part: Phyllis Davies, Emlyn Evans, Iris Evans, Rosy Williams, John Y. Morgan, Bethune Gregory, Leighton Walters, Kenneth Phillips, Mr. Bertie Edwards, Mr. D. G. Parry, Miss Mwynwen Jones. Miss Hilda Phillips was the accompanist and producer, with Mr. Joshua Thomas the deputy accompanist, and Mr. Windsor Rees the violinist. The stage effects were carried out by Mrs. S. Jenkins and Messrs. H. Phillips E. A. Evans.

19 January 1929 St. Mary's Church On Sunday, the Rev. R. W. Jones, chief diocesan missionary, preached powerful sermons. He addressed the children in the afternoon, and on Monday afternoon, he addressed a large gathering of women.

19 January 1929 Social At the Church Hall on Friday, a very happy time was spent, the occasion being the entertaining to tea of the children who had taken part in the cantata recently performed, and other friends. After tea, games were played, and a musical programme was contributed to by the following: Mr. W. A. Davies, Misses Mary Lewis, Doris Edwards, Mair Gittens, Miriam Davies, and Kathleen Williams. Splendid services were rendered by Mrs. Payne, Mrs. Angell, Miss R. Davies, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. F. Way, Mr. W. J. Davies and Mr. W. J. Payne.

26 January 1929 Entertainment On Friday evening, a very happy time was spent at the Church Hall, when a children's entertainment was presided over by the Vicar, Rev. J. C. Payne. There was a very close singing competition - "Only an Armour Bearer" - the prize being divided between Miss Ceinwen Lewis and Mr. R. J. Price. The concert concluded with a very laughable sketch entitled "On the March," the following taking part: Messrs. W. J. Payne, Jack Lawrence, Windsor Rees, Eddie Davies, Gordon Lawrence, Vernon Payne, G. Tyler, R. J. Price, D. J. Price, Albert Lewis, L. Mantle, and Ursula Harris.

2 February 1929 Concert An entertainment was held at the Church Hall on Friday evening, the vicar presiding. The winners of the singing competition were Miss Mary Lewis, R. J. Price, and Cyril Lewis; recitation competition, Master W. J. Jones. Others who contributed to the evening's programme were R. J. Price, Mair Gittens, Phyllis Barlow, W. J. Jones, Cyril Lewis, Frances Adams, Doris Edwards, Maud Jones, Catherine Williams, Bronwen Martin, Joan Mills, Mary Lewis, Ceinwen Lewis. The accompanist was Master Eddie Davis. The programme concluded with a sketch entitled "A Queer Family."

9 February 1929 Entertainment On Friday evening at the Church Hall, the vicar presided over a children's entertainment. The adjudicator for the singing was Mr. W. A. Davies, and the accompanist was Master Eddie Davies. The winners of the singing competition were Mary Lewis, Doris Edwards, and E. Angell. Several contributed to in musical programme. The evening concluded with a laughable sketch entitled "The Invention."

16 February 1929 Pancake Social On Friday evening at the Church Hall, the vicar presided over a children's entertainment, the accompanist being Master Eddie Davies. The winner of the singing competition were Miss Eirwen Williams, and of the impromptu speech, Miss Mair Gittens. The following contributed to a musical programme: David Cole, Douglas Evans, Marlon Gregory, Mair Gittens, Phyllis Barlow, Doris Edwards, W. J. Jones, Gwennie Lewis, Rhoda Price, R. J. Price, W. J. Llewellyn. The concluding item was a laughable sketch entitled "The Great Arrival," when the following took part: W. J. Payne, D. J. Williams, Gordon Lawrence, Rod Jones, G. Tyler, Mervyn Payne.

2 March 1929 Confirmation On Thursday, 7th March, at the Parish Church of St. Mary's, the Lord Bishop of Llandaff will hold a confirmation service at which a large number will be confirmed.

9 March 1929 Nazareth St. David's Day was celebrated at Nazareth chapel on Friday with a tea and musical programme. The following ladies assisted at the tables: Mesdames Jones, Davies, Morris, Lewis, Budd, Slimmons, Pugh, Lawrence, Miss Katie Jones. After tea the programme was presided over by Mr. William Morris. The following were the characters in the Welsh sketch: Mrs. Parry Lewis, Mises Doris Davies, Paddy Lawrence, Eluned Lawrence; duet, Miss Pugh and Miss Jones; solo, Jesse Jones.

9 March 1929 Noddfa Chapel St. David's Day celebrations were kept up by the members of the chapel. They were carried out in the form of a social and eisteddfod. The following assisted at the tables: Mesdames Edwards, Thomas, Evans, Walters, Williams, Evans, Jones, Misses E. A. Evans, Iris Evans, E. Gittoes, and D. Evans. The following were the awards: solo for children: Edna Jones and Winnie Evans; recitation of children: Edna Jones and Winnie Evans, D. Briffet and S. Briffet; soprano solo, Mrs. Magdalen Pugh; contralto solo, Miss Iris Evans; bass solo, Mr. D. G. Parry; tenor solo, Mr. J. Thomas; duet, Miss Magdalen Pugh and Miss Dilys Evans; recitation, Mr. T. J. Jones; solo, Miss Phyllis Davies. The accompanists were Miss Hilda Phillips and Mr. J. Thomas. The secretary was Mr. Jenkin Thomas, the treasurer Miss Hilda Phillips, and the president Mrs. C. Edwards.

9 March 1929 Carmel Chapel St. David's Day was celebrated at the chapel on Thursday last, when a fine programme was given, including children's Welsh dances and songs, also a fairy play by the junior section of the Sunday School, and the rendering of Welsh folk songs conducted by Miss C. Ballard. The Carmel Ladies' Choir, under their conductor Mr. Thomas Walters, sang a chain of Welsh folk songs - "Yr Haf," and "Hen Wlas fy Nhadau." A sketch entitled to "William" was produced by Mr. Sam Lewis. The following were the characters: Mr. David Lewis, Mr. Sam Lewis, Mr. D. Lewis, Mrs. D. James, Miss M. Morgan. The chairman was Mr. Moses Williams, and the secretarial duties were carried out by Mr. J. Idris Williams. The accompanists were Miss B. Ballard, Miss N. Evans and Mr. Wyndham Lawrence.

16 March 1929 Noddfa Chapel A singing festival was held at the chapel on Sunday, when a fine programme of well-known hymns and anthems was given by the joint choirs of Nazareth and Noddfa Chapels, under the conductorship of Mr. Thomas Evans. The accompanists were Mr. Wyndham Lawrence and Mr. Joshua Thomas.

16 March 1929 Confirmation On Thursday evening, the Lord Bishop of Llandaff administered the rite of confirmation, at St. Mary's Church, to 57 candidates prepared by the Vicar, Rev. J.C. Payne. Afterwards, tea was provided at the Church Hall for candidates and the others, under the supervision of Mrs. Payne, The Vicarage. The Vicar wishes to thank all who assisted in the arrangements.

30 March 1929 Personal The numerous friends of Mr. W.J. Payne will be pleased to know that he has been licensed as a reader by the Bishop at the Palace, Llandaff. The honour is well deserved, as he has been connected with church work all his life. He has been a lay preacher for many years, also churchwarden since the parish was opened.

30 March 1929 Palm Sunday On Sunday, a large number visited the old church on the hill, St. Andrew's, Pentwyn, to lay flowers on the graves of the departed. At St. Mary's, the celebrant was the Rev. Kiff, Pontlottyn, and Mr. G.W. Jones, Pontlottyn. Mr. O. Richards was the organist, and Mr. B. Angell conducted the singing.

6 April 1929 St. Mary's On Good Friday at the Parish Church, very impressive services were held conducted by the Vicar. On Easter Day, a record number of communicants attended. The Church had been nicely decorated with spring flowers. The choir, under its conductor Mr. Berkley Angell, rendered the anthem "Hallelujah, Christ is Risen!" Mr. Octavius Richards presided at the organ.

20 April 1929 Fochriw Vestry The Easter vestry for the parish of Fochriw and Deri was held at the Church Hall on Wednesday evening. The Vicar, the Rev. J. C. Payne, presided, and he was supported by Messrs. Charles Payne, vicar's warden, W. J. Payne, people's warden, and Walter Davies, parochial secretary. In his opening remarks, the vicar stated that this was his first vestry. The parish was a very large and important one, and it was passing through a very

dark and trying period. Unemployment in their midst had created poverty and distress, and the closing down of the Fochriw collieries had caused depression that at times could be felt. Again, he was the only priest in the parish, without a curate owing to financial difficulties, and this meant that with the help of his layman, which he valued very much, the work of the parish fell upon him. A very important Church like St. Peter's, Deri, had no curate. He hoped, however, with the hearty co-operation of the people of Deri, and grants which he was trying to obtain to meet the financial difficulty, to get a curate soon. Then again, that very important and hallowed Church and churchyard of St. Andrews, Pentwyn, where so many hundreds of dear ones lay resting, which was a sacred charge to the living, was in a deplorable state, and they were unable to hold services there. This matter had been taken up with headquarters, and he hoped to report good news soon. The Parish Church of St. Mary's urgently required a new roof, and repairs were required at St. David's, Pantywaun. Yet with all this work required, he was looking forward with hope and faith to accomplish much with the help and co-operation of everybody, to do his or her best to extend God's kingdom on earth. He wished to thank the Church wardens for their loyalty and help. It was a wonderful record where the vicar, his father and brother, sat side by side as vicar and wardens of the parish. He wished to thank the choirmaster, organist, Sunday school teachers, Mothers' Union, parochial collectors, council sidesman, parochial secretary, dramatic society, cantata committee, caretakers and everyone who helped in any way. Mr. W. J. Payne presented the statement of accounts which were satisfactory. The vicar re-elected Mr. Charles Payne as vicar's warden, and Mr. W. J. Payne was re-elected people's warden. The vicar re-elected Coun. John Edwards his warden at Deri. The following were elected members off the parochial Council: T. Baldwin, B. Angell, W Davies, Willie Davies, O. Richards, W. Wilton, T. Jones, E. Jones, G. Mantle, F. Way, W. Morris and C. Ballard. The following sidesmen were elected: W. Pope, G. Way, S. Way, J. Morris, T. Jones, J. Lawrence, H. B. Harris, D. Tyler, H. Thomas, B. Rees, D. J. Williams, M. Parry, G. Evans, P. Gwynne, T. E. Davies, and C. Hollister.

27 April 1929 Memorial Service St. Mary Church was well filled on Sunday evening, when a memorial service to the late Mr. John Wood was held. Deceased had worshipped there for many years. The vicar chose as his text "Watch ye, therefore." Several of the deceased's favourite hymns were sung by the choir conducted by Mr. Berkley Angell. Mr. Octavius Richards, the organist, played the Dead March.

27 April 1929 Dramatic Performance At Carmel Chapel on Thursday and Saturday, the Dramatic Society gave excellent performances of the drama entitled "Caste" to most appreciative audiences. The various characters were well portrayed, and the dresses, scenery and stage effects were excellent. The chief characters were played by: Mr. Sylvanus Jenkins, Mr. J. Idris Williams, Miss Sal Jones, Miss Nesta Evans, Miss Bessie Ballard, Mr. Willie Morgan, Mr. Bob Rees, and Mr. Dan James. Mr. Tom Walters is to be complemented on the fine display of the company. He was assisted by Mr. Daniel Janes. Mr. E. M. Davies acted as chairman, and the secretarial duties were carried out by Mr. J. Idris Williams.

4 May 1929 Nazareth Dramatic Society At Nazareth on Thursday and Friday, successful performances were given by the Dramatic Society. The comedy "Lesson for Ladies," was played to very appreciative audiences. The characters were played by: Mrs. E. Parry Lewis, Miss Adelaide Lawrence, Miss E. Lawrence, Miss D. Davies, Mr. B. Davies, Mr. G. Jones, Mr. W. A. Davies, Messrs. T. Davies, H. Barlow and W. A. Jones. The stage manager was Mr. David Lewis.

18 May 1929 Nazareth Chapel The half yearly meetings in connection with the chapel where held on Sunday, when the preacher was of the Rev. D. L. Rees. The singing was conducted by Mr. William Morris, and Mr. Wyndham Lawrence was the organist.

18 May 1929 Mothers' Union On Tuesday, a well-attended services of the Mothers' Union took place at the Parish Church, when the special preacher was the Rev. R. Ward, Rector of Dowlais.

18 May 1929 Concert At the Church Hall, a children's entertainment took place on Friday, presided over by Mr. W J. Payne. The following contributed to the programme: Phyllis Barlow, Maggie Slimmonds, Mair Gittings, Doris Edwards, Gwennie Lewis, Cyril Lewis, W. J. Jones, Milly White, Thelma Thomas and Audrey Edwards. The winners of the singing competition

were: 1. Miss Doris Edwards and 2. Master W. J. Jones. After the competitions, there were games. The accompanist was Mr. Jack Lawrence.

25 May 1929 Outing All the chapels in the village took the children of their respective Sunday Sunday schools to Barry Island on Tuesday.

25 May 1929 Social At the Church Hall, under the auspices of the Mothers' Union, a whist drive and social evening was held. The M.C. for whist was Mr. C. Ballard, and for dancing, Mr. T. Howell Jones. Delightful music was supplied by Mr. Octavius Richards. The winners of the whist prizes were: Ladies: 1. Miss Rosie Davies, 2. Mrs. Bryn Price; Gents: 1. Mrs. B. Angell, 2. Mr. Ted Puddle.

15 June 1929 Carmel Chapel The annual meetings were held on Sunday and Monday. The Rev J. L. Williams, Swansea, preached edifying sermons. The singing was conducted by Mr. J. J. Lewis (Ap Morlais), with Mr. Thomas Walters at the organ.

29 June 1929 Mothers' Union A number of the members of the branch spent a delightful day at Weston-super-Mare on Saturday. Mr. Walter Davies, stationmaster, made special train arrangements, and the trip across the Channel was much enjoyed.

13 July 1929 Thanksgiving Service At the Parish Church on Sunday, a general thanksgiving service for the King's recovery was held, a very large congregation attending. An inspiring address was given by the Vicar. Special hymns were sung by the choir.

10 August 1929 Gospel Hall Special convention services have been held this week, and were marked by much fervour. The special preachers are Rev. T. J. Lewis, Pencoed, and Evangelist Mrs. R. Jones, Dowlais, whose inspiring addresses were well received.

10 August 1929 Outing On Tuesday, the annual outing of the St. Mary's Sunday School took place to Barry Island, when a large number of children and adults were travelled in the charge of the vicar and teachers. A very happy time was spent by all.

17 August 1929 Gospel Hall Enthusiastic meetings are being held every evening and are largely attended.

7 September 1929 St. Mary's On Tuesday evening, a special service in connection with the Mothers' Union was held, the vicar preaching.

14 September 1929 Noddfa Chapel The yearly meetings in connection with the chapel where held on Sunday and Monday, and were well attended. Inspiring sermons were preached by the Rev. I. Hughes, Risca. Mr. Thomas Evans conducted singing, and Mr. D. J. Thomas presided at the organ.

21 September 1929 Rehearsal At St. Mary's Church on Wednesday, a large number of choristers from the parish of Pontlottyn and the parish of Fochriw and Deri, met for a rehearsal of the programme of music for All Saints' Festival. The United Choir was conducted by Mr. D. I. Jones, Pontlottyn, and the singing reached a high standard. Also present were Mr. Berkeley Angell, conductor of St. Mary's choir, and Mr. John Owen, conductor of St. Peter's choir, Deri. Mr. Octavius Richards presided at the organ.

5 October 1929 Noddfa Chapel Harvest Festival Services were held at the chapel on Monday and Tuesday, and were well attended. The singing was conducted by Mr. T. Evans, and Miss Hilda Phillips was the organist.

5 October 1929 Harvest Festival Harvest Festival Services in connection with St. Mary's Church where held on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, and were well attended. The Church had been beautifully decorated with fruit, flowers and vegetables. The choir, under Mr. Berkeley Angell, rendered the anthem, "What are These?" (Stainer) in fine style, with Mr. Octavius Richards as organist. Sunday services were conducted by the Rev. D. T. Lewis, Trelewis. On Monday, the special preacher was the Rev. E. Illtyd Jones, vicar of Cilfynydd, and on Tuesday, the Rev. R. Ward, Rector of Dowlais. The fruit, flowers and vegetables have been distributed to the sick and needy.

12 October 1929 Carmel Chapel Harvest Festival Services were held during the week. The singing was conducted by the Mr. J. J. Lewis, with Mr. Thomas Walters at the organ.

12 October 1929 Mother's' Union On Tuesday, members were addressed by Mrs. Rhys, Llanishen, who gave a most inspiring address.

12 October 1929 Harvest Festival Services were held at St. David's Church, Pantywaun, on Sunday and Monday, and were well attended. On Sunday, the vicar preached, and on Monday the special preacher was the Rev. E. H. Maddock, Abertyswg. The organist was Mr. Mitchell.

26 October 1929 Nazareth The half-yearly services were held on Sunday and Monday in connection with Nazareth C. M. Chapel. The preacher was the Rev. T. H. Crunant Davies, Llansamlet, who delivered fine discourses. The singing was conducted by Mr. Wm. Morris, and the organists were Mr. Wyndham Lawrence, and Mr. Wm. Davies.

26 October 1929 Whist A whist drive was held at the Church Hall on Friday evening, Mr. W. J. Payne acting as M.C.. Prizewinners: Ladies: 1. Miss M. H. Williams, 2. Miss Eirlys Jenkins; Gents: 1. Mr. J. Harding, 2. Mr. Crad Ballard.

2 November 1929 Whist Drive At St. Mary Hall on Monday evening, a whist drive was held, the M.C. being Mr. Walter Davies. Prize winners: Ladies: 1. Mrs. Jenkins, 2. Mrs. Pritchard; Gents: 1. Mrs. V. Wood, 2. Mr. Howells.

2 November 1929 Harvest Festival The services in connection with Nazareth Church were held on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. The singing was conducted by Mr. William Morris, with Mr. W. A. Davies at the organ.

2 November 1929 Concert On Friday evening, a children's concert was held at the Church Hall, presided over by Mr. W. J. Payne, with Mr. Eddie Davies as accompanist. The following contributed to programme: Doris Edwards, Mimi Lewis, Mary Lewis, Marion Gregory, W. J. Jones, Cyril Lewis, Gwennie Lewis, Mr. D. J. Williams, and Mr. Goronwy Tyler. A keen competition was witnessed in the singing competition - "Jesus loves me." The winners were Miss Mimi Lewis, W. J. Jones, Cyril Lewis, and G. Lewis. A laughable sketch entitled "The Rehearsal," brought a pleasant evening to a close. The characters were played by Mr. W. J. Payne, D. J. Williams, G. Tyler, Vernon Payne, D. Strang, and A. Williams.

9 November 1929 Mothers' Union The annual supper in connection with the St. Mary's branch, took place at the Church Hall on Tuesday. After supper games were played. The M.Cs. were Mr. W. J. Payne and Mr. Walter Davies, with Mr. Octavius Richards at the piano.

9 November 1929 Concert At a Children's Concert at the Church Hall on Friday, the vicar presided, with Mr. Eddie Davies as accompanist. The following contributed to the programme: Mair Gittings, Rennie Angell, M. H. Ballard, Hannah Mantle, Jessie Jones, Mattie Jenkins, G. Puddle, B. Morris, Thelma Thomas, J. Davies, W. J. Jones, Mary Lewis, C. Lewis, Peter Jenkins, Doris Edwards, M. Lewis. Out of 14 entries for the singing competition, the first prize was won by Mary Lewis. A sketch entitled "The Haunted House," was played by Mr. W. J. Payne, D. J. Williams, Rod Jones, D. G. Tyler, Mervyn Payne, and Idris Williams.

16 November 1929 Armistice Day The solemn service was conducted by the vicar at the Parish Church, and two minutes' silence was observed. The sermon was preached by the Rev. A. L. Jones, vicar of Pontlottyn. Various organisations were present.

16 November 1929 Concert A Children's Concert was held at the Church Hall on Friday. The following contributed: Marion Gregory, Jessie Jones, Olga Chapman, Willie Walters, Winnie Evans, Rennie Angell, Mimi Lewis. In the reciting competition, the winners were Phyllis Barlow, Doris Edwards and W. J. Jones. The evening closed with a sketch entitled "A Day at School."

16 November 1929 Festival On Wednesday, at St. Mary's Church, an All Saints Festival took place. The United choirs were present with their respective conductors, and rendered a fine programme of music. An impressive sermon was preached by the Rural Dean of Caerphilly, the Rev. E. L. Rhys.

23 November 1929 Noddfa Chapel On Sunday last, a special baptismal service took place. Eleven candidates were baptised by the Rev. W. Williams, Llanelli.

23 November 1929 British and Foreign Bible Society On Tuesday evening at Nazareth Chapel, under the auspices of the above Society, Mr. Moses Williams, Rhymney, presiding, an inspiring address was given by the Rev. Victor Hughes, vicar of Bedlinog. He gave a vivid account of the work of the Society, and appealed for support to carry on the great work. At the close, the speaker was accorded a hearty vote of thanks on the motion of Mr. W. J. Payne, seconded by Mr. Jenkin Pugh. The energetic secretary is Mr. William Morris.

23 November 1929 Concert On Friday evening, a children's concert was held at the Church Hall presided over by the Vicar. The following contributed to the programme: David Howells, Willie Walters, Mary Lewis, Doris Edwards, W. J. Jones, Phoebe M. Davies, Jessie Davis. The singing competition - "Jesus Bids me Shine" - was won by Mary Lewis, Cyril Lewis, W. J. Jones and Phyllis Martin. A laughable sketch "The Great Cure," concluded the programme.

30 November 1929 St. Mary's Church On Sunday, the special preacher was the Rev. E. J. Edmonds, vicar of St. Catherine's, Caerphilly.

30 November 1929 Concert On Friday, a children's entertainment was held at St. Mary's Hall, the vicar presiding. The following contributed to the programme: Freddie Williams, David Howells, Betty Edwards, Marion Gregory, Frances Adams, Rennie Angell, Jenny Morgan, Mary Lewis, Cyril Lewis, Minnie Lewis, W. C. Edwards, Gladys Lewis, Rhoda Jones, William J. Jones. The singing competition was won by Mary Lewis and William J. Jones; the impromptu reading by Ieuan Davies and J. A. Thomas. The evening concluded with a laughable sketch entitled "The Old Plantation," played by Messrs. W. J. Payne, Eddie Davies, Rod Jones and Goronwy Tyler.

7 December 1929 Carmel The annual meetings were held on Sunday and Monday, and sermons were preached by the Glynmor John, M.A., Tylorstown. The singing was conducted by Mr. J.J. Lewis, with Mr. T. Walters at the organ.

7 December 1929 St. Mary's Hall A children's concert was held on Friday presided over by Rev. J.C. Payne, vicar. Mr. E. Davies was the accompanist, and the following contributed to the musical programme: Kathleen Williams, Doris Edwards, Marion Gregory, Margaret Rowlands, Doris White and friends, Mary Lewis and friends, David Howells, Jack Davies, Freddie Williams, W.J. Llewellyn, Willie Walters, Sydney Briffett, Willie Seaborne, Peter Jenkins, Goronwy Tyler, Norman Thomas, Berkley Hiscox, Walter Howells, D.J. Williams, Phyllis Barlow and Cyril Lewis (winner of the singing competition). The whole concluded with a very laughable sketch entitled "The Statues," played by the following: Messrs. W.J. Payne, D.J. Williams, Eddie Davies, Rod Jones, Goronwy Tyler and Peter Jenkins.

14 December 1929 Memorial Service At Nazareth chapel on Sunday evening, a service in memory of the late Mrs. David Davies was held. She had been a faithful member and worshipper of the Church, and touching references were made to her life and character by the Rev. R. Evans, pastor. Reference was also made to the passing of Mr. Robert Jones.

14 December 1929 Carmel Chapel On Sunday, a rehearsal in connection with the forthcoming Christmas Gymanfa Ganu was held, under the conductorship of Mr. S. Ashton, Merthyr Vale, when the singing reached a very high standard. Unfortunately, owing to the failure of the electric light, part of the evening's programme had to be abandoned.

14 December 1929 Children's Concert A concert was held at St. Mary's Hall on Friday and was presided over by Mr. W. J. Payne. The following contributed to a musical programme: Willie Walters, D. Howells, G. Tyler, D. J. Williams, F. Williams, J. Davies, Mary Lewis, Doris Edwards, Marion Gregory, Doris Wright, Cyril Lewis, Gwennie Lewis, Walter Howells. Several competitions also took place. The accompanist was Mr. Eddie Davies.

14 December 1929 Opera At Carmel Chapel on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday last, very successful performances were given of the opera, "The Bohemian Girl," by the Carmel Operatic Society, under the able conductorship of Mr. James J. Lewis ("Ap Morlais"). The singing, dresses and stage effects added greatly to the success of the opera. The chief characters performed by the following: Mr. T. Lewis; Miss Lilian Way; Mr. Haydn Davies; Miss Beryl Ballard; Mr. Emlyn Davies; Master Tudor Davies; Master Jimmy Pasc-Lewis. The scenic artists were Messrs. Idris Williams and D. James. The accompanists were Miss Nest Evans and Mr. Tom Walters.

14 December 1929 Social A successful whist drive and dance took place at the Church Hall on Monday, under the auspices of the Mothers' Union of St. Mary's Church. The duties of M.C. for whist were ably carried out by Serjeant W. Howells, and for dancing by Mr. T. Howell Jones. Mr. Octavius Richards provided a fine selection of music. Prize winners for whist: Ladies: 1. Miss L. Rees, 2. Miss G. Thomas; Gentleman: 1. Mr. H. Ballard, 2. Mr. S. Jenkins.

21 December 1929 St Mary Hall A whist drive was held on Monday, the M.C. being Mr. Ernie Jones. Prize winners: Ladies: 1. Mr. Parkins, 2. Miss Rosie Davies; Gentleman: 1. Mr. Charlie Tyler, 2. Mr. Crad Thomas.

21 December 1929 Children's Concert A pleasant time was spent at St. Mary's Hall on Friday, the vicar presiding. The following contributed to the programme: Thelma Thomas, M. Evans, G. Lewis, L. Cole, M. Lewis, Marion Gregory, Beryl Morris, Betty Hiscox, Phyllis Barlow, David Howells, G. Davies, Gordon Price, Jack Davies, Fred Williams, Douglas Clark, Berkley Hiscox, David Cole. The singing competition was won by Miss Doris Edwards. The whole concluded with a laughable sketch entitled "The Wrong Flat," the following taking part: W. J. Payne, D. J. Williams, Rod Jones, G. Tyler, V. Payne, M. Payne, Helena Rees, Ursula Harris.

28 December 1929 Santa Claus At St. Mary Hall on Friday evening, a children's entertainment was presided over by Mr. W. J. Payne, when the following contributed to the programme: David Howells, David Cole, Lilian Cole, Ieuan Davies, Jackie Davies, Ernest Lester, Douglas Clark, Gerald Davies, Mimi Lewis, Berkley Hiscox, Gordon Price, Ewart Davies, Ronald Price, W. Seaborne, and L. Walters. The winners of the singing competition, out of 22 entries, were Mimi Lewis and Ron Price. Santa Claus was finally impersonated by Mr. J. Lawrence, and all the children were presented with presents from his bag. The accompanist was Master Vernon Payne.

4 January 1930 Watch-Night A very impressive watch-night service was held at St. Mary's, the Vicar giving the address. Mr. O. Richards presided at the organ.

4 January 1930 St. Mary's Church Services were held on Christmas Day, the preacher being the vicar. There was a children's carol service in the afternoon. Mr. O. Richards was at the organ, and Mr. B. Angell conducted the singing.

4 January 1930 Gymanfa Ganu At Noddfa Chapel on Christmas Day, the United choirs of Nazareth and Noddfa held their annual festival of praise, and as in past years, the singing again attained its usual high standard. The conductor was Mr. William Morris. The morning session was presided over by Mr. Willie Adams Jones, the afternoon session by Mr. John Jones, and the evening session by the Rev. Richard Evans. The accompanists were Messrs. Wyndham Lawrence and David Joshua Thomas.

4 January 1930 Singing Festival The annual singing festival in connection with Carmel Chapel was held on Christmas Day. The singing reached a very high standard under the conductorship of Mr. S. Ashton, Aberfan. The training of the choir was under the supervision of Messrs. James John Lewis and Sylvanus Jenkins. The accompanists were Miss Mona Ballard and Mr. Thomas Walters. The morning session was opened by Master John Gwyn Lewis, and was presided over by Mr. David Lewis. The afternoon session was opened by Mr. Leyshon Rowlands, and presided over by Mr. Thomas Ballard. The evening session was opened by Miss Mary Lewis Thomas, and was presided over by the Mr. Evan Morgan Davies. Solos and duets were rendered by Mrs. Trevor Davies, Gretta Thomas, Cissie Thomas and Mr. Septimus Ashton; recitations were given by Nurse Ballard Davies and Master Willie Walters. The chairman of the committee was Mr. David Lewis, the secretary Mr. Bob Rees, and the treasurer Mr. Cyril Cook.

11 January 1930 St. Mary's Hall On Friday, a successful children's concert was held, presided over by the Vicar, and the accompanist was Mr. Eddie Davies. The following contributed to a musical programme: David Howells, David Cole, G. Evans, Freddie Williams, Howell T. Lewis, Douglas Evans, Messrs Goronwy Tyler, Alvin Llewellyn, Rod Jones, George Williams, Jackie Davies, Winnie Evans, Cissie Thomas, Minnie Lewis, Marion Gregory, Gwennie Lewis; duet, Alvin Llewellyn and Goronwy Tyler; solo, Mr David J. Williams. The winners of the singing competition were: 1. Doris Edwards, 2. William J. Jones. The evening concluded with a laughable sketch entitled "The Man from Mars," the following taking part: Messrs. W. J. Payne, D. J. Williams, Eddie Davies, Rod Jones, George Williams, Goronwy Tyler, Vernon Payne, David Strang, C. Tyler, A. Llewellyn.

11 January 1930 "The Wishing Cap" Delightful fare was provided at Noddfa Vestry, when the children of the Sunday school produced the cantata "The Wishing Cap," under the able conductorship of Mr. Thomas Evans. There were large appreciative audiences. The principals

were in excellent voice, which reflects great credit on the producer, Miss Hilda Phillips, and the conductor. Praise is also due to the accompanist, Mr. David Joshua Thomas, and the scenic artist Mr. Jenkin Thomas. The chief characters were played by: Phyllis Davies, Magdalen Pugh, Bertie Edwards, Marjorie Lewis, David John Parry, Mr. Richard Jones, Minnie Price, Ceinwen Thomas, Mwynwen Jones, Gwenda Thomas, Mrs. Elvira Jenkins, Phyllis Williams, Dilys Evans, Mrs. Edith Thomas, Bethune Gregory, Ray Parry, Iris Evans, Kathleen Williams, and Edna E. Jones.

18 January 1930 Prize Distribution On Sunday afternoon at the Parish Church, the distribution of prize books for faithfulness in attendance was performed by the superintendent of the Sunday School, Mr. W. J. Payne. Splendid work is carried out by the teachers - Miss Rosie Davies, Mrs. Payne (Vicarage), Mrs. H. Thomas, the vicar, and Mr. W. J. Payne. The special preacher in the evening was the Rev. D. T. Lewis, Trelewis.

18 January 1930 St. Mary Hall A very interesting Children's Concert was held at the above Hall on Friday evening last the vicar presiding. The following contributed to a musical programme: Glanmor Kent, Jack Davies, David Cole, E. Lester, F. Williams, G. Price, G. Davies, J. Hiscox, C. Powell, H. Price, M. Gregory, B. Hiscox, D. Morris,. The winners of the singing competition were: F. Williams, Douglas Clark, and G. Kent. The evening concluded with a laughable sketch entitled "All Aboard," the following taking part: W. J. Payne, Rod. Jones, Eddie Davies, Goronwy Tyler, Vernon Payne, A. Llewellyn, Christie Tyler, Lena Rees, Ursula Harris.

25 January 1930 St. Mary Hall The Children's Concert was held on Friday presided over by Mr. W. J. Payne. The following contributed to a musical programme: Mr. A. Llewellyn, David Howells, Willie Walters, Evan Lewis, Ronald Price, William J. Jones, Freddie Williams, Douglas Clark, R. Price, Albert G. Burrows, Cyril Lewis, Alfred Davies, David Rees Jones, Ernest Lester, D. C. Jones and F. Jones, Gordon Price, Geraint Davies, Harry Evans, Phyllis Barlow, Gwennie Lewis, Doris Edwards, Lilian Cole, Monica Williams, Ieuan Davies, Margaret Rowlands, and Marion Gregory. The whole concluded with a laughable sketch entitled "The Unwelcome Guest."

8 February 1930 Drama St. Mary's Dramatic Society scored another success on Thursday and Saturday when they produced the drama "The Lucky Horseshoe," under the supervision of Mr. W. J. Payne. The music was supplied by Mr. O. Richards and Mr. T. Horton. The chief characters were sustained by Messrs. J. Lawrence, D. Tyler, T. Jones, W. J. Payne, P. Gwynne, G. Williams, D. J. Williams, E. Davies, G. Tyler, A. Llewellyn, R. Jones, Miss L. Rees, Miss O. M. Payne, B. Watkins, G. Lawrence, W. Rees, Edward G. Price, George Baldwin. The stage-managers were Charles Hollister and Charles Payne. Lighting effects: W. J. Davies.

15 February 1930 St. Mary's Hall The usual children's concert was held presided over by the vicar. The following contributed to a musical programme: D. Howells, G. Davies, R. Price, D. Cole, G. Price, E. Lester, W. J. Jones, A. Price, I. Davies, J. Davies, T. Rowlands, D. Edwards, M. Edwards, M. Gregory, B. Morris, G. Lewis. The winner of the singing competition was Gwennie Lewis. The accompanists were Messrs. Eddie Davies and Walter Howells.

22 February 1930 Memorial Service At the Parish Church on Sunday evening, a service in memory of Mr. W. Williams, Pentwyn, was held. Special hymns were sung, under the conductorship of Mr. Berkley Angell, and the organist, Mr. Octavius Richards, played the "Dead March" in "Saul."

22 February 1930 Children's Concert Held at St. Mary Hall on Friday, presided over by the Vicar. The following contributed: Jackie Davies, Tudor Rowlands, Douglas Clark, Jackie Evans, Robert Watkins, H. Price, David Howells, Ronald Payne, David Rees Jones, Gordon Price, D. Jones, Betty Edwards, Margaret Watkins, Lilian Cole, Monica Williams, Gwen Lewis, Marion Gregory, P. Barlow, R. Angell. The evening concluded with a laughable sketch entitled "Muldoon's Picnic," the following taking part: Miss Helena Rees, Messrs. D. J. Williams, R. Jones, G. Tyler, E. Davies, V. Payne, E. G. Price, C. Tyler.

Pits Idle Both the Ogilvie and Groesfaen Pits were idle once again on Wednesday.

1 March 1930 St. Mary's Hall The weekly children's concert took place at the Hall, presided over by the vicar. The following contributed to a musical programme. D. Howells, David Cecil Jones, Tudor Davies, Gordon Price, David Rees Jones, Jack Davies, Tudor Rowlands, David

John Williams, Goronwy Tyler, Godfrey Wood, Douglas Clark, Stuart Davies, Leslie Payne, Mary Lewis, Mair Evans, Margaret Edwards, Betty Edwards. The whole concluded with a laughable sketch entitled "Who Died First" played by Mr. D. J. Williams, Mr. Rod Jones, Mr. Eddie Davies, and Mr. G. Tyler.

1 March 1930 Memorial Service On Sunday evening at Nazareth Chapel, a most impressive service was conducted by the Rev. Richard Evans, in memory of the late Mr. Thomas Roberts, who had been a faithful deacon and treasurer for about 30 years, and whose death has been such a loss to the chapel and neighbourhood in general. Always ready to stand up for his religion, his wise counsel had proved a tower of strength in the Church he served so faithfully. Rev. Evans made touching references to his excellent quality. Suitable hymns were sung under the conductorship of Mr. William Morris. Mr. Wyndham Lawrence was at the organ. All join in tendering sympathy to the bereaved.

1 March 1930 Drama On Saturday evening at the Church Hall, a most enjoyable time was spent by the members of the St. Mary's Dramatic Society. Their latest triumph was the production of the fine drama "The Lucky Horseshoe," to crowded audiences. After the drama, the evening was devoted to singing and dancing, the music being supplied by Mr. Octavius Richards at the piano, and Mr. Tom Horton at the violin. The programme provided a musical treat, the following contributing: Lena Rees, Olive Payne, J. Lawrence, Tom Jones, W. J. Payne, Charles Hollister, D. J. Williams, Rod Jones, G. Tyler, George Williams, D. Tyler, E. G. Price. The tray-holders were Mrs. W. J. Payne, Mrs. Gwynne, Mrs. Jones, and Mrs. Tyler. The evening was brought to a close by all joining hands and singing "Auld Lang Syne."

1 March 1930 Noddfa Chapel Special services were held on Sunday, when edifying sermons were preached by Mrs. Glyn Rees, Penydarren. The singing was conducted by Mr. Thomas Evans, and Miss Hilda Phillips presided at the organ.

1 March 1930 St. Mary's The pulpit was occupied on Sunday by the Vicar who made touching references to the late Mr. Wm. Lewis who was for many years a lay reader. The "Dead March" was played at the close of the service.

8 March 1930 Nazareth Chapel St. David's Day was observed by members on Saturday. The tables were presided over by the following: Mesdames S. Slimmonds, Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Pugh. The chairman was Mr. W. A. Jones and Mr. W. A. Davies was at the organ.

8 March 1930 Carmel Chapel Nos Gwyl Dewi was celebrated at the Chapel under the chairmanship of the Mr. David Lewis. The following items were produced: "Caneuon Gwerin," by the young and old members; a drama by the young people of the chapel "Unawdau Cymraeg;" and Welsh recitations. The producer was Mr. Syl Jenkins, and the following were the characters: Misses S. Jones, Maggie E. Thomas, Mona Ballard, Teg Evans, Rita Cole, Messrs. M. Shankland, Emrys Davies, John G. Lewis, Tudor Davies, and Vernon Davies.

8 March 1930 Noddfa Vestry An enjoyable evening was spent at the above vestry on St. David's night. A fine programme of songs and recitations was contributed to by Misses Katie Thomas, Gwenfil Harris, Winnie Evans, Kathleen Williams, Edna E. Jones, Phyllis Davies, B. Gregory, Iris Evans, Messrs John Rees Walters, Syl Jenkins, David George Parry, Joshua Thomas, and Thomas J. Jones. The accompanists were Miss Hilda Phillips and Mr. Joshua Thomas. The chairman was Mr. Jenkin Thomas, and the adjudicator was ex-Sergeant Williams.

8 March 1930 Confirmation At the Parish Church on Tuesday, the Lord Bishop of Llandaff administered the rite of confirmation, when about 50 were confirmed. The choirs of Fochriw and Deri were present, under the conductorship of Mr. Berkley Angell, and Mr. Sydney Williams. Mr. O. Richards was at the organ.

8 March 1930 Concert At the Church Hall on Friday, the Vicar presided over a children's entertainment. The following took part: Mary Lewis, Iris Jones, Betty Edwards, D. J. Williams, G. Tyler, David Howells, David Cole, G. Cumpstone, G. Wood, H. Evans, R. Price, and Doris Morgan. The accompanist was Mr. Eddie Davies. The evening concluded with a sketch - "Black Justice," - the following members of the Dramatic Society taking part: W. J. Payne, D. J. Williams, Rod Jones, Eddie Davies, C. Tyler, J. Tyler.

8 March 1930 Pankake Social On Monday at the Church Hall, the annual whist drive and dance in connection with the Mothers' Union was held. The M.C. for whist was Mr. C. Ballard, and for dancing Mr. T Howell Jones. Music was supplied by Mr. Octavius Richards, piano, and

Mr. Tom Horton, violin. The winners of the whist were: Ladies: 1. Mrs. Howells, 2. Mrs. Payne; Gents: 1. Mr. David Way, 2. Mr. Tom Horton. Splendid service was rendered by Mr. W. J. Davies and Mr. Frank Way.

8 March 1930 Noddfa Chapel It was a red letter day at Noddfa Welsh Baptist Chapel on Sunday, when ex-Sergeant H. Williams gave the history of the founding of the chapel fifty-five years ago. Several families of the Baptist persuasion had moved to Fochriw in 1874, and at that time there was no place at Fochriw where the Baptists could worship. The nearest place of worship was Brithdir, Penybank, which was about two miles away. They decided to approach the brethren at Brithdir, Dowlais and Rhymney to have a place erected at Fochriw, and it was decided to build a small chapel at a cost of £222. It was opened at the commencement of 1875, the founders being the late Mr. Thomas Bevan, manager of the Fochriw collieries, and father of the present Mr. J. Bevan, M.E.; Mr. Thomas Evans, of Penydarren; Mr. David Thomas, Dowlais; Mr. Thomas Walters and Mr. William Edwards, Rhymney; and Mr. Thomas Evans, Moriah, Dowlais. The secretary was Mr. Thomas Evans, Penydarren, and the treasurer Mr. Thomas Bevan. The little Church prospered, and it soon had a membership of 50. In 1896 they had to build a more, commodious place which cost £440, and again in 1903 they had to rebuild Chapel as it now stands, at a cost of £1,800. Although the founders have passed to the Beyond to receive their crown, the present Church is a fine memorial to their initiatives. The Church has collected for all purposes, from 1875 to 1929, the sum of £8,700.

15 March 1930 Lecture At Nazareth Chapel on Monday, a lecture was given by the Rev. Dr. D. M. Phillips, Tylorstown, entitled "The Crown of Creation." The chairman was the Rev. Richard Evans. A vote of thanks to the speaker was proposed by the Rev. J. C. Payne, seconded by Mr. Moses Williams. Ex-Sergeant Henry Williams and Mr. David Davies also spoke.

29 March 1930 Mothers' Union Special services were conducted on Tuesday with the Mother's Union, and were well attended.

5 April 1930 Full Mission Hall Special services were held at the Mission Hall on Saturday and Sunday last, when edifying sermons and lectures were given by Mr. and Mrs. Vale on the ways and habits of the people of the Congo.

19 April 1930 Nazareth Chapel A social and concert took place at the chapel on Monday, and was presided over by Mr. Wm. Morris, with Mr. Thomas Walters, A.L.C.M., at the organ. The following contributed to a musical programme: Mrs. Mattie Lewis, Miss Mary Morgan, Messrs. Willie Adams Jones, Meirion Shankland, William Morgan, Berkley Davies, Willie A. Davies, Willie A. Jones, Misses Adelaide Lawrence, Eiluned Lawrence, Doris Davies, and A. Davies

19 April 1930 Drama Carmel Dramatic Society scored a decided success on Thursday and Saturday last, when they produced the Welsh comedy "John a Jams" (Brinley Jones). The chief characters were played by the following: Mr. David Lewis, Mrs. May Davies, Mr. Willie Morgan, Mr. W. Angell Davies, Mr. Willie Angell, Miss B. Ballard, Mr. Daniel Jenkins, Miss Nesta Evans. The producer was Mr. David Lewis, and the stage manager Mr. Tom Lewis. The secretary was Miss S. Jones.

26 April 1930 Noddfa Chapel Special services were held on Sunday last, and were well attended. Inspiring sermons were delivered by Principal T. Phillips, Cardiff. The singing was conducted by Mr. Thomas Evans, with Miss Hilda Phillips of the organist.

26 April 1930 St. Mary's Impressive services were conducted on Good Friday, and again on Easter Day, when the Church had been nicely decorated with a profusion of spring flowers. The attendances at the early celebrations were very large. Mr. Berkley Angell conducted the singing and Mr. Octavius Richards was the organist. The celebrant and preacher throughout was the vicar.

26 April 1930 Drama Noddfa Dramatic Society delighted large audiences on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday last, when they produced the drama "The Crash." The characters were played by Mr. T. J. Jones, Mr. J. R. Walters, Mr. D. G. Parry, Mr. D. J. Thomas, Mr. R. Jones, Mr. B. J. Thomas, Mrs. E. Phillips, Miss R. Parry, Miss Phyllis Williams, Miss Marjorie Lewis. Miss Hilda Phillips was the producer, and the musical accompanists were Mr. Octavius Richards and Mr. T. J. Horton, Pengam. The stage managers were Mr. Tom Thomas and Mr. R. Thomas, the secretary was Mr. Jenkin Thomas, and Mr. A. Morris was the stage attendant.

10 May 1930 Mothers' Union A special service in connection with the Mothers' Union was held at St. Mary's on Tuesday evening. Several new members were enrolled. An address was given by Mrs. Jukes, Senghenydd.

10 May 1930 Vestry At the Church Hall on Wednesday, the annual Easter vestry was held, when the Rev. J. C. Payne, vicar, presided, supported by the Rev. D. J. Griffiths, curate, Messrs. Charles Payne and W. J. Payne, churchwardens, and Mr. Walter Davies, Parochial secretary. The vicar stated that the past year had been a good one, despite the depression. He extended a hearty welcome to Mr. Griffiths. He reminded everyone of the list of things that required urgent attention that he had given a year ago. Much had been accomplished, including the re-roofing of the Parish Church, and St. Peter's Hall would be renovated in a week or so. Before the end of the summer, he hoped Pentwyn Church would be re-constructed. The roof of St. David's, Pantywaun, still required urgent attention. The statement of accounts was read by Mr. W. J. Payne. The Vicar re-appointed Mr. Charles Payne his warden, Coun. J. Edwards, his warden at St. Peter's, and Mr. Arthur Davies warden at St. David's. Mr. W. J. Payne was unanimously re-elected people's warden. The following were elected to the Parochial Council: Messrs. B. Angell, O. Richards, T. Baldwin, T. Jones, H. Thomas, W. Davies, J. Lawrence, F. Way, W. Davies, T. Jones, E. Jones, and T. D. Davies. The sidesmen are: Messrs. M. Parry, F. Way, T. Baldwin, G. Evans, H. Thomas, C. Tyler, W. Davies, C. Ballard, C. Hollister, G. Mantle, J. Morris, W. Pope, E. Jones, S. Way, T. Jones, J. Lawrence, W. Davies, D. J. Williams, W. Morris, and Tom Jones. Mr. Walter Davies was appointed parochial secretary, and Miss Rosie Davies auditor. The Rev. D. J. Griffiths thanked all for the welcome extended him.

17 May 1930 St. Mary's The pulpit was occupied on Sunday by the Vicar, when touching references were made to the late Mr. Edward Morgan, Pentwyn, and to the passing of Mr. Richard Bell, who cared so much for the village during the dark hours of distress. Mr. Octavius Richards played the Dead March. Touching references were also made to Mr. Richard Bell, at Nazareth, Noddfa and Carmel churches.

24 May 1930 Nazareth Chapel The half yearly meetings in connection with the chapel were held on Sunday, when the preacher was the Rev. Daniel Davies, Newport. The sermons were very edifying, and this singing was of a hearty nature, under the conductorship of Mr. William Morris. The organists were Messrs. W. Lawrence and Willie Angell Davies.

7 June 1930 Concert At St. Mary's Church Hall, a tea and entertainment was held, presided over by the Vicar. The first part of the evening was devoted to games, with Mr. W. J. Payne in charge. Afterwards, tea was served. The tray-holders were: Mrs. Payne (Vicarage), Mrs. W. J. Payne, Mrs. Lewis, Miss Rosie Davies, Miss Gwladys Mills, Miss Annie Mills, Mrs. H. Thomas, Mrs. M. A. Tyler, Miss Wynda Edwards, Miss O. M. Payne, Miss Ethel M. Wilton, Mrs. M. H. Jones. Splendid service was also given five Mr. Frank Way, Mr. Willie Davies, Mr. Tom Jones, Mr. D. J. Williams, Mr. G. Tyler, and Mr. H. Thomas. The musical programme was contributed to by: Gilmor Isaac, Willie Walters, David Howells, William J. Jones, D. J. Williams, Goronwy Tyler, Mary Lewis, Hannah Mantle, Catherine J. Williams, Mair Evans and Betty Edwards. The accompanist was Mr. Octavius Richards.

7 June 1930 Presentation At Nazareth Chapel on Saturday evening, signal honour was paid to Mr. John Lawrence, who has held the position of Church secretary for the last 25 years, and still carries out the duties. His many friends and admirers showed their appreciation of these services by presenting him with a handsome bureau bearing the following inscription: "Presented to John Lawrence by Nazareth Calvinistic Methodist members, for 25 years service as secretary. May, 1930." Mr. Lawrence, whose name is a household word locally, comes of a noted family, his father (Mr. James Lawrence) having been a faithful deacon at Nazareth until his death some years ago. The happy gathering was presided over by the Rev. Richard Evans, who spoke in glowing terms of Mr. Lawrence's work on behalf of the Church. The presentation was made by Miss Katie Davies. Mr. Lawrence, who was received with cheers, said he was deeply grateful for the handsome gift. Mr. Willie Adams Jones, Mr. William Morris, Mr. Thomas Pugh, and Mr. Evan Jones also paid their tributes. A first-class musical programme was contributed to by Messrs. W. A. Davies, Tom Walters, William Morris, and Berkley Davies. The accompanists were Mr. Thomas Walters and Mr. Willie Davies.

14 June 1930 Carmel Chapel On Saturday and Sunday, the annual meetings were held. The Rev. E. Cadfan Jones, Ebbw Vale, occupied the pulpit. Mr. Thomas Walters presided at the organ, and the singing was conducted by Mr. James J. Lewis.

14 June 1930 Outing On Tuesday, members of the local churches journeyed to Barry Island. About 700 made the journey, and excellent train arrangements had been made by the station master, Mr. Walter Davies.

28 June 1930 Carmel Chapel On Sunday, a devotional monthly meeting was held, presided over by Mr. Daniel Rowlands. Mr. Jenkin Pugh read a portion of scripture, and Nurse Ballard Davies gave a recitation. Solos were sung by Miss Annie Jones, and Mr. Thomas Walters, and Mr. Daniel James gave a recitation. The organists were Mr. Thomas Walters, and Miss Nesta Evans. The singing was conducted by Mr. James J. Lewis.

5 July 1930 Mothers' Union A special meeting of the Fochriw branch was held at St. Mary's on Tuesday.

19 July 1930 Mothers' Union A large number of members journeyed to Llanishen on Wednesday, and took part in the Ruridecanal Conference.

26 July 1930 Mother's Union On Thursday morning last, members of the Mothers' Union and friends, journeyed to London, to the pageant at the Albert Hall. The early part of the day was given to sight seeing. All visited the pageant in the evening. Praise is due to Mr. Walter Davies, stationmaster, who made such excellent train arrangements. The party arrived home about 7:30a.m. on Friday.

9 August 1930 Tea Party On Thursday, the St. David's Church annual party was held at Pantywaun. The tables were nicely arranged and a large number sat down to the good things provided by the members of the Mission Church. A number of friends from St. Mary's were present. It is the intention to carry out very necessary repairs in the near future.

6 September 1930 Presentation At the Church Hall on Tuesday, a pleasant time was spent when the members of the Fochriw branch of the Mothers' Union met to do honour to their late treasurer, Mrs. J. P. Isaac, who had recently removed to Pontlottyn. The presentation took the form of a beautiful electric lamp stand. The presentation was made by Mrs. Payne, The Vicarage, who spoke of Mrs. Isaacs' faithfulness. Mrs. Wilton and Mrs. Mantle also added their tributes. Afterwards the members sat down to an excellent tea, and an enjoyable evening was spent. The meeting was presided over by the vicar. Mrs. Walter Davies was appointed treasurer.

20 September 1930 St. Andrew's Church Splendid progress has been made with the reconstruction of the Old Church on the hill, which is nearing completion. The old place is very dear to many who have loved ones resting beneath its shadows.

20 September 1930 Noddfa Chapel The yearly meetings in connection with the chapel took place on Saturday and Sunday, and large congregations were present at each meeting. Stirring sermons were preached by the Rev. Morgan Jones, Whitland, which were much appreciated. The singing was conducted by Mr. Thomas Evans, and Mr. David T. Thomas presided at the organ.

27 September 1930 Social Under the auspices of the Mothers' Union, a social was held on Monday at St. Mary Hall. The M.C. for whist was Mr. W. J. Payne, and for dancing Mr. T. Howell Jones. Mr. Octavius Richards was the accompanist. Prize winners for whist: Ladies: 1. Miss Megan Morris, 2. Miss Lily Jones; Gents: 1. Mr. A. J. Evans, 2. Mr. Stanley Williams. Musical chair waltzing competition: winners Miss Elsie Wood and Mr. H. Ballard. Guess cake: winner, Miss Phyllis Evans and Mr. Tom Davies.

4 October 1930 St. David's, Pantywaun Harvest Festival services were conducted on Sunday and Tuesday. The preachers were the Vicar, the Rev. E. J. Owen, and the Rev. D. J. Griffiths. The organist and conductor were Mr. R. Mitchell and Mr. Kings.

4 October 1930 Harvest Festival Harvest Festival services in connection with St. Mary's Church took place on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. The Church had been beautifully decorated. The special preacher on Sunday was the Rev. Rees Davies, Rector of Bedwellty; Monday, the Rev. R. L. Rhys, Llanishen; Tuesday, Rev. J. L. White, Gellygaer. The choir, under their conductor Mr. Berkley Angell, sang the anthem, "A Bounteous Harvest," with Mr. W. A. Davies and Mr. Angell as soloists. Mr. Octavius Richards was the organist.

11 October 1930 Omission The name of Mr. Thomas Walters, one of the soloists, was omitted in last week's report of the harvest Festival at St. Mary's.

18 October 1930 Presentation A very interesting presentation took place on Noddfa Vestry last week to honour Miss Hilda Phillips, who for the last twenty years has been chapel organist, and has also been active in a number of other branches of Church work, including being producer of Noddfa Dramatic Society. The family has recently moved to Ynys Tawe, near Clydach. Noddfa has lost an excellent band of faithful workers. The meeting was presided over by ex-Sergeant Williams, who spoke very highly of Miss Phillips. Others who bore excellent testimony were Messrs. John Bevan, John Jones, Albert Walters, and Thomas John Jones. The presentation was made by Mr. Thomas Evans, choirmaster, and took the form of a grandmother clock and a beautiful chair. Miss Phillips feelingly responded. A concert was contributed to by the following: Misses Phyllis Williams, Dilys Evans, Iris Evans, and Phyllis Davies. The accompanist was Mr. D. J. Thomas. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to all on the motion of Mr. J. Bevan, seconded by Mr. John Jones.

18 October 1930 Carmel Chapel Harvest Thanksgiving services were held at the chapel last week and were continued on Sunday. In the morning, a prayer meeting was held, the organist being Mr. Tom Walters. The afternoon session was opened by Master Tudor Rowlands, who read a portion of scripture, after which the junior scholars, under the supervision of Mrs. Sam Lewis and Miss Maria Jones, with Miss Elsie Griffiths as accompanist, rendered solos, recitations, etc. Solos were rendered by Ernie Davies, Minnie Lewis, Ivor Davies, Gethin Jones, Edred Jones, Evan M. Lewis; dialogue, Hannah Mantle and Minnie Lewis; recitation, Hannah Mantle; dialogue, Minnie Lewis, Ernie Davies, Freda Davies, Hannah Mantle, Phyllis Martin, Jackie Davies, Tudor Rowlands. The evening service was opened by Miss Mary Jones, who also read a portion of scripture, after which solos were rendered by Messrs. Daniel Rowlands and Meirion Shankland. Mr. Daniel Rowlands presided over the meetings. Very encouraging addresses were given during the day by Mrs. Sam Lewis, Messrs. David Lewis and W. M. Williams.

25 October 1930 Flower Service At St. Mary's Church on Sunday, a Children's Flower Service was held. Every child and adult brought fruit, eggs, or flowers, which were sent later to the Merthyr General Hospital. The Vicar gave a very inspiring address. Solos were rendered by Masters W. J. Jones, Cyril Lewis, David Mantle, Doris Edwards, Gwennie Lewis, Mervyn Payne, Cuthbert Llewellyn, Betty Edwards, Mrs. M. H. Jones, Mrs. S. Davies, Mr. Angell, Mr. Payne. The accompanists were Mr. Richards, Mrs. H. Thomas, and Master J. V. Payne

1 November 1930 Carmel Chapel On Monday evening, one of the most enjoyable social events for a long time took place at the above Chapel. An excellent feast had been prepared by the ladies and all did justice to the good things. Afterwards, a concert was held, which included several competitions in which old and young took part.

8 November 1930 Mother's Union At the Parish Church on Tuesday, a special service in connection with the Fochriw branch of the Mothers' Union was held, when the service was taken by the Vicar. The address was given by Miss Weaver, the organiser for rescue work in the Diocese of Llandaff. Mr. O. Richards was the organist.

22 November 1930 Concert A Children's Concert was held at St. Mary's Hall on Friday, presided over by the Vicar. The following contributed to the programme: Winnie Evans, Maud Jones, Betty Edwards, Gwennie Llewellyn, Pearl White, Lilian Cole, Thelma Thomas, Rennie Angell, C. J. Williams, Mrs. Tyler, Mr. D. J. Williams, Mr. G. Tyler, Leslie Payne, David Cole, C. Powell, Jackie Davies, David Howell. A laughable sketch entitled "The Lost Jewels" was played by the following: Mr. W. J. Payne, Mr. George Williams, Mr. G. Tyler, Mr. D. J. Williams, Masters J. V. Payne and C. Tyler.

29 November 1930 Church Hall A concert was held at the Church Hall on Friday, presided over by the Vicar, when a fine programme was contributed to by the following: Misses Clarise and Mavis Pritchard; instrumentalists, Mr. Fred Amos and Mr. D. J. Williams; songs and recitations, Mrs. Tyler, Bobby Watkins, Doris Edwards, Betty Edwards, Leslie Payne, Maud Jones, Audrey Price, John Davies, Winnie Evans, Cuthbert Llewellyn, Elvis Price, Teg Jones, Willie Walters, Ceiriog Powell, Mervyn J. Payne, David Pullen, David R. Jones, Megan Pope, Gwenith Watkins, Alice Watkins, Ada Gregory, Ronald Payne Marion Gregory, David Howell.

The evening concluded with a laughable sketch entitled "The Chinese Laundry," the following taking part: Mrs. Harding, Mrs. Edwards, Miss Ivy Tyler.

29 November 1930 Presentation A very pleasant time was spent at Nazareth chapel on Tuesday. The tables had been tastefully decorated, and the willing band of workers attended to the wants of a large number present. After the cloths had been removed, a presentation was made to Miss Adelaide Lawrence to mark her departure from Fochriw, where she has been a faithful member of Nazareth, to take up her duties at Cardiff Domestic College. The presentation took the form of a ladies' companion, and was made by Mr. Evan Jones, senior deacon, who wished her well in her new sphere. Mr. William Morris was the chairman. Mr. W. J. Jones spoke of Miss Lawrence's good qualities. The following contributed to the programme: solos Mr. Willie Angell Davies; humorous readings, Mr. Thomas Walters; solo, Mr. Burke Davies; quartet, Messrs. W. A. Davies, T. Walters, B. Davies and Griff Jones; medley of Welsh airs, Mr. Thomas Walters. The evening was brought to a close by the singing of "Hen Wlad fy Nhadau."

29 November 1930 Concert at Fochriw On Thursday and Saturday, performances of the cantata "The Holiday Concert," were given by the Carmel Operatic Society under the conductorship of Mr. James John Lewis, and great credit is due to him for his careful training of the children. In their various coloured dresses, and with the lighting effects, the children were a pleasing picture. The stage managers was Mr. J. I. Williams and Mr. W. A. Davies; the accompanists, Mr. Tom Walters and Miss Nesta Evans; the lighting effects, Mr. Tom Lewis. The following were the chief characters: Hannah Mantle; Rita Cole; Mimmie Lewis; Tudor Rowlands; Pearl Davies; Jackie Davies; Amelia Evans; Tom Smith; Howell Lewis; Jenny Davies; Erene Davies; Willie Walters; Mr. Tudor Davies; Miss Mary Morgan.

6 December 1930 Concert At Siloh, Penybank, on Monday evening, ex-Sergeant Williams presided over a first class concert, which was well attended. The programme included "The Gallant Twelve," conducted by Mr. D. J. Davies, who as usual, provided a real treat. Other artistes were Mr. James J. Lewis, Mr. David Griffiths, Mr. Meirion Shankland, Miss Mary Lewis and Miss Williams, Bargoed, with Mr. Tom Walters as the accompanist. All the artistes were in excellent form. Votes of thanks brought a pleasant evening to a close.

6 December 1930 Entertainment At the Church Hall on Friday, a Children's Concert was held, and a very large number attended. The chair was occupied by the Vicar, and the following contributed to a fine programme: Gwennie Llewellyn, Myrtle White, Maria Evans, Megan Pope, Lilian Cole, Betty Edwards, John Davies, D. J. Williams, Jack Hiscox, W. J. Jones, E. Lester, David Cole, Dennis Harding, David Howell, Winnie Evans, C. J. Williams, A. M. Price, Ada Gregory, Maud Jones, G. Tyler. A laughable sketch entitled "Lazy Polly," was played by the following: Mrs. Harding, Mrs. Pope, Mrs. Tyler, Mr. D. J. Williams, Mr. Rod Jones, Mr. G. Taylor. The winner of the competition was Master Ernest Lester.

6 December 1930 Supper The annual supper in connection with the Mothers' Union took place at the Church Hall on Tuesday evening, when about eighty sat down to a sumptuous feast. The Hall had been gaily decorated for the occasion, and presented a pleasing spectacle. No pains have been spared to make the evening the success it proved to be. The tables were laden with good things, and members of the Mothers' Union attended to the wants of all as tray-holders. Afterwards, a first class entertainment was provided. Games and singing were enjoyed by all. The vicar presided. The following artistes contributed to the programme: Mrs. Jones, Mr. Tom Walters, Mr. W. J. Payne, Mr. G. Tyler, Mrs. Tyler; accompanists, Mr. O. Richards and Mr. T. Walters. The M.C. for games was Mr. W. J. Payne, supported by Mr. Walter Davies.

6 December 1930 Whist Drive At the Church hall on Thursday evening, a very pleasant whist drive was held. The M.C. was Mr. W. J. Payne. The winners were: Ladies: Miss Rosie Davies; Gents: Mr. H. Ballard.

13 December 1930 Carmel Chapel Half-yearly meetings in connection with the chapel were held on Saturday & Sunday. The Rev. T. George, Tredegar, preached very edifying sermons. Mr. Thos. Walters presided at the organ, and Mr. J. J. Lewis conducted the singing.

13 December 1930 St. Mary's Hall A well attended Children's Concert was held on Friday presided over by the vicar. The following contributed to the programme: Hannah Mantle, Mary L. Lewis, Gwennie Llewellyn, S. Briffett, C. Llewellyn, D. Cole, E. Lester, H. Briffett, D.

Harding J. Davies, M. Pope, M. Jones, Ronald Payne, B. Edwards. A very laughable sketch entitled "The Rehearsal," was given by W. J. Payne, Rob Jones, D. J. Williams, Fred Amos, George Williams, D. & G.. Tyler, Miss Tena Harris and Ursula Harris. Mr. Fred Amos gave some very fine conjuring tricks. The programme was brought to a close with a short play entitled "The Doctor's Orders," played by the following: Mrs. Hannah Pope, Mrs. Harding, Mrs. W. H. Edwards, Miss Ivy Tyler, Mr. G. Williams, D. Tyler, R. Jones.

20 December 1930 Nazareth Chapel The annual meetings in connection with the chapel took place on Sunday, and large congregations attended. The special preacher was the Rev. Eric Williams, Ystrad Mynach. The singing was conducted by Mr. William Morris, and Mr. Wyndham Lawrence presided at the organ.

20 December 1930 Concert On Friday evening at the Church Hall, a children's concert was held presided over by Mr. W. J. Payne. There was a large attendance, and the following contributed to a fine programme: Mrs. Edwards, G. Archer, G. Llewelyn, D. Tyler, B. Edwards, W. Evans, R. Angell, M. Gittings, D. Edwards, J. D. Davies and party, C. J. Williams, M. Lewis, A. Gregory, D. Mantle, G. Williams, D. Howell, D. Cole, E. Lester, D. Harding, C. Powell, G. Price, M. Pope. The prize for the best recitation was divided between David Mantle and Winnie Evans. The programme was brought to a close with a laughable sketch - "Swallowing the Rent," - played by Mrs. H. Pope, Mrs. Harding, and Mrs. W. H. Edwards.

20 December 1930 St. Andrew's Church On Sunday afternoon, the old church on the hill, which is so dear to hundreds who have loved ones resting beneath its shadows, was reopened after being remodelled and rebuilt. The Church, which had fallen into a dilapidated state, now looks a fine edifice. Great credit is due to the vicar who, since his advent to the parish two years ago, with his faithful band of workers, has accomplished great things. The Parish Church has been re-roofed, a beautiful slate roof replacing the pan tile roof. St. Andrews has been rebuilt; the Church hall of St. Peter's rebuilt; and tenders have been received for a new roof at St. David's Church, Pantywaun. The opening ceremony at St. Andrew's was performed by the Venerable Archdeacon of Llandaff, assisted by the Vicar and the Rev. D. J. Griffiths, curate. The Church was crowded, and numbers failed to gain admission. An inspiring address was given by the Archdeacon, who gave the objects for which the Church was intended, as laid down by the Representative Body of the Church in Wales. During the morning and evening, the Archdeacon preached at the Parish Church. He dedicated a Litany Desk and a Book of Common Prayer for the reading desk. These were gifts. The Archdeacon also visited St. David's, Pantywaun.

27 December 1930 Concert At the Church Hall on Friday evening, a children's entertainment took place, presided over by the Vicar. In the singing competition - "The First Nowel," the prize was awarded to W. J. Jones, out of 13 competitors. Other prizes were won by Harry Evans and David Cole. The following contributed to an excellent programme: Bobby Watkins, Freddie Williams, Dennis Harding, Harry Evans, David R. Jones, Ernest Lester, Jack Davies, Ralph Acreman, G. Tyler, Ronald Payne, Mary Lewis, Marion Sullivan, Betty Simpson, Gwennie Llewellyn, Lilian Mills, Maud Jones, Betty Edwards. The programme was brought to a close with a very laughable sketch entitled "Billy the Burglar," played by Mrs. Pope, Mrs. Harding, Mrs. Edwards, Alice Watkins and Bobby Watkins.

3 January 1931 St. Mary's Church On Christmas Day at the Parish Church, services were held 8a.m. and 11a.m., with a carol service at 6p.m. All the services were well attended. The preacher and celebrant throughout the day was the vicar. Mr. Octavius Richards was at the organ, and Mr. Berkley Angell conducted the singing.

3 January 1931 Singing Festival The United choirs of Noddfa and Nazareth chapels joined together as usual on Christmas Day at Noddfa, and rendered an excellent programme of hymns and anthems, under the able conductorship of Mr. T. Evans. The singers responded well to the conductor, and the singing attained a high standard. Miss Katie Davies presided over the morning session, and in the afternoon, the Rev Richard Evans presided. Mrs. T. Matthews presided in the evening. The organists were Mr. W. Lawrence, and Mr. D. Joshua Thomas. The conductors were Mr. T. Evans and Mr. Wm. Morris. Mr. Berkley Davies was the secretary.

3 January 1931 Concert At the Church Hall on Wednesday evening, a children's concert was held presided over by the Vicar. During the evening, great excitement prevailed amongst

the little ones when Santa Claus arrived laden with toys from Snowland. Miss Olive M. Payne made an excellent Santa, her disguise being perfect. The following contributed to the programme: Gwennie Archer, Megan Pope, Miriam Davies, Eirwen Williams, Joan Mills, Mildred Chapman, Mimmie Lewis, Rennie Angell, C. J. Williams, Bobby Watkins, Howell T. Lewis, Jackie Hiscox, Willie Walters, Ieuan Davies, David Rees Jones, Tom Smith, Jack Davies, David Cole, Ernest Lester, Harry Evans, D. J. Williams, G. Tyler, L. Harris, B. Davies. A laughable sketch entitled "Temptation," was performed by Mrs. Cole, Mrs. Harding, Mrs. Edwards, and Master Bobby Watkins and Miss Alice Watkins.

3 January 1931 Cymanfa Ganu At Carmel Chapel on Christmas Day, the usual singing festival took place, and, as in previous years, the singing reached a very high standard. Large congregations assembled at each service. The conductor for the day was Mr. D. T. Davies, L.R.A.M., A.R.C.O., Dowlais. Mrs. Sam Lewis was president of the morning session. A portion of scripture was read by Miss Hannah Mantle; a solo was given by Miss Jenny Davies; recitations were given by Howell T. Lewis and Jenny Davies. The afternoon session was presided over by Mr. David Lewis. There was a reading by Miss Beryl Ballard, a solo by Mr. Meirion Shankland, and a recitation by Mr. Griff Thomas. The choir sang hymns and anthems. The evening session was presided over by Mr. Thomas Ballard. The reading was by Mrs. May Davies. Recitations were given by Nurse Ballard Davies and Mr. Thomas Walters. The organists were Miss Nesta Evans, Miss Mona Ballard, and Mr. Thomas Walters. The conductors, who had worked so hard with the choirs and children, were Mr. James J. Jones and Miss Maria Jones. The secretary was Mr. J. I. Williams, the treasurer Mr. D. James, with Mr. David Lewis as chairman.

10 January 1931 Recital On Sunday evening, the service at Carmel Chapel was conducted by Nurse Ballard Davies.

10 January 1931 Watch-Night Service St. Mary's Church was well filled on New Year's Eve to take part in the service of watching the old year out and the new year in. The Vicar conducted the service which included a celebration of Holy Communion.

24 January 1931 Pulpit St. Mary's: the Vicar, Rev. J. C. Payne; Nazareth: Mr. Jones, Dowlais; Carmel: Mr. Stanley Jones, Carmarthen College; Noddfa: Mr. Emlyn Davies, B.A..

7 February 1931 Gymanfa Ganu The United choirs of Noddfa and Nazareth chapels held their singing festival at Noddfa on Sunday evening, under the conductorship of Mr. Thomas Evans, and rendered a delightful programme hymns and anthems. The standard of singing was very high and reflected great credit on the conductors, Mr. Thomas Evans and Mr. William Morris. The organists were Mr. Wyndham Lawrence and Mr. David J. Thomas.

7 February 1931 St. Mary's Hall A children's concert was held on Friday evening, the vicar presiding. The following took part: Beryl Morris, Marion Gregory, Hannah Mantle, Mary Lewis, Cuthbert Llewellyn, Ronald Payne, Ewart Davies, David Howell, W. J. Jones, Dennis Harding, Graham Cumpstone, Stuart Davies, David Mantle, John Davies, Ernest Lester, Jackie Davies. A short play entitled "The Duchess and her Cat," was performed by Doris Edwards, Kathleen Williams, Minnie Lewis, Maggie Slimmonds, Myfanwy Davies, Gwennie Puddle, Winnie Evans, Betty Hiscox, Gwenny Lewis. The evening concluded with a laughable sketch entitled "The New Invention," played by W. J. Payne, Rod Jones, Goronwy Tyler, Ernest Lester, and Mrs. A. Tyler.

14 February 1931 St. Mary's During the evening service at the Parish Church on Sunday, a solo was rendered in brilliant style by Mary Lewis, Pentwyn, entitled "Come, O come, to Me." The vicar afterwards gave a stirring address on the words of the solo. Mr. O. Richards was the organist, and the conductor Mr. B. Angell.

14 February 1931 Concert A well-attended children's concert was held at the Church Hall on Friday, the vicar presiding. A fine programme of music was contributed to by the following: Stuart Davies, Douglas Evans, Graham Cumpstone, W. J. Jones, J. Lester, David Cole, David Howell, Rennie Angell, Marion Gregory. The winner of the competition was David Cecil Jones. The evening concluded with a laughable sketch entitled "The Haunted Castle," played by W. J. Payne, Rod Jones, D. J. Williams, David Howell, David Cole, David Cecil Jones and Harry Evans.

14 February 1931 Bible Society A meeting of the above was held at Nazareth Chapel on Tuesday, presided over by the Rev. Richard Evans. Rev. J. C. Payne offered prayer. An inspiring address was given by the Rev. O. Jones, Bwlch, who dealt with the subject in a masterly style. He dealt with the work of the society and the great increase in the sale of Bibles, and the translation and of the Bible into other languages. He was thanked for his address on the motion of Mr. Jenkin Pugh, seconded by Mr. Willie Adams Jones, and supported by Mr. Sam Lewis. Well-known hymns were sung under the conductorship of Mr. William Morris, with Mr. Willie Angell Davies at the organ. Mr. Morris, the local secretary of the society, gave a report of the collections for the past year.

21 February 1931 Nazareth Chapel A special service was held on Wednesday evening, when a very able address was given by the Rev. W. R. Bell, Abercynon. Mr. W. A. Davies presided at the organ and Mr. W. Morris conducted the singing.

21 February 1931 St. Mary's Hall The last of the series of children's entertainments was held at St. Mary's Hall on Friday last, the vicar presiding. The following contributed to a miscellaneous concert: Norman Thomas, David Howell, Jackie Davies, Graham Cumpstone, Berkley Hiscox, William J. Jones, Stuart Davies, Ronald Payne, James Lester, Francis Thomas, Sydney Briffett, Doris Edwards, Douglas Clark. The competition winners were David Howell, Jackie Davies, Doris Edwards, Berkley Angell, & David C. Jones.

21 February 1931 Confirmation Service At the Parish Church of St. Mary on Tuesday evening the Right Reverend, Lord Bishop of Llandaff administered the rite of confirmation to about 50 persons from the parish of Fochriw and Deri. The Bishop was supported by the Vicar, Rev. J. C. Payne, and the Rev. D. J. Griffiths, curate. Messrs. W. J. Payne, W. J. Skyrme (licensed lay readers), Charles Payne, Councillor John Edwards (churchwardens) also took part. The choirs of Fochriw and Deri were under the able direction of Messrs. Berkley Angell and S. Watkins. The Bishop gave a striking address on "Influence," coupled with sound advice to the people about to be confirmed. The organist was Mr. Octavius Richards, and the conductor Mr. Berkley Angell.

21 February 1931 Jumble Sale On Monday evening at the Church Hall, a very successful sale of work was held and was well attended. Thanks to the untiring efforts of the vicar and Mrs. Payne, together with a noble band of workers, who had received splendid responses from all over the country to their appeals, the stalls were laden with the most serviceable articles, at very cheap rates, and ready buyers were the order of the day. The opening ceremony was performed by Mrs. J. Bevan, Hill House, Fochriw. Master Mervyn Payne presented Mrs. Bevan with a beautiful bouquet of choice flowers, after which Miss Mary Lewis gave a beautiful rendering of "The Little Church on the Hill," accompanied by Miss Gwen Davies. Nine lady workers were in charge of the Jumble Stall; four the Sweet Stall; four the Pound Stall; five the Pentwyn and Penybank Stall; five the Refreshments Stall; and eleven the Fancy Stall. Many men workers also rendered excellent service. The Vicar thanked all for their great efforts.

7 March 1931 Bachelors' Social To commemorate Gwyl Dewi, a very enjoyable bachelors' social was held at Carmel Vestry on Saturday. The male members entertained the ladies and friends to a sumptuous repast. The tray holders were: Idris Williams, I. J. Morgan, D. M. James, Willie Angell Davies, Bob Rees, Thomas Walters, Robert Parry, Bryn Davies. The assistants were: Messrs. Thomas Ballard, Willie Angell, Emrys Lewis, and Leyshon Rowlands. A prize was given for the best laid table and this was won by Messrs. Dan M. James and Willie Angell Davies. At the concert, Mr. Jenkin Pugh presided, and the following contributed to the programme: pianoforte solos, Mr. Thomas Walters; solos, Messrs. Willie Angell, Leyshon Rowlands, Meirion Shankland, Thomas Walters; recitation, Mr. Dan M. James.

14 March 1931 St. Mary's A special Lenten service was held on Wednesday. The special preacher was the Rev. E. J. Owen, Pontlottyn, who gave a very inspiring address.

14 March 1931 St. David's The Church roof which had got into a dilapidated state, has been renewed. Pantywaun Church, which has a staunch body of workers, conducts very devotional services each week. The vicar feels proud of his faithful workers, and hopes to rebuild the Church so that that it will be a comfort to worship in.

14 March 1931 Nazareth Chapel On Monday, the members held a tea and social evening in celebration of Gwyl Dewi. The following ladies presided at the tables: J. Jones, D. Davies, T.

Pugh, W. A. Jones, David Lewis, James Lawrence, W. Morris, Mrs. M. Davies, Miss A. Davies, Jennie M. Davies. After a splendid repast, Mr. Willie Adams Jones presided over the concert. The following contributed: solo, Mr. Willie Angell Davies, Mr. W. Morris and Miss E. Lewis. There were also games and impromptu speeches. The Rev. Richard Evans was present. An enjoyable evening was brought to a close by the singing of "Hen Wlad fy Nhadau," by Mr. Willie Angell Davies. The accompanist was Mr. Wyndham Lawrence.

21 March 1931 St. Mary's Church The special preacher at the Lenten service on Wednesday was the Rev. J. L. White, Gilfach, who gave a very inspiring address.

28 March 1931 Carmel Chapel On Sunday, a singing festival was held, when hymns and anthems were sung under the conductorship of Mr. James John Lewis. The singing reached a high standard and was enjoyed by all present. Mr. Thomas Walters was the organist.

28 March 1931 Noddfa Chapel On Tuesday evening at the Vestry, a very pleasant time was spent, when the postponed social from St. David's Day took place. The tea tables were presided over by the lady members of the chapel, and a number sat down to an excellent meal. Afterwards games were played.

28 March 1931 St. Mary's Church The special Lenten preacher on Wednesday was the Rev. W. S. Pontin, the vicar of Pontlottyn, who delivered a very fine Lenten sermon.

28 March 1931 Missioner's Visit The Rev. R. W. Jones, chief diocesan missionary for the diocese of Llandaff, paid a visit to the parish Church on Tuesday evening, and addressed a meeting of women. The missionary took as his subject "Pilate's Wife," and gave a stirring address which created a profound impression on the congregation.

4 April 1931 Palm Sunday Hundreds journeyed to the Old Church on the hill, St. Andrews, to place flowers on the graves. The Vicar conducted a service. The lesson was read by Mr. W. J. Payne and Mr. O. Richards presided at the organ.

4 April 1931 Carmel Chapel On Sunday last, Nurse Ballard Davies gave an inspiring address, and also, readings and recitations. Mr. Thomas Walters was at the organ, and Mr. J. J. Lewis conducted the singing.

4 April 1931 St. Mary's Church The special preacher at the Lenten service on Wednesday was the Rev. J. R. D. Williams, vicar of Rhymney.

11 April 1931 Noddfa Chapel The pulpit on Sunday was occupied by the Rev Ieuan Evans, Pontardulais, who was for many years the pastor of Noddfa. The singing was conducted by Mr. Thomas Evans, with Mr. D. Joshua Thomas at the organ.

11 April 1931 Nazareth Chapel An interesting service was conducted at the chapel on Sunday, when the appointment of four deacons took place - Messrs. John Lawrence, Richard Pugh, Willie Adams Jones and Berkley Davies.

11 April 1931 St. Mary's On Easter Day, large congregations attended throughout the day. The preacher and celebrant was the vicar. The choir, under Mr. B. Angell, sang in fine style, the anthem "To Him all Power." Mr. O. Richards was the organist.

25 April 1931 Fochriw Vestry: A Year of Progress in Face of Difficulties The Rev. J. C. Payne, Vicar, presided over the Easter Vestry at the Church Hall on Wednesday. The statement of accounts was submitted by the People's Warden, Mr. W. J. Payne. He stated that they had been able to meet their obligations, including the quota, and all accounts showed a balance on the right side. Mr. W. J. Payne was re-elected parish Warden, and the Vicar re-elected Mr. Charles Payne as his warden, and Councillor John Edwards as his warden for St. Peter's, Deri. The following were elected sidesmen: Messrs. Frank Way, W. D. Davies, Morgan Parry, Crad Ballard, Tom Jones, Ernest Jones, Henry Thomas, Tom Jones, R. Jones, George Evans, Charles Hollister, D. J. Williams, Mr. Griffiths. Miss R. Davies was re-elected as auditor. The following comprise the parochial Council: the wardens, Messrs. T. Baldwin, B. Angell, W. D. Davis, Dr. D. C. Williams, Ernest Jones, Jack Lawrence, Thomas Jones, Henry Thomas, Willie Davies, Tom Jones, Frank Way, O. Richards. Mr. B. Angell and Mr. O. Richards were re-elected choir-master and organist. In his remarks, the vicar stated that he was delighted with spirit of harmony that prevailed. Although the industrial depression was still with them, they had much to be thankful for. Much had been improved during the past year. He wished to thank his colleague, the Rev. D. J. Griffiths, the licensed lay readers, the Churchwardens, choir-masters, Sunday school superintendents, teachers, Mothers' Union, parochial collectors, sidesmen,

caretaker, the parochial secretary, and all who had helped in any way. He was most proud of the splendid harmony that existed.

9 May 1931 Vestry Meeting The Vicar presided over a well-attended meeting at St. David's, Pantywaun, on Saturday. The accounts showed a balance on the right side. Thanks to the untiring efforts of the Vicar, with his willing band of workers, a new roof has replaced the old one, and other portions of the Church re-built. The vicar thanked all for their splendid co-operation. Mr. Mitchell was appointed secretary, and Mr. J. T. Kings treasurer. The following were appointed Church councillors and sidesman: Messrs. Jas. Davies, John Bradley, D. J. Kings, W. H. Bradley, Wm. J. Bradley, W. H. Williams, M. Mitchell, Mr. & Mrs. Ralph, Mrs. Bradley, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. J. T. Keynes, Mrs. Kings, Mrs. R. Bradley, Mrs. Owen and Mrs. J. D. Kings.

9 May 1931 New Deacons The following have been elected deacons of Carmel Chapel: J. Idris Williams, Thomas Walters, Willie Angell Davies, Mrs. Aneurin Jones, Nurse Ballard Davies.

23 May 1931 St. Mary's Well-attended services were held at the Parish Church on Ascension Thursday, conducted by the Vicar. The Rev D. J. Griffiths, curate, made touching references to the death of their respected churchwarden, Mr. Henry Charles Payne, a man who was held in the highest esteem, and was a devoted churchman. He offered sincere sympathy to the family in their sorrow.

6 June 1931 Nazareth Chapel The half-yearly meetings in connection with the chapel were held on Sunday last and were largely attended. The special preacher was the Rev W. Talfan Davies, Gorseinon, who delivered very powerful sermons. The singing was conducted by Mr. William Morris, and the organists were Mr. Wyndham Lawrence and Mr. Willie Angell Davies.

13 June 1931 Carmel Chapel The yearly meetings were held on Sunday and Monday, and large congregations attended. The special preacher was as the Rev Brython M. Davies, Wrexham, who delivered very powerful sermons that were greatly appreciated. The singing was conducted by Mr. James John Lewis, with Mr. Thomas Walters at the organ

13 June 1931 Mothers' Union On Tuesday evening at the Parish Church, a special service was held, which was taken by Mr. W. J. Payne, licensed lay reader. The address was given by Mrs. Llewellyn, Briton Ferry, President of the Mothers' Union of the Diocese of Llandaff. The speaker chose as her subject "Responsibility," with which she dealt in a masterly manner.

13 June 1931 Vicar's Preferment It was with feelings of regret that the congregation heard the Rev. J. C. Payne's statement from the pulpit of the parish Church on Sunday that he would be leaving shortly to take up another living which had been offered him by the Provincial Board of Patronage. The living was Ystradowen in the Vale of Glamorgan, near Cowbridge, which is one of the prettiest spots in the diocese. Rev. Payne has been at the parish for less than three years, but a great deal has been accomplished. All buildings in the parish have been put in good order, and some rebuilt and re-roofed. Also, the financial position is sound. He hoped they would continue the great work for the Master, and when the new vicar came they would give him the loyal support they had given to him.

20 June 1931 Old Church Reopened The Old Church has been reopened, with portions of it re-built and completely renovated. It was reopened on Monday evening by the Rev. Canon J. Richards-Pugh, Rector of Merthyr Tydfil, and Rural Dean. The church was packed, the congregation listening with rapt attention to the eloquent sermon preached by the Canon. The organists were Messrs. O. Richards, and David Kings, Pantywaun.

20 June 1931 New Vicar of Fochriw and Deri The Rev. J. L. White, curate of Gilfach in the parish of Gellygaer, has been offered, and has accepted the living of Fochriw and Deri, in succession to Rev. J. C. Payne.

4 July 1931 Presentation On Monday evening, an enjoyable time was spent at the Church Hall when Mrs. Payne was the recipient of a beautiful cake stand. It was given by the members of her Sunday school class. The presentation was made Mrs. Tyler, the oldest member of the class. An excellent tea was provided, followed by a musical programme and games.

4 July 1931 Vicar's Farewell Touching scenes were witnessed at the Parish Church on Sunday last, when the vicar held a dedication service in the morning and preached his farewell

sermon in the evening, when the Church was crowded. The Vicar is leaving to take up an appointment at Ystradowen. At the morning service, several gifts were dedicated for the use of the churches in the parish. Included in these were the following: a pair of the Churchwardens' staffs in memory of Mr. Henry Charles Payne, former vicar's warden, the gifts made by his children in memory of a loving father and devoted mother; a beautiful book for the reading desk, in memory of the late Mr. John Wood, who was choirmaster at St. Andrews for many years, from his loving wife and children; a brass vase for the Mothers' Union stained window in the west end, the gift of Mrs. J. P. Isaac, Pontlottyn; a set of Bibles and prayer books, the gift of Mrs. Winifred Pares, Rhymney, and friends, for Pantywaun Church, and a number of linen cloths for the altar, the gifts of friends. At the evening service, the Vicar stated that there was something in the old tips at Fochriw that was dear to him; it was his home and the scene of his boyhood, and would always remain dear to him. He appealed to all to take care of Pentwyn Churchyard, where so many dear ones lay sleeping, including his own parents who had died since his return to the parish. Rev. Payne has been at the parish for just two years and eight months, yet in that time much has been accomplished: St. Andrew's, Pentwyn, has been entirely re-built; St. David's, Pantywaun, has been re-roofed and re-built; the Parish Church re-roofed, and the Church Hall, Deri, renovated. The vicar stated that without loyal support, these things could not have been achieved, and he wished to thank them all. The singing was conducted by Mr. B. Angell. Mr. O. Richards presided at the organ, and the lessons read by Mr. W. J. Payne.

11 July 1931 Induction About 60 parishioners made the journey from Fochriw to Ystradowen on Saturday to witness the induction of the Rev. J. C. Payne to his new benefice.

18 July 1931 Mothers' Union A few members of the Fochriw branch made the journey to a Llandaff Cathedral in connection with Festival.

25 July 1931 New Vicar The Rev. J. L. White has been appointed vicar of Fochriw and Deri. He is a powerful preacher both in English and Welsh. The induction service will take place at the Parish Church on 1st August when the Venerable Archdeacon of Llandaff will officiate.

25 July 1931 Presentation At the Church Hall on Monday evening, a very happy time was spent, when a concert, presentation and supper was organised by the Mothers' Union to recognise the faithful services of Mrs. Payne, their enrolling member, who has now left for Ystradowen. Before sitting down to supper, a first class programme was given by members. Mrs. S. J. Jones took the chair, and spoke in glowing terms of Mrs. Payne's efforts for the Mothers' Union and parish.. Mrs. George Way made the presentation - a handsome granddaughter's clock. Others who spoke were: Mrs. Isaac, Mrs. Walter Davies, Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Baldwin, Mrs. W. J. Jones, Mrs. Powell, Mrs. Curtiss.

1 August 1931 Presentation to Rev. J. C. Payne On Tuesday evening, a very happy function took place at the Church Hall, when Rev. J. C. Payne was presented with a handsome grandfather Westminster chiming clock in recognition of his great services to the Church and public when vicar of Fochriw and Deri for two-and-a-half years. A fine musical programme was contributed to by the Fochriw Male Voice Party under their conductor Mr. Tom Walters, with Mr. Wyndham Lawrence as accompanist. The supporting artistes were Mrs. Mary Lewis and Mr. Meirion Shankland. The chairman for the evening was Mr. Walter Davies, stationmaster, who paid a glowing tribute to the late vicar. Councillor A. T. Minhinnick, Mr. Tom Baldwin, Mr. John Lloyd Jones, and the Rev. J. L. White also spoke. Mr. W. J. Payne proposed, and Mr. Geo. Way seconded, a vote of thanks to all who had taken part, and the evening closed with the singing of "Hen Wlad fy Nhadau," Mr. Meirion Shankland taking the solo.

8 August 1931 Induction On Saturday, the Rev. John Lawrence White was inducted to the benefice of Fochriw and Deri by the Archdeacon of Llandaff, Rev. J. D. James. Mr. W. J. Payne and Councillor John Edwards (churchwardens) went outside the church, where the mandate was read, and the Vicar entered and tolled the bell, after which he was conducted to the font, reading desk, lectern, pulpit and altar, after which he was conducted to his stall by the churchwardens. The Archdeacon gave a most inspiring address. Many visiting clergy were present. Afterwards, tea was provided by members of the Mothers' Union. Rev. White has held curacies at Llanwonno, Blaenau Ffestiniog, and Gellygaer. He commenced his ministry on Sunday, preaching eloquent sermons.

5 September 1931 Mothers' Union A special service was held at St. Mary's on Tuesday evening, the preacher being the Rev. J. L. White, the vicar, who gave a most inspiring address on "The objects of the Mothers' Union."

19 September 1931 Noddfa Chapel Special services were held on Sunday, and were well attended. Powerful sermons were delivered by the Rev. Griffiths of Skewen. The singing was conducted by Mr. Thomas Evans, and Mr. D. Joshua Thomas was at the organ.

3 October 1931 Harvest Festival The Harvest Festival in connection with St. Mary's Church was well attended. The Church had been beautifully decorated for the occasion, and the services were of a hearty character. The choir sang the anthem "Great is the Lord" in fine style under the conductorship of Mr. Berkley Angell, with Mr. Octavius Richards at the organ. The preacher throughout the day on Sunday was the Rev. E. B. Fry, Bedwellty. On Monday the Rev. D. J. Davies, Rhymney, was the preacher, and on Tuesday, the Rev. J. O. Williams, Rector of Gellygaer, preached.

10 October 1931 Nazareth Chapel The yearly meetings in connection with Nazareth took place on Sunday, when large congregations were attracted. The special preacher was the Rev. T. M. Lloyd, Treorchy. The singing was conducted by Mr. William Morris and Mr. Wyndham Lawrence was the organist.

10 October 1931 St. Mary's The pulpit was occupied on Sunday by the Rev. Rees Davies, Rector of Bedwellty. The Vicar, Rev. J. L. White, occupied the pulpit at Bedlinog on Sunday.

17 October 1931 Harvest Festival Harvest Festival Services in connection with St. David's Church, Pantywaun, were held on Sunday and Monday last, and were well attended. The Church had been nicely decorated for the occasion. On Sunday, the vicar preached, and on Monday, the Rev. G. T. Vodden, Pontlottyn. The lessons were read by Mr. R. Mitchell, and the organists were Mr. D. J. Kings and Mr. A. Kings.

24 October 1931 Harvest Festival Thanksgiving services were held during the past week at the churches of Carmel, Noddfa, and Nazareth. The services were of a very inspiring nature.

7 November 1931 Mothers' Union At the Parish Church on Tuesday evening, the local branch received a visit from Miss Parsons, who gave an address on rescue work.

5 December 1931 Confirmation Several candidates from the parish of Fochriw and Derry were confirmed at Pontlottyn in on Monday evening.

5 December 1931 Carmel Chapel The half yearly meetings were held on Sunday and Monday evening, when the Rev T. B. Thomas, Ferndale, preached powerful sermons to large congregations. The conductor of singing and organist was Mr. Thomas Walters.

2 January 1932 St. Mary's Church Well-attended services were held at the Parish Church. Celebrations of Holy Communion were held at 6a.m. and 11a.m., the celebrant and preacher being the Vicar. Mr. Octavius Richards was the organist, and Mr. Berkley Angell conducted the singing.

2 January 1932 Address At Nazareth Chapel, the Rev. Crwys Williams, an organiser of the British and Foreign Bible Society, delivered an address in connection with the work of the Society. The Rev. J. L. White presided.

2 January 1932 Singing Festival On Christmas Day, the annual local singing festival was held at Noddfa Chapel, when Noddfa and Nazareth chapels were strongly represented. A good programme of music had been arranged and the singing reached a very high standard. The conductor throughout the day was Mr. William Morris with Messrs. Wyndham Lawrence and Joshua Thomas as accompanists. The presidents of the morning, afternoon and evening meetings were, respectively, Miss Katie J. Davies, Mr. John Jones and Rev. R. Evans.

2 January 1932 Cymanfa Ganu A singing festival was held at Carmel Chapel on Christmas Day, when the conductor was Mr. D. T. Davies, Dowlais. The singing of hymns, anthems and chants reached a very high standard. The accompanists were Miss Mona Ballard and Mr. Thomas Walters, A.L.C.M. The morning session was for juveniles, and they were chatecised by Mrs. Sam Lewis. The introductory part was taken by Miss Hannah Mantle and Master Gethin Jones. The president was Nurse Ballard Davies. The afternoon session was presided over by Mrs. Sam Lewis and was opened by Miss Mary Lewis Thomas. The evening meeting was opened by Miss Beryl Ballard with Mr. David Lewis as president. During the day, the following recited: Eliza Evans, Jenny Davies, Mary Morgan and Griff Thomas. An appropriate

quartet was rendered by a party consisting of Mrs. T. Walters, Miss Doris Lewis and Messrs. David H. Lewis and Cyril Cook.

9 January 1932 Watch-Night Service St. Mary's Church was well-filled on New Year's Eve, and a most impressive service was conducted by the Vicar. With the ringing in of the New Year, a communion service was held, a large number taking part.

9 January 1932 Mothers' Union Supper The annual supper was held at the Church Hall on Tuesday evening, when about eighty sat down to a sumptuous feast. The tables had been nicely decorated and laden with good things. After the cloths were removed, there was a fine programme of music and games. The Vicar presided. The following artistes contributed to the programme: Messrs. Tom Walters, W. J. Payne, Mrs. M. A. Tyler, Mrs. Tom Walters; duet, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Walters. The winner of the competition was Mr. Rod Jones. Mrs. Henry Thomas had charge of the games. The accompanists were Mr. Octavius Richards and Mr. Tom Walters.

30 January 1932 St. Mary's Church The pulpit on Sunday was occupied by the Rev. Maddocks, Abertysswg, who preached very appropriate sermons. The Vicar occupied the pulpit at Abertysswg.

6 February 1932 Mothers' Union A special service was held on Tuesday evening, when an address was given by Miss Parsons, organising secretary for rescue and preventative work in the Diocese of Llandaff.

13 February 1932 Services Recognised At the Church Hall on Shrove Tuesday, a tea and presentation took place. The Vicar presided. Mr. Octavius Richards, who has been church organist for 25 years, was the recipient of a beautiful mirror to mark the occasion of his recent marriage. Mr. Richards very feelingly responded. Others who paid tribute to Mr. Richards were Mrs. Henry Thomas, Mr. George Evans, Mr. W. D. Davies and Mr. Gordon Lawrence. The musical programme was contributed to by Messrs. G. Tyler, W. J. Payne, G. Lawrence and Windsor Rees.

27 February 1932 St. Mary's Church A special Lenten service was held on Wednesday evening, the Rev. D. J. Davies, Rhymney, preaching an appropriate sermon.

5 March 1932 St. Mary's Church The special preacher at the Lenten service on Wednesday evening was the Rev. Redvers Evans, Merthyr.

5 March 1932 Gymanfa Ganu At Noddfa Chapel on Sunday, the united choirs of Nazareth and Noddfa chapels, under the conductorship of Mr. William Morris, rendered a fine programme of hymns and anthems. The organists were Messrs. Joshua Thomas and Wyndham Lawrence. The afternoon meeting was presided over by Mr. John Jones, and Mr. Evan Jones presided in the evening.

12 March 1932 St. Mary's Church The special preacher at the Lenten service on Wednesday was the Rev. E. P. Jones, Tredegar. The service was taken by the Vicar, with Mr. Willie White at the organ.

19 March 1932 St. Mary's Church The special preacher on Wednesday evening was the Rev. D. J. Davies, Pant.

26 March 1932 Palm Sunday Large crowds visited the Old Churchyard on the hill on Sunday last, to lay flowers on the graves of loved ones. A service was conducted in the afternoon by the Rev. J. L. White, Vicar, and the Church was well-filled. The organist was Mr. Octavius Richards.

2 April 1932 St. Mary Church On Easter Day, the vicar dedicated a beautiful altar frontal, and several other gifts, given by members of the Mothers' Union and members of the Women's Sunday School Class.

9 April 1932 St. Mary Church The Patronal Festival was held on Sunday and Tuesday and was well-attended. The special preachers were the Rev. Rhys Davis, Rector of Bedwellty, and the Rev. Canon R. W. Jones, Chief Diocesan Missioner, whose discourses were listened to with rapt attention. On Tuesday afternoon, the Missioner addressed a large gathering of members of the Mothers' Union.

9 April 1932 Fochriw Vestry The Vicar, Rev. J. L. White, presided over the annual vestry on Tuesday evening. He was supported by Mr. W. J. Payne (People's Warden), and Mr. Tom Jones (Parochial Secretary). The vicar thanked all for their splendid loyalty and co-operation. He paid

tribute to his predecessor who had accomplished great work in the parish, yet there was still much to be done. The vicar thanked Mr. W. J. Payne for his great work, and made touching references to the passing of the late Mr. H. C. Payne. Mr. Payne presented the financial statement, and was unanimously re-elected people's warden. The Vicar elected Councillor John Edwards as vicar's warden. The following were elected as members of the Parochial Council: Mrs. White, Mrs. W. J. Payne, Mrs. (Dr.) Williams, Mrs. John Bevan, Mr. Berkley Angell, Messrs. Tom Baldwin, Jack Lawrence, Tom Jones, W. D. Davies, Frank Way, Octavius Richards, and Charles White. The following sidesmen were appointed: Messrs. Ernest Jones, Henry Thomas, F. Way, W. D. Davies, Charles White, A. Palmer, Rod Jones, and D. J. Williams. Other officers appointed were: superintendent of the Sunday school, Mr. W. J. Payne; choirmaster, Mr. Berkley Angell; organist, Mr. Octavius Richards, auditor, Miss R. Davies.

16 April 1932 Nazareth Chapel On Sunday evening, the service was conducted by Mr. Trevor Lawrence, whose sermon was listened to with rapt attention. The organist was Mr. Wyndham Lawrence, and the singing was conducted by Mr. William Morris.

16 April 1932 Noddfa Chapel On Sunday, large congregations attended special services which were conducted by the Rev. David Griffiths (the blind preacher), whose addresses were most edifying. Mr. D. J. Thomas was the organist, and Mr. T. Evans conducted the singing.

16 April 1932 Lecture The Rev. David Griffiths (himself blind) delivered a striking lecture entitled "The Blind at Work and Play," at Noddfa on Monday evening. At the close, he was thanked on the motion of Mr. William Morris, seconded by Mr. Sam Lewis.

16 April 1932 Vestry The Easter vestry in connection with St. David's, Pantywaun, was held on Saturday afternoon. The Vicar presided, supported by Mr. W. J. Payne, churchwarden. The statement of accounts was presented by Mr. R. Mitchell and Mr. J. T. Kings, and accepted. The vicar thanked all who had worked so hard during the year, and asked them to carry on the good work. The Churchwardens also spoke. The following officers were appointed: secretary, Mr. R. Mitchell; treasurer, Mr. J. T. Lloyd; sidesmen - Messrs. D. J. King, J. Ralph, W. H. Williams, W. H. Bradley, W. J. Bradley; organist Mr. D. J. King; caretaker, Mr. R. Mitchell.

23 April 1932 Personal The many friends of the Rev J. C. Payne, vicar of Ystradowen, will be pleased to hear that the church of Welsh St. Donat's has been placed under his charge. The amalgamation of the parishes took place on April 11th.

7 May 1932 C.E.M.S. A meeting was held at the Church Hall on Thursday presided over by the Vicar, to discuss the formation of a branch of the Church of England Men's Society. Messrs. W. J. Payne, T. Baldwin and W. D. Davies took part in the discussion.

21 May 1932 St. Mary's On Whit Sunday, the services were conducted by the vicar and were well attended. On Wednesday, the vicar read a most interesting paper on "The Psalms," at the Guild.

28 May 1932 St. Mary's Guild Mr. W. J. Payne presided at a meeting of the Guild on Wednesday evening, when Mr. T. Baldwin read a very interesting paper on the life of the prophet Daniel.

4 June 1932 Nazareth Chapel The half yearly meetings were held on Sunday. Inspiring sermons were preached by the Rev T. H. Creunant Davies, Llansamlet. The singing was conducted by Mr. William Morris, with Mr. Wyndham Lawrence at the organ.

11 June 1932 Mothers' Union On Tuesday, the Rev. W. S. Pontin, vicar of Pontlottyn, addressed members.

9 July 1932 Carmel Chapel The yearly meetings in connection with the chapel were held on Sunday and Monday, when the Rev. W. E. Jones, Bethania, Dowlais, preached powerful sermons to large congregations. The singing was conducted by Mr. Thomas Walters, who also presided at the organ.

16 July 1932 Mothers' Union On Thursday last, about 14 members of the branch journeyed to Llanishen by charabanc and took part in the rally. A most enjoyable day was spent.

6 August 1932 Gospel Hall Enthusiastic meetings have been held at the Gospel Hall during the week. Addresses were given by Mrs. A. H. Williams, Llanelly, and Mrs. Whiteford, Dowlais.

20 August 1932 Gospel Hall Sterling meetings were held this week, when inspiring sermons were delivered by the Rev. Johnson Edwards. Services have been well attended.

24 September 1932 St. Mary's Church An address was given on Tuesday by the Rev D. J. L. Griffiths, Cardiff.

8 October 1932 Nazareth Chapel The annual meetings were held on Sunday last when the Rev. D. L. Jenkins, Bargoed, preached to large congregations. The singing was conducted by Mr. William Morris, with Mr. Wyndham Lawrence at the organ.

8 October 1932 Harvest Festival The harvest services in connection with St. Mary Church commenced on Thursday morning with a celebration of Holy Communion by the Vicar. The special preacher in the afternoon and evening was of the Diocesan Missioner, Rev. Canon R. W. Jones, whose eloquent sermons were greatly appreciated. On Sunday, the preacher was the Vicar of Llanbradach, Rev. D. J. Wills. On Monday, the preacher was Canon T. E. Griffiths, St. Nicholas, near Cardiff, who was a curate at Rhymney some 30 years ago, and is well known in the district. A true festival spirit was manifest in all the services. The Church had been beautifully decorated with fruit, flowers etc. The singing was conducted by Mr. Berkley Angell, and Mr. Octavius Richards presided at the organ.

15 October 1932 Noddfa Chapel The annual preaching services were held on Sunday and Monday. The Rev. T. J. Hughes, Morryston, occupied the pulpit, and his very interesting discourses were much appreciated. Mr. Thomas Evans conducted the singing, and Mr. David Joshua Thomas presided at the organ.

15 October 1932 Bible Society At Nazareth Chapel on Wednesday evening last, a well attended meeting in connection with the British and Foreign Bible Society was held. The chair was occupied by the Rev. J. L. White, vicar. An address on the work of the Society was given by the Rev. T. Alban Davies, Ton Pentre. The local secretary is Mr. William Morris, and the treasurer is Mr. Jenkin Pugh.

22 October 1932 Harvest Festival Services were held at St. David's, Pantywaun, on Sunday and Monday. The preacher on Sunday was the Rev. L. D. Jones, Deri, and on Monday, the Rev. D. J. Davies, Pant.

29 October 1932 Harvest Festival Harvest Thanksgiving services in connection with Nazareth chapel where held on Sunday and Monday.

5 November 1932 Carmel Chapel Harvest Festival Services were held during the week and were well attended. Mr. Thomas Walters conducted the singing and presided at the organ.

5 November 1932 St. Mary's The festival of All Saints was observed on Tuesday morning, the vicar celebrating Holy Communion.

12 November 1932 Mothers' Union On Tuesday, a service was held at St. Mary's Church. An inspiring address was given by the Rev. D. J. Davies, Pant.

19 November 1932 St. Mary's Church Armistice Day was observed with customary solemnity at St. Mary Church. At 11 o'clock, two minutes silence was observed.

26 November 1932 Noddfa Young People's Guild The revival of the Guild has been very encouraging and meetings are well attended and thoroughly enjoyed. Last week, Mr. Bert Edwards read a very fine paper on "Robert Raikes." Mr. G. Thomas, Pontlottyn, also read an interesting paper on "Mohammed and his religion." A hearty vote of thanks was moved by Mr. T. J. Jones, and seconded by Mrs. T. Evans. The officers are: president - Mr. Joshua Evans; treasurer - Mr. D. Thomas; secretary - Mr. David Emlyn Evans.

3 December 1932 Lecture The Rev. D. M. Phillips, Tylorstown, delivered a fine lecture entitled "The Prophet" at Nazareth on Thursday. Rev. Richard Evans was in the chair.

3 December 1932 St. Mary's The pulpit on Sunday evening was occupied by the Rev. W. S. Pontin, vicar of Pontlottyn.

3 December 1932 Noddfa Young People's Guild Mrs. Tom Evans presided at a meeting of the Guild last week. The devotional part was taken by Mr. Joshua Thomas. The subject for discussion was "Should Church officers be elected for a lifetime or for a period?" Mr. Chris Evans and Miss Gwenda Thomas took the side of a lifetime, and Mr. David George and Mr. Brinley Thomas took the period side.

3 December 1932 Supper The annual supper in connection with the local branch of the Mothers' Union took place at the Church Hall on Tuesday. About 70 sat down. A miscellaneous

programme followed. The following took part: Mr. W. J. Payne, Mr. Tom Walters, Mrs. Tom Walters. Winners of the unpunctuated reading: Mrs. Cumpstone and Mr. Octavius Richards. The accompanists were Mr. Tom Walters and Mr. G. Richards.

10 December 1932 Confirmation Twenty seven candidates from the Parish of Fochriw and Deri were presented for confirmation to the Lord Bishop of the Diocese at the Parish Church, Pontlottyn, on Thursday evening. The candidates had been prepared by the Rev. J. L. White (vicar) and Rev. L. D. Jones, curate.

10 December 1932 Carmel Chapel The half yearly meetings took place on Sunday and Monday, when the Rev. T. Alban Davies, Bethesda, Ton Pentre, preached most inspiring and edifying sermons to the large congregations present. Mr. Tom Walters conducted the singing, and Miss Mona Ballard presided at the organ.

17 December 1932 Gospel Hall Inspiring services were held during the last week at the Gospel Hall and Nazareth Chapel, when the Rev. Johnson Edwards, the coloured missionary from India, was the special preacher. Large congregations attended and the services were hearty and devotional.

31 December 1932 St. Mary's Church The services were well attended on Christmas Day, commencing with an early communion service at 6:00a.m. The preacher and celebrant was the vicar; the organist Mr. Octavius Richards, and the singing was conducted by Mr. Berkley Angell.

31 December 1932 Noddfa Chapel The united singing festival of Noddfa and Nazareth chapels attracted a large congregations to Noddfa Chapel on Christmas Day, when the choirs of both chapels, under the conductorship of Mr. Thomas Evans, rendered hymns and anthems in fine style. The chairmen were Mr. David Thomas, Miss Katie Davies, and Mr. John Jones. The accompanists were Messrs. Wyndham Lawrence and David Joshua Thomas.

31 December 1932 Carmel Christmas Tree On Friday evening at the Vestry, a very happy time was spent, when the junior department of the Sunday school were given a Christmas tree and entertainment. The role of Santa Claus was taken by Mr. J. Idris Williams, and splendid work was performed by the superintendent, Mrs. Sam Lewis, and the following teachers: Miss Maria Jones, Miss Catherine Jones, Miss Doris Lewis, and Mrs. Elsie Rees.

31 December 1932 Cymanfa Ganu The annual Christmas Gymanfa Ganu in connection with Carmel Chapel was held on Christmas Day, and large congregations attended. The singing reached a very high standard and was conducted by Mr. David Jones, Bargoed. Solos and recitations were rendered by Madam H. C. Davies, Mr. Meirion Shankland, Nurse Ballard Davies, Betty Evans, Betty Simpson, Jennie Davies, Eliza Evans, Evan M. Lewis. The presidents were Mr. Evan M. Davies, Mrs. Sam Lewis and Mr. David Lewis, and the accompanists were Mr. Thomas Walters and Miss Mona Ballard.

11 February 1933 Noddfa Chapel On Sunday and Monday, special services were held, the Rev. Esaiiah Williams, Cardigan, preaching powerful sermons to large congregations. Mr. Thomas Evans conducted the singing, and Mr. D. J. Thomas was at the organ.

11 February 1933 St. Mary's Church On Tuesday evening, the monthly devotional service of the Mothers' Union was held, conducted by the Vicar, with a very appropriate address given by the Rev. E. B. Fry, Aberbargoed.

25 February 1933 Presentation At the Church Hall on Thursday, a happy function took place in connection with the St. Mary's Dramatic Society, when the members sat down to an excellent tea. Mrs. Lena Morgan was presented with a wristlet watch as a mark of appreciation for her services to the Society. The chair was taken by the Vicar who spoke of Mrs. Morgan's work for the society. Mr. W. J. Payne (producer) made the presentation. Others who spoke were Mr. T. Baldwin, Mr. Jack Lawrence, Mr. W. D. Davies, and Mrs. Annie Morgan. After the presentation, games were played. Master Cecil Llewellyn gave two recitations. The accompanists were Mr. O. Richards and Mr. Willie White.

4 March 1933 Drama St. Mary's Dramatic Society gave an excellent performance of the drama "Agnes de Vere," at the Church Hall, Ystradowen, on Thursday evening. The vicar thanked the Company for bringing such a treat to the people of the Vale.

11 March 1933 St. Mary's Church The special preacher at the Lenten service on Wednesday was the Rev. G. W. Westwood, Gellygaer.

11 March 1933 Organist's Record: Mr. Thomas Walters, A.L.C.M. The large circle of friends of Mr. Thomas Walters will be pleased to note that he has completed 30 years faithful service as organist at Carmel Congregational Chapel. He commenced on October 16th, 1902, and is still organist and choirmaster. His abilities as organist and conductor are well-known throughout South Wales. His wonderful successes as the conductor of the Fochriw Mixed Choir and Male Voice Party are still fresh in the minds of music lovers throughout the Valley. Always of a kind and genial disposition, his services are given ungrudgingly for all worthy objects in connection with the welfare of the community. As an adjudicator, elocutionist, and accompanist, his services are in great demand and no appeals for charity are made in vain to Mr. Walters. It is the wish of his many friends that he be spared for many years to carry on the great work for which he is so well fitted.

18 March 1933 Welsh Dramas The children of the primary department of Carmel Congregational Church gave splendid performances of the Welsh dramas, "Mog Llwyd" and "Llew" (Margaret Prosser), and "Dic Whittington" (D. H. Thomas, Port Talbot), on Thursday, Friday and Saturday at Noddfa vestry (kindly lent). The vestry was crowded each evening and the characters were splendidly portrayed by the little ones. Those who took part were: "Mog Llwyd" - Edryd Jones, John Jones, Douglas Clark, Evan Strang, Philip Mantle, Graham Cumpstone; "Llew" - Evan M. Davies, Edryd Jones, Willie Walters, Willie William; "Dic Whittington" - Jackie Davies, Eliza Evans, Howell Lewis, Rene Angell, Betty Jones, Jenny Davies, David Cole, Morgan G. Jones, Ivor Davies, Lynn Jones, Mimi Lewis, Hannah Mantle, Alun Davies, Willie Walters, Oriel Jones, Betty Evans and Muriel Davies. Miss Bessie Ballard, Mr. W. A. Davies and Mr. A. Ballard presided. Great credit is due to producers Mrs. Sam Lewis, Miss Maria Jones and Miss Sarah Jones. The stage managers were Messrs. Willie Angell, Emrys Lewis and Joshua Evans. The accompanist was his Mr. Bob Rees.

25 March 1933 Singing Festival A singing festival was held at Carmel chapel on Sunday. The conductor was Mr. Thomas Walters, and the accompanist was Miss Mona Ballard. Nurse Ballard Davies presided in the morning, Mrs. Sam Lewis in the afternoon, and Mr. David Lewis in the evening.

1 April 1933 Patronal Festival Special services were held at St. Mary's on Sunday and Monday. The special preacher on Sunday was the Rev. W. Williams, New Tredegar. On Monday, the Mothers' Union held special services. In the evening, the special preacher was the Rev. W. Hopkins, Bargoed.

8 April 1933 St. Mary's Church On Wednesday, the Rev. Trevor Vodden, Pontlottyn, occupied the pulpit and preached an appropriate Lenten sermon.

15 April 1933 Palm Sunday Hundreds wended their way to the church on the hill (St. Andrews) on Sunday, to keep remembrance with the beloved dead. Beautiful flowers were laid upon the graves. In the afternoon, Rev. J. L. White conducted an impressive service in the Old Church which was well attended.

15 April 1933 St. Mary's The special Lenten preacher on Wednesday evening was the Rev. E. B. Fry, Bedwellty.

22 April 1933 St. Mary's The special Lenten preacher on Wednesday evening was the Rev. J. Jeffrey Jones, Merthyr.

29 April 1933 Fochriw Vestry: A Year of Progress The annual Easter vestry for the Parish Church of St. Mary's was held at the Church Hall on Tuesday. The Vicar, the Rev. J. L. White, presided over a very representative gathering, and was supported by the Rev. L. D. Jones, curate, Messrs. W. J. Payne, churchwarden, and Tom Jones, parochial secretary. The vicar thanked all the individuals and organisations that had helped in any way during the past year, and said that despite the unemployment, they had succeeded in balancing the budget. Mr. W. J. Payne presented the financial statement that had been audited by Miss Rosie Davies, and this was accepted. The following were elected members to the Parochial Council: Mrs. J. L. White, Mrs. W. J. Payne, Mrs. Llewellyn (The Farm), Miss Rosie Davies, Messrs. Tom Jones, Jack Lawrence, A. Palmer, T. Baldwin, C. White, F. Way, W. D. Davies, O. Richards, C. Ballard. The following sidesmen were appointed: Messrs. W. D. Davies, T. Baldwin, J. Lawrence, C. White, D. Jones, C. Ballard, A. Palmer, F. Way; auditor, Miss R. Davies. Mr. W. J. Payne was unanimously re-elected People's Warden, and Councillor John Edwards, Deri, as Vicar's

Warden. Mr. Tom Jones was re-elected Parochial Secretary. Rev. L. D. Jones thanked all for the kind way that he had been received.

6 May 1933 Full Gospel Hall A special meeting was held at the Gospel Hall on Sunday, when the speakers were Messrs. J. Harries (Ystylafera) and H. Childs (Dowlais).

13 May 1933 Church Army Van Special services were conducted in the parish by Captain L. Rodbourne and Cadet J. H. Laughton of the Church Army. On Sunday, at the Parish Church, the services were well attended and Captain Rodbourne delivered a sermon. Cadet Lawton addressed the children in the afternoon. Captain Rodbourne again preached in the evening.

20 May 1933 St. Mary's The special preacher on Sunday was the Rev. J. R. Dewi Williams, Rhymney.

20 May 1933 Lecture At the Church Hall on Thursday and Friday, lantern lectures were given in connection with the visit of the Church Army van by Capt. Rodbourne and Cadet Lawton.

3 June 1933 Nazareth Chapel The half yearly services were held on Sunday, and were well attended. The special preacher was the Rev. C. Davies, Gorseinon. The singing was conducted by Mr. William Morris, and the organists were Mr. Wyndham Lawrence and Mr. Wm. Davies.

17 June 1933 Mothers' Union Members of the Fochriw branch journeyed to Llandaff Cathedral on Tuesday, and took part in the festival.

24 June 1933 Carmel Chapel The annual meetings in connection with the chapel took place on Sunday and Monday. The special preacher was the Rev. J. Luther Thomas, Cwmavon. Miss Mona Ballard was the organist.

8 July 1933 Carmel Chapel The pulpit was occupied on Sunday last by Mr. David Overton, Ynyshir, who preached powerful sermons. The organist was Miss Mona Ballard. The Rev. Overton is well-known to older members of the village, which is his birthplace, and where he resided for many years.

29 July 1933 Gospel Hall On Sunday last, special services were held when the preacher was the Rev. Johnson Edwards of India, who delivered very inspiring addresses which were much appreciated

29 July 1933 Personal The many friends of Mr. George White, son of the Rev. J. L. and Mrs. White, the Vicarage, who is a student at King's College, London, where he is studying for holy orders, will be pleased to know he was successful at his recent examination.

29 July 1933 Tea Party A very pleasant time was spent at the Church hall on Thursday afternoon, when a tea party in connection with St. Mary Church took place, and a large number sat down to an excellent tea. The tray holders were Mrs. Henry Thomas and Mrs. W. D. Davies, Mrs. Charles White and Mrs. S. Davies, Mrs. T. Jones, Mrs. Lewis and Miss Rosy Williams, Miss E. Lewis, Mrs. O. Richards and Miss Palmer, Mr. V. Palmer Misses Mills, Miss Sally Jones, Miss C. Evans; cutters - Mrs. White, Mrs. Payne, Mrs. Lawrence, Mrs. Llewellyn, Miss Davies. Valuable services were rendered by Rev. White, Messrs. W. J. Payne, W. D. Davies, Tom Baldwin, George Evans, Arthur Palmer, Crad Ballard, Jack Lawrence and O. Richards. After tea, a happy time was spent on the mountain. The Fochriw Silver Band, under the conductorship of the Mr. Albert Mantle, played an appropriate selection of music, and there was dancing on the green. A programme of sport was also provided for the children, the following being in charge: Messrs. W. J. Payne, T. J. Jones, C. Ballard, D. J. Davies, C. Thomas, and T. J. Jones.

12 August 1933 Gospel Hall Very enthusiastic meetings were held on Sunday and Monday, the special preacher being Pastor Lewis, Pencoed.

19 August 1933 Tea and Concert On Friday, the members of St. Mary's Operatic Society sat down to an excellent tea at the Church Hall. The tray holders were Mrs. White, Mrs. Payne, Mrs. Angell, Mrs. M. A. Edwards, Mrs. Lewis, Miss Wynda Edwards, Mrs. Doris Edwards, assisted by the Vicar, Messrs. W. J. Payne, George Evans, T. Baldwin, Rod Jones. After tea there were games. A singing competition was held and the first prize was won by Master William John Jones, and the second prize by Miss Nana Ballard. A cake given by Messrs. William Harris, Merthyr, was won by Miss Margaret Jones, Pentwyn

23 September 1933 Noddfa Chapel The yearly meetings in connection with the chapel were held on Sunday and Monday, when the Rev J. J. Lewis, Hebron, Dowlais, preached very

edifying sermons to large congregations. Mr. D. Joshua Thomas was the organist, and the singing was conducted by Mr. Thomas Evans.

30 September 1933 Noddfa Young People's Guild The opening meeting of the winter session was held on Tuesday evening at the vestry. The chairman was Bro. Joshua Evans, president of the Guild. Bros T. J. Jones & Tom Thomas led in prayer. Rev. J. C Evans, Pontlottyn, gave a very inspiring address entitled "Spiritual Mathematics." Sister Annie Evans & Bro. Thomas Jones proposed and seconded a vote of thanks.

30 September 1933 Dramatics On Thursday and Friday, the Noddfa Dramatic Society gave excellent performances of three one-act plays entitled "Temtassiwn," "Uncle Ben," and "Pretty Piece of Business." The company is to be congratulated on their excellent display. A word of praise is due to the young dramatist, Mr. David Emlyn Evans, Moore's-row, a pupil at Bargoed Secondary School, who was the writer and producer of the Welsh play "Temtassiwn," which won the prize for a one-act play at his school annual Eisteddfod. The following were the characters: "Temtassiwn," - Messrs. Thomas J. Jones, Emlyn Evans, D. J. Thomas, Miss Phyllis Williams; "Uncle Ben" - Messrs. Bert Edwards, David George Parry, Misses Phyllis Davies, Gwyneth Parry, Iris Evans, and Egryn Thomas; "Pretty Piece of Business" - Messrs. David George Parry, David Joshua Thomas, Misses Phyllis Williams, Phyllis Davies, Gwyneth Parry. The producers were Mr. David George Parry and Mr. Emlyn Evans. The chairman was Mr. Joshua Evans and the scenic artists were Messrs. Jenkin Thomas and Tom Thomas. The furniture was kindly lent by read Mr. Freedman, Dowlais.

30 September 1933 Carmel A tea party was held at Carmel Vestry on Monday. The following ladies presided at the tables: Mesdames Arthur Ballard, Tom Walters, Dan Jones, Iorwerth Evans, T. I. Evans, Bronwen Jones, Miss Catherine Jones, Miss Eirlys Jenkins, Miss Margaretta Evans. The ticket sellers who worked assiduously towards its success were: Mesdames Mary Walters, Ellen Jenkins, Mary A. Lewis, Hannah Cole Davies, Blodwen Evans, Mary Strang, Aneurin Jones, Nurse Ballard Davies, Sam Lewis, Misses Catherine Jones, Elspeth Lewis, E. Martin. An entertainment followed the tea, when the following contributed: solos - Madame H. C. Davies, Messrs. Thomas Walters, M. Shankland, Leyshon Rowlands; duet - Messrs. Thomas Walters and Meirion Shankland; recitations - Miss Mary Morgan, Nurse Ballard Davies; selections - Mrs. H. C. Davies and friends. A sketch entitled "First of April" was acted by Misses Iris Edwards, Mary Lewis Thomas, Mary Morgan, Beryl Ballard, and caused roars of laughter. Messrs. John Henry Evans, Gomer Evans, M. Shankland, G. Davies, Leyshon Rowlands, John Davies, D. Rowlands, T. Ballard, D. James, J. Griffiths, Oliver Davies, Mrs. Ann Jones, Mrs. Elizabeth Jones, Mrs. Mary Walters, Mrs. Ellen Jenkins, and Mrs. David Evans rendered valuable assistance. The catering was carried out by Mr. and Mrs. David Lewis. The secretarial duties were ably carried out by Mrs. Sam Lewis. Mr. Sam Lewis presided.

7 October 1933 St. Mary's Church The Harvest Festival Services were held on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, and were well attended. The Church was beautifully decorated with flowers, fruit and vegetables. The special preachers on Sunday were: the Rev W. Brazell, vicar of Pontlottyn, in the morning; Mr. G. L. White, King's College London, in the afternoon; and the Rev. W. S. Pontin, vicar of St. Luke's, Cardiff, in the evening. The special preacher on Monday was the Rev. E. R. Lewis, Pontypridd, and on Tuesday Canon J. Richards Pugh, Merthyr.

14 October 1933 Harvest Festival Services were held at Siloh Chapel, Penybank, on Sunday last. The preacher was Mrs. Vaughan, Tredegar. Mr. E. Cumpstone was the organist.

14 October 1933 Women's Missionary Meeting A very interesting missionary meeting was held at Nazareth Calvinistic Methodist Chapel, when the devotional part was taken by Mrs. J. Harris Jones, Deri. A solo, "He was despised," was rendered by Mrs. M. Lewis. The president, Mrs. M. J. Roderick, Tredegar, gave an address. The Rev. Owen Evans, Cardiff, gave a very able address on missionary work. Other speakers were Miss Margaret Evans, and Miss Edwards, Aberfan. The accompanist was Mr. Wyndham Lawrence. A tea was provided in the afternoon.

21 October 1933 Harvest Carmel and Nazareth chapels held their Harvest Thanksgiving services on Monday and Tuesday evenings, the services being very devotional and well attended.

21 October 1933 Noddfa Young People's Guild A meeting of the guild was held on Tuesday evening, Brother Egrin Thomas presiding. An interesting and edifying paper was read by Brother Thomas J. Jones entitled "The Fall of Man." The meeting was closed in prayer by Brother B. J. Thomas.

21 October 1933 Harvest Festival Harvest Festival Services were held at St. David's Church, Pantywaun, on Sunday and Monday last, and were well attended. The preacher on Sunday was the vicar, and on Sunday evening, Mr. Jones, Rhymney. On Monday evening, the Rev. W. E. Williams, New Tredegar, was the preacher. The organist was Mr. D. Kings.

28 October 1933 Bible Society A meeting in connection with the British and Foreign Bible Society was held at Nazareth Church on Tuesday evening presided over by the vicar, the Rev. J. L. White, who gave a very appropriate opening address, after which the Rev. Richard Evans read a portion of scripture and offered prayer. The total of last year's contributions was announced by Mr. William Morris, secretary and Mr. Jenkin Pugh, treasurer. All subscribers were thanked, and an appeal for renewed efforts for such a noble cause was made. Afterwards the Rev. Iltyd Jones, Rector of Dowlais, gave an address.

4 November 1933 Noddfa Vestry A meeting of the Young People's Guild was held on Wednesday. Miss Iris Evans presided. Mr. D. Joshua Thomas gave a paper on "Hanes Jacob."

4 November 1933 Confirmation The Lord Bishop of Llandaff held a confirmation service at the Parish Church on Sunday morning last.

11 November 1933 Noddfa Guild A meeting of the Guild was held at the vestry on Wednesday evening. Mr. Bert Edwards presided. Miss Phyllis Davies gave the paper entitled "Hanes Ruth."

18 November 1933 Noddfa Guild Mr. J. Evans presided at the weekly meeting of the Guild held on Wednesday evening. Rev. E. R. Richards, Gellygaer, gave a very interesting address on "Nero, the last of the Caesars." Mr. Emlyn Evans and Mr. David G. Parry proposed and seconded a vote of thanks to the speaker.

25 November 1933 Noddfa Guild At the weekly meeting of the Guild held on Wednesday evening last, an instructive paper was read by Mr. T. Thomas, who took as his subject, "Lessons from the Lillies." Mr. B.J. Thomas presided. The devotional part was taken by his Messrs. D. G. Parry and D. J. Thomas.

2 December 1933 Noddfa Guild Special preaching services in connection with the Guild were held on Tuesday, when the Rev. J. William Hughes, Cardiff, preached inspiring sermons. The introductory part in the afternoon was taken by the Rev. J. C. Evans, Pontlottyn, and in the evening by the Rev. T. M. Jones, Deri. The singing was conducted by Mr. Thomas Evans, with Mr. D. Joshua Thomas at the organ.

16 December 1933 Noddfa Guild The weekly meeting was held on Wednesday presided over by Mr. Joshua Evans. An excellent address was given by the Rev. T. M. Jones, Deri, entitled "The Tramp Parson." The following commented on the address: Mrs. S. Lewis, Mr. T. Thomas, Mr. J. Evans.

23 December 1933 Noddfa Guild The weekly meeting was held on Wednesday, Mr. Joshua Evans presiding. An excellent paper was given Mr. Emlyn Evans entitled "The Law of Averages." The following commented on the same: Thomas J. Jones, David G. Parry and Joshua Evans.

23 December 1933 Noddfa: Gymanfa Ganu The gymanfa in connection with Noddfa and Nazareth churches took place on Christmas Day. The singing was under the conductorship of Mr. Thomas Evans, with Messrs. Wyndham Lawrence and David Joshua Thomas as accompanists. The morning session was presided over by Miss Katie Jones Davies, who also took the devotional part. The afternoon session was opened by Mr. T. J. Jones and Mr. John Jones presided. The evening meeting was opened by the Rev. Richard Evans, and was presided over by Mr. David Davies, Pentrebach.

23 December 1933 Gymanfa Ganu Large congregations attended Carmel Vestry on Christmas Day when the annual singing festival was held. The conductor was Mr. Abel Jones,

Rhymney, with Mr. Thomas Walters and Miss Mona Ballard the accompanists. The morning meeting was presided over by Mrs. David Lewis. The following took part: readings and prayer, Miss Betty Jones; recitations, Misses Jennie Davies and Eliza Evans; solos, Master Evan Morgan Lewis and Master Fred Williams. In the afternoon, the president was Mrs. B. Davies. A reading of scripture was given by Mr. John Gwyn Lewis; prayer, Mr. Angell; recitation, Miss Mary Morgan. Evening president, Mrs. Sam Lewis; reading of scripture, Mr. V. Davies; prayer, Mr. D. Rowlands; solo, Mrs. H.C. Davies; recitation, Nurse Ballard Davies. Mr. Evans, Cardiff, spoke, pointing out the influence of the gymanfa ganu on the Welsh national character. He urged its continuance for the sake of the future of the Welsh nation.

30 December 1933 Noddfa Vestry On Friday evening, the juvenile section of the Noddfa Sunday School were entertained in the vestry. Each child was handed a present from the tree which had been beautifully decorated. Miss Magdalene Pugh, Messrs. David J. Thomas and Thomas J. Jones carried out the arrangements.

30 December 1933 Carmel Chapel A Christmas service was held at Carmel Vestry on Friday evening last. The tree had been decorated with toys. After carol singing, each child received a present from the tree. The role of Father Christmas was played by Mr. Sam Lewis. The teachers of the primary department assisted, and Messrs. Dan James, Thomas Ballard and Jenkin Pugh also took part.

30 December 1933 St. Mary's On Friday evening, a tea and Christmas tree was held at the Church Hall. The tree was laden with gifts and each Sunday school scholar received a gift from Santa Claus who was represented by Miss Olive May Payne. Splendid work was done by the Vicar, Mr. W. J. Payne, Miss Rosie Davies, Mrs. Richards, Misses Richards and Jones, Messrs. G. White, G. Evans, W. White and O. Richards.

30 December 1933 "The Picnic Party" Very enjoyable evenings were spent at the New Hall on Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, when the Carmel Children's Choir, conducted by Madam Hannah Cole Davies and Mr. Meirion Shankland, gave excellent performances of the operetta, "The Picnic Party." The children had been well trained, and the dresses and effects were all that could be wished for. The chairman on Wednesday was Mrs. David Lewis; Thursday, Nurse Ballard Davies; Saturday, Mr. Aneurin Jones. The characters were ably portrayed by the following: Mrs. D. James; Jenny Davies; Elize Evans; Phyllis Martin; Mimi Lewis; Betty Jones; Frances Strang; Hannah Mantle; Muriel Davies; Rene Angell; Evan M. Lewis; Willie Walters; Douglas Clark; Jimmy Lester; Tudor Rowlands; Kathleen Williams; Rita Cole; Phoebe M. Davies; Margaret Rowlands; Betty Simpson; David Cole, Howell Lewis, Stewart Davies, Philip Mantle, Evan Strang, Graham Cumpstone, Idris Shankland. The accompanist was Miss Mona Ballard. The secretarial duties were ably carried out by Miss Mary Lewis Thomas. The stage manager was Mr. Tom Lewis. Votes of thanks to all who contributed were proposed and seconded by Messrs. Daniel Rowlands and James John Lewis.

6 January 1934 Noddfa Operetta On Thursday and Saturday, the Noddfa augmented Sunday School Choir, under the conductorship of Mr. D. Joshua Thomas, gave performances of the operetta "The Enchanted Glen." The production was in the hands of Mrs. Tom Evans, with Miss Mona Ballard as the accompanist. The characters were taken by the following: Miss Iris Evans, Miss Mary Lewis, Miss Phyllis Davies, Miss Thelma Thomas, Miss Margaret Evans, Miss Gwnfil Harris, Mrs. M. Shea, Misses Nellie Dummett, Frances Adams, Winnie Evans, Lily Thomas, Edna Jones, Tidwen Morgan, Pearl White and Sally Jones. The scenic artist was Mr. D. Emlyn Evans, and Mr. J. Thomas was in charge of the scenes and effects

13 January 1934 Noddfa Guild A meeting of the Guild of took place on Wednesday. Mr. Joshua Evans presided. A paper on "Yesterday and Today" was read by Mr. J. J. Davies, head teacher of Bargoed Secondary School.

13 January 1934 Carmel The annual services in connection with Carmel Congregational Church were held on Sunday and Monday. The special preachers were the Revs. Gwilym Rees and R. B. Jones. This singing was conducted by Mr. Thomas Walters and the organists were Mr. Walters and Miss Mona Ballard.

20 January 1934 Noddfa Young People's Guild The weekly meeting was held on Wednesday, Mr. Walter Parry presiding. A most interesting paper was read by Mr. Thomas entitled "Nurse Cavell."

27 January 1934 Noddfa Young People's Guild The weekly meeting was held on Wednesday, when Miss Phyllis Davies presided. A paper was read by Mrs. Tom Thomas.

3 February 1934 Noddfa Young People's Guild The weekly meeting was held on Wednesday, when Mr. D. G. Parry presided. A paper on "Florence Nightingale" was read by Miss Iris Evans. She was heartily thanked.

10 February 1934 Carmel Vestry On Sunday evening, the children of the primary department of Carmel Chapel gave a splendid rendering of the sacred cantata "Messiah y Plant." The following recited: Betty Jones, Margaret Rowlands, Frances Strang, Betty Evans, Jennie Davies, Eliza Evans, Howell Lewis, Ivor Davies, Evan M. Lewis, Willie Walters. The singing was ably conducted by Miss Maria Jones, and a chant was rendered by Mr. T. Walters and friends. Mrs. B. Rees and Miss Mona Ballard were the accompanists. An interesting feature was the presentation of a hymn book to Ivor Davies, aged 11, who has completed to years full attendance at Sunday school.

17 February 1934 Noddfa Guild Mr. Joshua Evans presided over the weekly meeting of the Guild on Wednesday. Rev. H. Morgan, Hengoed, gave an address. The devotional part was taken by Messrs. D. G. Parry and T. J. Jones.

17 February 1934 Supper The annual supper of the Fochriw branch of the Mothers' Union took place on Tuesday at the Church Hall. Mrs. White, the enrolling member, assisted by a number of members, attended at the tables. Short addresses were given by the Vicar, the Rev. J. L. White, and the churchwarden, Mrs. W. J. Payne. Games and singing concluded the evening. Mr. William White was the accompanist, and the M.C.s for games were Mrs. S. A. Jones and Mr. W. J. Payne.

3 March 1934 St. Mary's The preacher at the Lenten weekly service on Wednesday was the vicar. A very fine font has been erected in the parish Church. It is the gift of the Dean and Chapter of Llandaff. Before it was given, it was in of the Lady Chapel at Llandaff Cathedral.

17 March 1934 Nazareth A successful social was held on Tuesday, when the tray holders were Mrs. E. P. Lewis, Mrs. G. Evans, Miss D. Davies, Miss Z. Davies, Mrs. S. Davies, Mrs. W. Morris, Miss E. Lawrence, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. S. Lee, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. T. Pugh, Miss M. Pugh.

24 March 1934 St. Mary's The special preacher at the Lenten service last week was the Rev. C. A. Davies, Trelewis.

31 March 1934 Palm Sunday Crowds of people visited the old church on the hill, St. Andrew's, on Sunday, to visit the resting place of loved ones. The graves had been well cared for and covered with an abundance of flowers.

31 March 1934 St. Mary's The patronal festival services were held on Sunday, and were well attended. The special preacher was the Rev. D. Robinson Hughes, vicar of Cyfarthfa, who addressed the Mother's Union in the afternoon, and preached at the evening service. The lessons were read by Mrs. W. J. Payne. Mr. Berkley Angell conducted the singing, and Mr. Octavius Richards was at the organ.

14 April 1934 St. Mary's Church Easter Vestry The annual Easter vestry was held at the Church Hall on Tuesday evening, the Rev. J. L. White, vicar, presiding, supported by the Rev. L. J. Jones, curate, Mr. W. J. Payne, church-warden, and Mr. Tom Jones, parochial secretary. The vicar said that during the past year times had been very depressing owing to unemployment, but they have much to be thankful for. The accounts showed a balance on the right side. He wished to thank all who had so loyally worked during the year. They had rebuilt the organ, and in a new font had been erected. There was much more to be done. The accounts, as audited by Miss Rosie Davies, were accepted. Miss Davies was re-elected auditor. The following were elected members of the Parochial Council: Mrs. J. L. White, Mrs. W. J. Payne, Mrs. Llewellyn (Pentwyn Farm), Miss Rosie Davies, Messrs. W. D. Davies, Charles White, Tom Jones, Jack Lawrence, Frank Way, O. Richards, T. Baldwin, C. Ballard and A. Palmer. Mr. W. J. Payne was re-elected People's Warden, and Councillor John Edwards, Deri, vicar's warden. The following sidesmen were appointed: Messrs. Tom Jones, C. White, Ernest Jones, A. Palmer, J. Lawrence, William Morris, W. D. Davies, L. Deighton, F. Way, C. Ballard, T. Baldwin and the D. Way.

12 May 1934 Nazareth The pulpit was occupied on Sunday by Mr. Trevor Lawrence.

19 May 1934 Nazareth The half-yearly meetings were held on Sunday. Rev. W. Davies, Cardiff, preached. The singing was conducted by Mr. William Morris, with Messrs. Wyndham Lawrence and Willie A. Davies as organists.

26 May 1934 Special Services At Siloh Chapel, Penybank, special services were held on Sunday, the preacher being Mrs. Richard Lewis, Abertysswg, whose sermons were much enjoyed.

16 June 1934 Carmel Special yearly services were held on Sunday and Monday and were well-attended. The special preacher was the Rev. D. J. Davies, Neath, and the organist and conductor was Mr. Thomas Walters.

30 June 1934 Mothers' Union About 40 members visited Llanishen on Wednesday, accompanied by the Vicar and Mrs. White. A sermon was preached by the Diocesan Missioner, Canon R. W. Jones. Afterwards tea was provided, followed by a concert.

7 July 1934 To Be Ordained Friends of Mr. George White, son of the Rev. and Mrs. J. L. White, the Vicarage, Fochriw, will be pleased to know that he has passed his finals at King's College, London, where he has been preparing for holy orders. He will be ordained at Derby in September, where he will commence his duties as a curate.

11 August 1934 Full Gospel Hall The annual convention took place during the week. A baptismal service was held when a large number were baptised by Pastor David Thomas.

8 September 1934 Mother's Union Visit About 40 members of the Fochriw branch journeyed by charabanc to St. George's-super-Ely, on Thursday last, at the invitation of Mrs. Evans, who for many years was enrolling member of the Fochriw branch. The Rector, Rev. Samuel Evans, conducted an impressive service at the Church. Afterwards, the visitors were entertained to tea at the Rectory.

15 September 1934 Noddfa Church Special services were held on Sunday and Monday, when the preacher was the Rev. J. C. Evans, Pontlottyn. The singing was conducted by Mr. Thomas Evans and Mr. D. J. Thomas was the organist.

22 September 1934 Carmel Chapel The annual tea party took place on Monday. The tray holders were Mesdames G. Cox, E. Cumpstone, M. A. Ballard, E. A. Evans, M. Alice Lewis, A. Davies, May Davies, Miss Iris Edwards. The working committee were: Mesdames M. Walters, E. Jenkins, E. Hughes, M. Griffiths, E. Jones, D. Lewis, A. Jones, S. Lewis. The following rendered assistance: Messrs. D. Rowlands, T. Ballard, John Davies, E. M. Davies, S. Lewis, G. Evans, Howell Thomas, O. Davies, Mesdames A. Jones, E. Lewis, M. A. Ballard, E. Cumpstone, E. H. Evans, N. Evans, M. James, S. Davies, B. Jones, M. Strong, Miss Maria Jones. The secretary was Mr. Arthur Ballard. A miscellaneous concert followed the tea, Mr. D. Rowlands presiding. The following took part: solos, Messrs. L. Rowlands, M. Shankland; trio, T. Walters, L. Rowlands and M. Shankland; recitation, Miss Mary Morgan; story, Mr. George Sibley, Southampton; surprise item, Mr. Sam Lewis; variations on organ, Mr. T. Walters; recitations, Mrs. Sam Lewis and Miss Mary Morgan. In a sketch "Gofid Hen Lanc," the following were the players: Mr. Willie Angell, Mrs. Nellie Evans, Miss Eirlys Jenkins, Miss Iris Edwards, Mrs. Jessie Thomas. The accompanist was Mr. T. Walters.

29 September 1934 Bible Society A meeting of the various churches was held at Nazareth Church on Sunday in connection with the British and Foreign Bible Society. Arrangements were made for the secretary, Rev. Crwys Williams, to give an address at Nazareth on 10th October. The local secretary is Mr. William Morris, Brynteg; and the late treasurer was Mr. Jenkin Pugh, whose death has removed a zealous worker for the cause.

6 October 1934 Ordination Service On Sunday, Mr. George L. White, eldest son of the Rev. and Mrs. J. L. White, Fochriw, was ordained at Derby Cathedral, and was afterwards licensed to serve the curacy of the Normanton, Derby. He was trained for the ministry at Ystrad Meurig, and afterwards at King's College, London.

6 October 1934 Harvest Festival Services Services were held at the Parish Church on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. The preachers on Sunday were: morning, Rev. H. Lewis, Rhymney, and Rev. L. J. Jones, Deri; afternoon, Mr. W. J. Payne; evening, Rev. W. N. Peregrine, vicar of Penydarren; Monday, the Dean of Llandaff; Tuesday, the Rev. E. Iltyd Jones, Rector of Dowlais. The choirmaster is Mr. Berkley Angell and the organist Mr. Octavius Richards.

20 October 1934 Harvest Festival Services were held at Siloh, Penybank, of Sunday, when the preacher was the Rev. T. E. Williams, Rhymney. Mr. E. Cumpstone was the organist.

20 October 1934 Nazareth The annual meetings were held on Sunday, when the Rev. J. Green, Twrgwyn, Cardigan, preached. The singing was conducted by Mr. W. Morris, with Mr. W. Lawrence at the organ.

20 October 1934 Harvest Services At Nazareth chapel on Monday, Harvest festival services were held, when the Rev. Richard Rees, pastor, was the preacher. Mr. Wm. Morris conducted the singing and Mr. Tom Davies was at the organ

20 October 1934 Carmel Harvests services were held on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, when the conductor and organist was Mr. Thomas Walters.

17 November 1934 Mothers' Union An enrollment service was held on Tuesday at St. Mary. New members were enrolled by the Vicar.

17 November 1934 Nazareth On Sunday evening, the preacher was Mr. Trevor Lawrence. Mr. Willie Angell Davies was at the organ, and Mr. William Morris conducted the singing.

15 December 1934 Cymanfa Ganu On Sunday night at Carmel Chapel, a rehearsal was held in preparation for the Christmas cymanfa ganu. Mr. Thomas, Clydach-on-Tawe, was the conductor, with Mr. Tom Walters and Miss B. Ballard organists.

29 December 1934 Carmel Concert At Carmel Vestry on Friday, the children were entertained to a concert. The Christmas tree had been tastefully decorated. Mr. Sam Lewis, assisted by Mr. Arthur ballad, took the role of Father Christmas, and Miss Maria Jones conducted the singing.

29 December 1934 Cymanfa Ganu The singing festival in connection with Nazareth and Noddfa chapels was held at Noddfa on Christmas Day, Mr. D. J. Thomas, Swansea, conducting. Miss Katie Davies presided in the morning; Mr. T. Evans in the afternoon; and Mr. John Jones in the evening. The accompanists were Mr. Wyndham Lawrence and Miss Katie Davies.

29 December 1934 Cymanfa Ganu The annual cymanfa ganu in connection with Carmel Chapel was held on Christmas Day, Mr. W. H. Thomas, Swansea, conducting. Miss B. Ballard and Mr. Tom Walters were the accompanist. Mr. A. Ballard presided in the morning, Mrs. D. Lewis in the afternoon, and Nurse Ballard Davies and Rev. B. Davies took part in the evening. The following took part: Miss Mary Morgan, Betty Jones, G. Harris, E. Evans, M. Davies, B. Evans, D. Alban Evans, D. Cole. The afternoon session was commenced by Mrs. H. Mantle, and the evening session by Mr. John G. Lewis.

2 February 1935 Mothers' Union A meeting was held at the Church Hall on Tuesday. The vicar gave an address.

2 March 1935 Annual Supper The supper was held on Tuesday at the Church Hall by members of the Mothers' Union. After supper, the evening was given over to games, the M.Cs. being Mrs. J. Lloyd Jones, Mrs. Price and Mrs. Jones. The accompanist was Mr. John Lloyd Jones. The following ladies rendered splendid service: Mesdames White, W. J. Payne, G. Llewellyn, W. D. Davies, E. J. Lawrence, T. Jones, V. Wood, B. Evans, A. Wright, James, G. Williams, Mantle, C. White.

2 March 1935 Drama: "The Beggars Petition" The Church Hall Fochriw was filled to capacity on Wednesday and Thursday evening when the St. Mary's Dramatic Society, producer of Mr. W. J. Payne, performed "The Beggars Petition" (George Dibdin Pitt). The story is woven around a father's love and a mother's care and is full of pathos and humour. It was a thoroughly enjoyable performance, and the generous applause testified to the appreciation of the audience. The cast was an exceptionally strong one, and was as follows: Mr. W. J. Payne; Mrs. M. H. Morgan; Mrs. L. Morgan; Mr. G. Lawrence; Miss O. M. Payne; Mr. W. Rees; Miss W. Edwards; Mr. T. Davies; Mr. R. Jones; Mr. C. Ballard; Mr. W. J. Llewellyn; Mrs. T. Jones; Miss B. Edwards; Mr. D. J. Williams; Mr. G. Williams; Mr. G. Baldwin; Mr. T. Johnson. The accompanist was Mr. G. Harris, and the stage manager of Mr. C. White. The lighting effects were supervised by Mr. W. J. Davies. The Vicar was the chairman. The acting and demeanour of the characters were excellent, and for an amateur company the standard was very high. The enunciation and audibility of the players was good throughout.

9 March 1935 St. David's Day St. David's Day was observed at St. Mary's with a service of Holy Communion on Friday morning, the vicar officiating.

9 March 1935 Tea and Social On Wednesday last at the Church Hall, the St. Mary's Dramatic Society held a tea and social. The tables were attended to by the lady members of the Church. After tea, a programme of music and games was held, the following artistes taking part: Messrs. Gordon Lawrence, Windsor Rees, W. J. Payne, Tudor Davies, D. J. Williams and George Williams. The M.Cs. were the vicar and Mr. W. Rees. The accompanist was Mr. Gilbert Harris.

16 March 1935 Noddfa Chapel The half-yearly meetings were held on Sunday, when the Rev Ifor Jones, Ystylafera, was the minister. Mr. T. Evans was precentor, and Mr. D. Joshua Thomas was the organist.

16 March 1935 Baptist Rally A rally of young Welsh Baptists was held at Noddfa on Thursday. Over 200 young people, representing 10 societies, responded to call. The chairman was the Rev. Ieuan Evans, Rhymney, a former pastor of Noddfa. Devotions were taken by Miss C. Lewis, Mr. Evan Owen and the Rev. Emlyn Richards. Miss Mafanwy Walters was the soloist. The special preacher was the Rev. Gwilym Owen, Gorseinon, who gave an address on "Jesus, the leader." the accompanist for the evening was Mr. David Joshua Thomas.

16 March 1935 Bachelors Tea A bachelors' tea was held at Carmel vestry on Monday. The tables were decorated, and the following were the trayholders: Messrs. T. Idris Lewis, Ieuan Griffiths, Gwilym and Gomer Davies, Gomer Evans, Bryn Cumpstone, Bryn Davies and T. Walters, assisted by Messrs. Bob Rees, A. Ballard, T. Ballard, S. Lewis and others. A concert followed the tea presided over by Mr. Daniel Rowlands, with Miss Beryl Ballard as accompanist. The following contributed to the programme: organ solo, Mr. T. Walters; ladies' choir, conductor Mr. T. Walters; sketch by Miss Mary Morgan and party; male voice choir, conducted by Mr. T. Walters; solos, Messrs. John Morgan, T. I. Lewis, Bob Rees and M. Shankland; recitations, Master W. Walters, Messrs. Dan James, Sam Lewis and Gomer Evans.

23 March 1935 Mothers' Union A meeting took place at the Church Hall on Tuesday.

30 March 1935 Patronal Festival The patronal festival services of St. Mary's Church were held on Sunday and Monday. The preachers were the Rev. J. L. White, Canon J. Richards Pugh, Merthyr, and the Rev. E. B. Fry, Bedwellty. Mr. Octavius Richards was the organist.

30 March 1935 Cymanfa Ganu The united singing festival of Noddfa and Nazareth churches was held at Noddfa on Sunday. The singing reached a high standard under the conductorship of Mr. D. Joshua Thomas. The organists were Mr. Wyndham Lawrence and Miss Eira Matthews. The presidents were: morning, Mr. Trevor Lawrence; afternoon, Mr. Thomas Evans; evening, Mr. William Lewis.

13 April 1935 Siloh Chapel Special services were held at Penybank on Sunday when the Rev. D. M. Jones, Senghenydd, was the preacher.

20 April 1935 Palm Sunday Hundreds of people visited the Old Church of St. Andrews on Palm Sunday and placed flowers on the graves. In the afternoon, a service was conducted in the Church by the Vicar.

27 April 1935 St. Mary's The Easter services at the Parish Church were well-attended. The altar was decorated with a profusion of spring flowers and Easter lilies. The celebrant and preacher was the vicar, and Mr. Octavius Richards was at the organ.

4 May 1935 Church Presentation Mr. and Mrs. Aneurin Jones, postmaster, retired a few weeks ago, after 38 years service. Mrs. Jones, who was a deacon at Carmel Church, has been presented with a photograph of herself and her co-deacons.

4 May 1935 Easter Vestry The annual Easter vestry for the parish of St. Mary's was held at the Church Hall on Monday. The Vicar presided, supported by the Rev. L. D. Jones, curate, Mr. W. J. Payne, churchwarden, and Mr. Tom Jones, parochial secretary. The Vicar opened at the meeting with prayer, and in his address said they had a credit balance again this year. He paid compliments to the churchwarden for his untiring efforts on behalf of the Church. A vote of sympathy was passed with Councillor John Edwards, Deri, who is seriously ill. The churchwarden gave a review of the past years work. The accounts, as audited by Miss R. Davies, were accepted. The following officers were elected: Mr. W. J. Payne as people's warden; Councillor John Edwards as vicar's warden. Parochial Council: Mrs. White, Mrs. W. J.

Payne, Mrs. Llewellyn, Miss Rosie Davies, Mrs. Henry Thomas, Messrs. Jack Lawrence, Ernest Jones, Charles White, W. D. Davies, T. Baldwin, T. Jones, O. Richards. Sidesman: Messrs. W. D. Davies, D. Jones, Arthur Palmer, T. Jones (Pentwyn), Gordon Lawrence, Windsor Rees, C. White, E. I. Griffiths, J. Lloyd Jones, Frank Way, T. E. Davies, P. Keane. Parochial Secretary, Mr. Tom Jones. Thanks were accorded the sexton, Mr. Baldwin.

18 May 1935 Thanksgiving Service A Jubilee Service was held at the Parish Church conducted by the Vicar.

18 May 1935 Nazareth Chapel The half yearly meetings were held on Sunday. The Rev. Robert Ellis, Ammanford, preached edifying sermons. The organist was Mr. W. Lawrence.

29 June 1935 Carmel Chapel The yearly meetings were held on Sunday last, when the Rev. T. Glyn Thomas, Llanelly, preached. The singing was conducted by Mr. Thomas Walters who was also at the organ.

20 July 1935 Mothers' Union A number of members of the local branch journeyed to Porthcawl and took part in the missionary Festival.

27 July 1935 Noddfa Activities A baptismal service was held on Sunday, when the officiating minister was the Rev. J. Gomer James, Tafarnaubach. The candidates for baptism were Miss Winnie Evans and Miss Eda Evans-Jones. The annual tea party was held at the vestry on Tuesday when the tray holders were Mesdames Clarke, A. Mantle, R. Thomas, L. Harris, Sheen, Ray Parry, D. J. Williams, T. Thomas, D. G. Parry and Miss Gwyneth Parry. The secretary was Mr. Burt Edwards with a Mr. D.G. Parry as treasurer.

10 August 1935 Gospel Hall Convention During the weekend, the annual convention has been held at the Gospel Hall, during which Pastor W. Hill, Aberkenfig, conducted the services. On Tuesday, a baptismal service took place, when Pastor David Thomas baptised several members.

14 September 1935 Mothers' Union The Mothers' Union met at the Church Hall on Tuesday, Mrs. White presiding.

14 September 1935 Noddfa Yearly Meetings The yearly meetings were held on Sunday and Monday. The Rev. John Thomas, Aberdulais, was the preacher. The singing was conducted by Mr. Thomas Evans, with Mr. David J. Thomas as the organist

21 September 1935 Minister's Illness Friends of the Rev. Richard Evans, C. M. minister at Fochriw and Deri, who is a patient at the Royal Gwent Hospital, Newport, join in wishing him a speedy recovery.

5 October 1935 Vicar's Son The Rev. George L. White, eldest son of the Rev. and Mrs. J. L. White, The Vicarage, was admitted to priests' orders in the Cathedral, Derby, on Sunday.

5 October 1935 Harvest Festival Harvest festival services were held at the Parish Church last weekend. The special preachers were the Rev. Canon R. W. Jones, the Archdeacon of Llandaff, the Rev. H. Withers, Rector of Llanfabon, and the Vicar. There were large congregations. The singing was conducted by Mr. Berkley Angell with Mr. Octavius Richards at the organ.

5 October 1935 Carmel Jubilee On Sunday, Carmel Independent Chapel celebrated its jubilee. A debt of over £1,150, incurred when a new pipe organ was installed and for re-painting and repairs to the building, has been wiped off. The Rev. Bowen Harris, Merthyr, conducted the services. In the afternoon, Mr. Evan Morgan Davies gave an account of the successful effort to wipe off the chapel debt. Madame H. Cole Davies was the soloist, Nurse B. Ballard-Davies recited, and Mr. Tom Walters was organist. The day proved a memorable thanksgiving. On Monday, a tea and entertainment was provided free to the children, Mrs. E. Cumpstone presiding. The tray-holders were: Mrs. M. A. Ballard, Mrs. T. Walters, Mrs. I. Evans, Mrs. E. Evans, Misses I. Jenkins, J. Thomas, E. Evans, R. Harris, E. Thomas, assisted by Mesdames M. Walters, Griffiths, Jenkins, J. Davies, Hughes and S. Lewis, and Messrs. T. Ballard, J. Davies, M. Shankland, O. Davies, H. Thomas, S. Lewis and Mrs. J. Williams. The following contributed to the programme: Party (conductor Mr. M. Shankland); solos, Megan Davies, Gladys Harris, Jenny Davies, Betty Jones, Betty Simpson; recitations, Violet Abbey, Len Davies, Malcolm Cook, Marie Davies, Elaine Edwards, Marion Lester, Penry Ballard, Thelma Way, Huw B. Thomas, Stuart Davies, Eleanor Davies, Irfon Davies and Len Davies.

19 October 1935 Nazareth Chapel The pulpit was occupied on Sunday by Mr. Fred Farr, Dowlais.

19 October 1935 St. David's, Pantywaun Harvest Festival Services were held on Sunday and Monday. The preacher on Sunday was that the Rev. L. D. Jones, Deri, and on Monday, the vicar and the Rev. H. Lewis, Rhymney.

19 October 1935 Confirmation Service Held at St. Mary's on Tuesday, when the Bishop of Llandaff confirmed a number of candidates from St. Mary's, St. Peter's and St. David's Churches. Others who took part in the service were the Rev. J. L. White, the Rev. L. D. Jones and Churchwardens W. J. Payne and T. Gambling. The singing was conducted by Mr. B. Angell, with Mr. O. Richards at the organ.

26 October 1935 Moral Welfare A meeting under the auspices of the Mothers' Union branch was held at the Church Hall on Tuesday, when the organising secretary, Miss Pryce, Whitchurch, Cardiff, gave an address.

26 October 1935 Gospel Hall Campaign A revival campaign has just concluded at the Gospel Hall, conducted by Mr. Griff George, the renowned Welsh evangelist, and the Rev. Tal Evans, who is on furlough from India. The campaign lasted 10 days.

2 November 1935 Nazareth Rev. Nantlais Williams, Ammanford, was the special preacher on Sunday to large congregations. Mr. Wyndham Lawrence was the organist and Mr. W. A. Davies the conductor.

14 December 1935 Carmel Chapel The annual meetings were held on Sunday and Monday. The Rev. D. R. Williams officiated and the singing was conducted by Mr. Thomas Walters.

28 December 1935 Tea and Concert At Church Hall on Friday evening last, the members of the Sunday school were entertained to a Christmas tea. The following ladies were the tray-holders: Mrs. White, Mrs. W. J. Payne, Mrs. Lewis, Miss Rosie Davies, Mrs. P. Edwards, Mrs. O. Richards, Mrs. S. Davies, Misses Annie Mills, Joan Mills, C. J. Williams and Nana Ballard. After tea, the children received toys, oranges and three-penny pieces each. The Vicar presided over the entertainment, and Mr. Richards was the pianist. The following took part in a miscellaneous programme: sketch - "The Black Barber" - W. J. Payne, Gordon Lawrence, Windsor Rees, Pat Keane, David John Williams; competition winners: D. R. Jones, D. Pritchard, Lilian Mantle, Teggie Jones, Melville Edwards, D. C. Jones, Trevor Edwards, H. Evans; chorus by Miss Ethel Lewis's party, Cecil Llewellyn, Thelam Williams and C. Pullen.

4 January 1936 Noddfa Church The gymanfa ganu of Noddfa and Nazareth churches was held on Christmas Day. The morning session was in charge of Mr. Trevor Lawrence. Master David Jones read a portion of the Scriptures, John and Moira Ballard gave a short prayer, and Marie Sullivan gave him recitation. In the afternoon, the chairman was Mr. T. J. Jones. The service was opened by Mr. Thomas Evans. In the evening, the chairman was the Rev. Richard Evans. Mrs. Edith Parry-Lewis opened the service. The organists were Miss Katie J. Davies and Mr. David J. Thomas. The singing reached a high standard, and Mr. Wyndham Lawrence proved an excellent conductor.

4 January 1936 Carmel Church The gymanfa ganu was held on Christmas Day. Mr. Thomas Walters and Miss Beryl Ballard were the accompanists. Mrs. Sam Lewis presided over the morning session. The introductory part was undertaken by Muriel Davies, Eliza Evans, Betty Evans and Linda Thomas. Solos were given by Mary Davies, Elaine Edwards and Violet Abbey; recitations by Huw Thomas and Leighton Millward. The afternoon service was presided over by Mr. Arthur Ballard. Miss Betty Jones read a portion of the Scriptures, and Nurse Ballard Davies led in prayer. Mr. David Lewis presided over the evening session. Miss Hannah Mantle read a portion of the Scriptures, and Mr. Daniel Davies led in prayer. Nurse Davies rendered a recitation, and the party led by Mr. Meirion Shankland sang. The conductor was Mr. Ashton, Aberfan.

4 January 1936 Carmel Christmas Tree The children of Carmel had a decorated Christmas tree on Monday at the vestry. Miss Maria Jones conducted and Mrs. B. Ballard was the accompanist. Mr. Thomas Walters played the role of Father Christmas.

4 January 1936 St. Mary's Church A midnight service was held at St. Mary's Church on Christmas Eve, conducted by the Vicar, who also conducted services on Christmas Day.

11 January 1936 Watchnight Service A watch night service conducted by the Vicar on New Year's Eve at St. Mary's Church, when an appropriate address was given.

1 February 1936 Memorial Service A memorial service was held at St. Mary's Church on Tuesday in commemoration of King George V, and was well attended. The church had been decorated with royal and Legion colours. The Vicar gave an inspiring address.

15 February 1936 Tea and Social A happy time was spent at Nazareth Chapel on Monday evening. The tray holders were Mrs. Sophie Slimmon, Mrs. Martha Davies, Mr. & Mrs. D. J. Davies, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. J. Jones, and able assistance was given by Mr. Richard Pugh, Mr. Wm. Lewis, Mrs. Edith Lewis and Miss Doris Davies. Games were in charge of Mr. W. A. Davies and Miss Phyllis Evans. The Rev. Richard Evans, who is making splendid progress after a severe illness, and Mrs. Evans were present.

15 February 1936 Mothers' Union The annual supper took place at the Church Hall on Tuesday. The tray holders and assistants were Mesdames White, W. J. Payne, W. D. Davies, H. Thomas, Lewis, B. Evans, T. Jones, Wright and V. Wood. After supper, games took place, with Mr. O. Richards as accompanist.

7 March 1936 Carmel Social St. David's Day was celebrated at Carmel with a social and concert. A comedy entitled "The Promise" was performed by Messrs. B. Rees, T. Lewis, Mrs. T. I. Evans, S. Millward and Miss B. Ballard.

14 March 1936 Nazareth On Monday, a social was enjoyed to commemorate the Patron Saint. Games were in charge of Miss Phyllis Evans, and Mr. W. A. Davies. The chairman was Mr. W. Davies.

14 March 1936 Noddfa Chapel The half yearly meetings were held on Sunday. The Rev. Robert Griffiths, Pentre, was the preacher. This singing was conducted by Mr. Thomas Evans. Mr. D. J. Thomas was the organist.

21 March 1936 Church Mission An eight-days' mission has been held in the Parish Church by the Christian Students' Movement. The pulpit was occupied on Sunday by Professor E. C. Rowlands, Lampeter College, and during the week by Lampeter students (Mr. Williams and Mr. Roberts). The services were conducted by the Vicar.

21 March 1936 Noddfa Social A social, under the auspices of the Sunday School, was held at Noddfa Vestry on Thursday. The tray holders were Mrs. L. Williams, Mrs. J. Richards, Mrs. L. Harris, Mrs. R. Thomas, Mrs. T. Thomas, Misses P. Davies, D. Evans and I. Evans. A Welsh sketch was performed, the following taking part: Mrs. P. Williams, Messrs. T. J. Jones, D. J. Thomas, B. Edwards and E. Thomas.

28 March 1936 Parish Church The patronal festival was held at St. Mary's on Wednesday, the special preacher being the Rev. J. C. Payne, a former vicar of the parish.

28 March 1936 Nazareth The pulpit was occupied on Sunday evening by Mr. James Brown, Deri. During the services, solos and recitations were given by Miss Dilys Haines, Miss Morfydd Brown and Miss Megan Brown. Mr. Wyndham Lawrence was the organist.

28 March 1936 Carmel Cymanfa A cymanfa ganu was held at Carmel on Sunday, when the singing was of a high standard. The conductor was Mr. Meirion Shankland, and the organist Miss Beryl Ballard. The presidents for the morning, afternoon and evening services were Mr. Sam Lewis, Mr. A. Ballard and Mrs. D. Lewis.

4 April 1936 Parish Church The special preacher on Sunday was Rev. J. O. Williams, Rector of Gellygaer, who also addressed the Mothers' Union in the afternoon.

25 April 1936 Fochriw Vestry The Easter vestry was held Church Hall on Tuesday, when the vicar presided. The financial statement presented by the churchwarden, Mr. W. J. Payne revealed a credit balance on all accounts. Officers were elected were: people's warden, Mr. W. J. Payne; vicar's warden, Mr. T. Gambling; parochial church council: secretary, Mr. T. Jones, auditor, Miss R. Davies, Mrs. White, Mrs. W. J. Payne, Mrs. T. Jones, Mrs. Phillips, Miss R. Davies, Messrs. Jack Lawrence, Tom Baldwin, W. D. Davies, O. Richards, A. Palmer, G. Evans and T. Jones; sidesman: Messrs. W. D. Davies, Gordon Lawrence, Windsor Rees, A. Palmer, Bryn Rees, T. Jones, O. Parry. G. Baldwin, G. Evans, C. Ballard, Frank Way, Albert Way.

2 May 1936 Drama: "The Last Shilling" The St. Mary's Dramatic Society visited Llanharry on Thursday, and gave a performance of the drama, which delighted a large audience.

9 May 1936 Nazareth The pulpit was occupied on Sunday by Mr. W. Adams Jones. The organists were Mr. W. A. Davies and Mr. W. Lawrence.

23 May 1936 Gospel Hall Special services were held during last week and were well attended. They were conducted by Pastor W. Hill, Aberkenfig.

23 May 1936 St. David's Church The annual meeting of St. David's Church, Pantywaun, took place on Thursday. The Vicar presided, supported by the Churchwardens. The statement of accounts was given by Mr. A. E. Kings, and showed a balance on the right side. Addresses were given by the vicar and churchwardens. The officers elected for the year were: secretary, Mr. A. E. Kings; treasurer, Mr. W. H. Williams; Council, Messrs. W. H. Williams, A. E. Kings, J. Ralph, Mrs. A. Davies and Mrs. Bradley.

6 June 1936 Nazareth Special services were held on Sunday. Sermons were delivered by the Rev. D. T. Morgan, Pencoed. Mr. Wyndham Lawrence was the organist and singing was conducted by Mr. W. A. Davies.

6 June 1936 St. Mary's Church Special services were held on Whit Sunday. The preacher was the vicar.

13 June 1936 Carmel Annual Meetings These took place on Sunday and Monday. The Rev. A. E. Grant, Rhymney, preached powerful sermons, and the choir-master and organist was Mr. Thomas Walters.

4 July 1936 Gospel Hall Special services are being held during the week at the Gospel Hall, conducted by Brother and Sister G. Davies, who are home on furlough from South India.

25 July 1936 Tea and Baby Show The annual tea and baby show of St. Mary's Church took place on Thursday last. The baby show attracted a record number of entries. The judges for the baby show were Mrs. S. Lewis, Dowlais, (late sister at the Merthyr General Hospital), and Sister Irene Thomas, Merthyr General Hospital. The Vicar introduced the judges and thanked them for their kindness. He also thanked the mothers for bringing their babies. The winning babies were: Up to six months: 1. Thelma Matthews, Deri; 2. John Samuel Wills, Pontlottyn. Six to twelve months: 1. Audrey F. Hollister, Fochriw; 2. Gwylfa Thomas, Pantywaun. Twelve to eighteen months: 1. Elwyn John, Pontlottyn; 2. David Williams, Fochriw. Tea was served later, and the following ladies attended the tables and cutting: Mrs. White, Mrs. Payne, Mrs. Lawrence, Mrs. Deighton, Mrs. W. H. Jones, Mrs. Phillips, Mrs. W. Davies, Mrs. T. Jones, Miss Joan Phillips, Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Lewis, Miss Ethel Lewis, Mrs. P. Edwards, Mrs. O. Richards, Mrs. B. Davies, Mrs. Palmer, Miss Rosie Davies, Miss Alice Mills, Miss Gladys Wells, Miss Nancy Davies, Miss Betty Edwards.

1 August 1936 St. David's, Pantywaun On Sunday last, the preacher and celebrant in the morning was the vicar, and in the evening the preacher was Mr. W. J. Payne, churchwarden.

8 August 1936 Pulpit News The sixth annual convention was held at the Gospel Hall during the week. The special preacher was Pastor J. Evans, Pyle. The preacher at the Parish Church on Sunday evening was the Rev. George White, curate at Derby, and son of the Vicar of Fochriw and Deri.

22 August 1936 St. David's, Pantywaun, Annual Tea The annual tea party took place on the Thursday, the event being favoured with fine weather. The tray holders and cutters were: Mrs. J. Kings, Mrs. J. Bradley, R. T. Mitchell, C. Higgs, W. Bradley, A. Plaine, J. Ralph, A. Davies, D. Gallurs, G. Emerson, D. Ede, Eunice Bradley, Mair Williams, M. Morgan and C. Thomas. Splendid service was also rendered by Mr. A. E. Kings (secretary), W. H. Williams, Percy Davies, Henry J. Bradley and W. J. Bradley. A few visitors attended from the Parish Church.

22 August 1936 Carmel On Sunday evening, a children service was held at Carmel. The introductory part was conducted by Muriel Davies, Betty Evans, Eliza Evans, Desmond Kelly and John Evans. Solos were rendered by Megan Davies, Enid Davies, Marie Davies and Jennie Davies; duet, Muriel Davies and Gwladys Harris; recitations, Linda Thomas, Leighton Millward, Betty Evans, Eliza Evans and Betty Jones. The party were Terence Williams, John Evans, Elaine Edwards, Bronwen Hollister, Violet Abbey, Enid Davies and Marie Davies.

5 September 1936 Gospel Hall Services were conducted at the Gospel Hall during the week, when addresses were delivered by Mr. and Mrs. E. Lee, missionaries from West Africa.

12 September 1936 Noddfa Special Services The half yearly meetings were held on Sunday and Monday, when the Rev. W. T. Hughes, Nantyglo, was the preacher. Mr. D. J. Thomas was the organist, and the conductor was Mr. T. Evans.

26 September 1936 Mothers' Union A meeting took place on Tuesday at the Church Hall.

3 October 1936 Mission Church A service was held at Penybank Mission Church on Sunday, when Mr. H. Smith, Rhymney, preached. Mr. Smith presented the church with a Bible, given by Miss Jenkins, Pontlottyn, in memory of her brother, Rev. G. Jenkins, M.A., and also a photograph of Rev. Jenkins. A tea party was held at the church on Thursday, when the tray holders were: Mesdames Coggan, James, Davies, Golden, Phillips, Gillard, and Misses E. Lewis, M. Davies, J. Phillips, G. Llewellyn, and M. Sullivan, assisted by Mesdames Lewis, Morgan, Gwynne, Prowse, Davies, Alf. Morgan, Stokers, Mr. Tom James, Mr. T. E. Davies and Mr. S. Phillips. Other helpers were: Messrs. Prowse, Coggan, Cumpstone and Rowlands.

17 October 1936 Sales of Work On Monday, a sale of work was held in connection with the Noddfa Baptist Chapel. The opening ceremony was performed by Mr. John Jones, Aelybryn, who was introduced by Mr. John Bevan. The secretary was Mrs. Tom Evans, and the treasurer Mrs. Jenkin Thomas. The stall holders were: Mesdames S. G. Williams, M. Sheen, Robert Thomas, Phyllis Williams, J. R. Walters, Rachel Parry, J. Matthews, John Bevan, M. Matthews, L. Harris, Maggie Davies, Lydia Williams, Eunice Walters, John Richards, Joshua Evans, R. Pugh, Olwen Thomas, Edith Kent, Bryn Thomas, Ada Jones, Bella Harris, S. A. Davies, and Misses P. Davies, E. A. Evans, G. Mills. Those who assisted were: Messrs. John Bevan, Joshua Evans, Jenkin Thomas, W. H. Jones, Robert Thomas, Bert Edwards, John Williams, Thomas and Joshua Thomas, Gwynne Evans, Bryn Thomas, Thomas J. Jones, R. Jones and Tom Evans.

24 October 1936 Harvest Festival Services were held at St. David's, Pantywaun, on Sunday and Monday. The Church had been decorated with fruit and flowers. The preachers were the Vicar, the Rev. J. H. Mason, Pontlottyn, and the Rev. D. L. Jones, Dowlais. The organist was Mr. A. E. King, and the singing was conducted by Mr. W. H. Williams, Pant.

31 October 1936 Bishop's Visit A service was held at the Parish Church on Sunday, when the Bishop of Llandaff administered the rite of confirmation to a number of candidates from Fochriw, Deri and Pantywaun. He was assisted by the Vicar. Also present were the churchwardens, and the lay reader (Mr. D. I. Jones). Mr. B. Angell conducted the singing, and Mr. O. Richards was the organist.

31 October 1936 Harvest Tea A harvest team organised by church members was held at St. Mary's Church Hall. The tray holders and helpers were: Mesdames J. L. White, E. J. Lawrence, W. J. Payne, Ballard, P. Edwards, T. Jones, W. & S. Davies, Adams, S. Phillips, Williams, Mrs. Bush, Morgan, Lewis, B. Evans, Wright, Richards, J. R. Walters, Watkins, and Misses A. Baldwin, G. Mills, A. Mills, W. Edwards, E. Lewis, R. Davies, T. Cumpstone.

7 November 1936 Armistice Service A remembrance service will be held at the Parish Church on Sunday next at 3pm. Members of the British Legion and other bodies will attend.

7 November 1936 Gospel Hall Special services have been held at the Gospel Hall during the week, when inspiring addresses have been delivered by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, missionaries from Spain.

7 November 1936 Carmel Concert The scholars of Carmel gave a miscellaneous concert on Thursday last. The action songs and percussion band were much appreciated. Two Welsh plays were performed. Those taking part were: recitations, Megan Davies and Jennie Davies; pianoforte solo, Mona Ballard; actions songs, Glenys Wayne, Nan Jones, Bronwen Hollister, Leslie Hollister, Elinor Davies, Roy Filage, Myfanwy Cole, Nancy Morgan, David J. Evans, Eileen Simpson, Ellis Davies, Willie Abbey, Penry Ballard. In the drama "Dewis Gorau," the following took part: Enid Davies, Muriel Davies, Gwladys Harris, V. Abbey, Linda Thomas, Elaine Edwards, Marie Davies, Eira Davies, Desmond Kelly, Eliza Evans, John Evans, Huw B. Thomas, Graham Cumpstone, Thelma Day and Betty Evans. Those taking part in the drama "Cyfaill" were: Willie Dalton, Betty Jones, David Evans and Leighton Millward. The producers were Mrs. Sam Lewis, Miss E. Ballard and Mrs. Bob Rees, and the accompanist Miss Beryl Ballard. Councillor Sam Lewis and Nurse Ballard-Davies presided. The stage manager was Mr. T. Lewis. Assistance was rendered by Misses C. Jones, I. Edwards, D. Lewis, Mesdames A. Ballard, T. I. Evans, T. Walters, L. Smith, E. A. Evans, M. A. James, C. Oliver, O. Evans, M.

Strange, B. Jones, Messrs. M. Shankland, W. Griffiths, J. Davies, H. Thomas, G. Evans and D. James.

28 November 1936 Nazareth The annual meetings were held on Sunday. Rev. J. D. Jones (Llwynhendy) preached to large congregations. The singing was conducted by Mr. W. A. Davies with Mr. W. Lawrence at the organ.

5 December 1936 Mothers' Union Members met on Tuesday. The Vicar gave the address.

12 December 1936 Carmel Congregational Chapel Special services were held on Sunday and Monday, when sermons were delivered by the Rev. E. Jones of Cwmllynfell. The organist and choir master was Mr. Tom Walters.

26 December 1936 Christmas Party The Church Hall was decorated on Tuesday when St. Mary's Church Girls' Guild held their Christmas tea. Amongst the company were the vicar, Rev. J. L. White, and the churchwarden, Mr. W. J. Payne. The following were at the tables: Mrs. S. Phillips, Mrs. J. L. White, Mrs. W. T. Davies and Miss Addie Baldwin.

2 January 1937 Parish Church Services were held on Christmas Day, the celebrant being the Vicar, with Mr. O. Richards at the organ. The evening service was taken by the Rev. F. W. Phillips.

2 January 1937 Carmel Vestry The scholars of the primary department of Carmel Church were entertained at tea during Christmas week, provided by the lady members of the church. The vestry was decorated by Mrs. Sam Lewis, Misses Maria Jones, Doris Lewis, Iris Edwards, C. Jones and Mrs. Bob Rees. They also presided at the tables. Each child received a present from the tree. The role of Father Christmas was played by Mr. William Griffiths. Mr. John Davies and Mrs. W. A. Davies assisted.

2 January 1937 Carmel Chapel The annual cymanfa ganu was held at Carmel Chapel on Christmas Day, the conductor being Mr. Evan Thomas (Alaw Morlais). The morning service was presided over by Mr. W. A. Davies, and the following children took part: Huw Ballard Thomas, Enid Davies, Megan Davies, Violet Abbey and Linda Thomas. In the afternoon Councillor Sam Lewis presided. The party, under the conductorship of Mr. Tom Walters, rendered "The Lord is my Shepherd." At the evening service, presided over by Mr. Arthur Ballard, a recitation was given by Miss Mary Morgan, and Mr. J. Lloyd Evans and Mr. W. J. Angel, both of Cardiff, addressed the congregation. The accompanists were Miss Beryl Ballard and Mr. Tom Walters.

2 January 1937 Noddfa Chapel On Christmas Day, the annual cymanfa ganu of Noddfa and Nazareth chapels was held at Noddfa. The President in the morning was Mr. Trevor Lawrence. The devotional part was taken by Miss Gwenfil Harris. Mrs. M. Matthews presided over the afternoon session, and Miss Winnie Evans read Scripture. In the evening, Mrs. Richard Evans presided, and Mr. Willie Adams Jones took the devotional part. An address was given by Mr. David Davies, Abercanaid, and recitations by Misses Marion Sullivan and Moira Ballard. The conductor was Mr. D. J. Thomas, and the accompanists Miss C. S. Davies and Mr. W. Lawrence.

16 January 1937 Tea and Concert The annual tea and social evening in connection with St. David's Church, Pantywaun, took place on Saturday in the Social Centre Hall. Members of the Sunday school and friends were entertained to tea given by the members of the Church. Tray holders and other helpers were: Messrs. J. Bradley, A. Davies, J. Ralph, F. Williams, A. Plane, C. Thomas, W. Bradley, Eunice and Florence Bradley, Betty Owen, Mr. W. J. Bradley, and Mr. A. E. Kings (supervisor). Later, an entertainment took place, when the following artistes took part: duet, Mrs. A. Davies and Mrs. W. Bradley; Quartette, Messrs. J. Ralph, A. Plane, F. Williams and D. J. Davies. Mr. Kings was of the accompanist.

30 January 1937 Nazareth The preacher on Sunday evening was Mr. Trevor Lawrence. The singing was conducted by Mr. W. R. Davies, and the organist was Mr. W. Lawrence.

30 January 1937 N.S.P.C.C. Service A united service in connection with Children's Sunday was held at Noddfa Baptist Church on Sunday. Mrs. M. A. Lewis presided, and recitations were given by Miss Eliza Evans and Miss Betty Evans. Solos were rendered by Misses Betty Jones, Annie Wright, Muriel Davies, Jenny Davies. The School Choir, conducted by Mr. Willie Adams Jones, sang hymns and carols. An address was given by Mrs. G. M. Evans, Deri. The organist was Mr. Wyndham Lawrence. A collection in aid of society funds was taken by Mrs. J.

Lawrence, Mrs. A. Evans, Mrs. M. Davies and Miss Ballard, and a sum of 13s 3d. was realised. During the week, a number of ladies will be busy distributing envelopes, when it is hoped that all will help such a deserving cause. The secretary is Mrs. M. Jenkins, Pleasant-view.

6 February 1937 Mothers' Union A special service was held at the Church Hall on Tuesday evening, when members of the Deri branch also attended. Mrs. Willis, Llanbradach, president of the Caerphilly Deanery of the Mother's Union addressed the gathering.

20 February 1937 Bible Society A meeting in connection with the British and Foreign Bible Society was held at Nazareth chapel on Monday, presided over by the Rev J. L. White, Vicar. The special preacher was the Rev. E. Illtyd Jones, Rector of Dowlais, who gave an address on the work of the society. Mr. Willie Adams Jones, the local secretary, gave a report of subscriptions received. Mr. W. A. Davies was the organist.

27 February 1937 Noddfa Chapel On Sunday at Noddfa, a singing festival was held of the united choirs of Noddfa and Nazareth. The singing was conducted by Mr. David J. Thomas and the accompanists were Miss K. Jones-Davies and Mr. Wyndham Lawrence. The afternoon session was presided over by Mr. T. J. Jones, who also took the devotional part. Mrs. G. Evans, Deri, presided over the meeting in the evening. Moira Ballard and Marion Sullivan recited portions of Scripture.

13 March 1937 Carmel Lecture "The old Characters of the Vale" was the subject of a lecture given by the Rev. Daniel Evans, Treorchy, on Saturday. Mr. Thomas Ballard presided.

13 March 1937 Noddfa Chapel The half yearly meetings were held on Sunday. Professor E. Roberts, Cardiff, preached throughout the day to large congregations. The singing was conducted by Mr. Thomas Evans, with Mr. David J. Thomas as the organist.

20 March 1937 Lenten Service A service held at the Parish Church on Wednesday, conducted by the Vicar. On Sunday evening, the preacher was the Rev F. W. Phillips, Deri.

3 April 1937 Cymanfa Ganu Held at Carmel on Sunday. The conductor was Mr. M. Shankland, and the accompanists were Miss B. Ballard and Mr. T. Walters. The following took part: Enid Davies, Megan Davies, Violet Abbey and Betty Evans.

10 April 1937 Carmel Presentation On Sunday last at Carmel Vestry, the teachers of the primary department presented Stanley Watkins with a hymn-book for two and a half years regular attendance at Sunday school. Mr. David Lewis made the presentation.

10 April 1937 Dramatic Society Social A social evening was held at Carmel Vestry on Wednesday by the committee and players of the Chapel Dramatic Society (producer Mrs. M. A. Lewis). The arrangements for the tea were made by Mrs. M. Davies and Mrs. A. Davies. Games were held, and solos, choruses and impromptu items were rendered by members. It was decided to proceed with preparations for next season's programme. The chairman was Mr. Thomas Walters, and the accompanist Miss Beryl Ballard.

10 April 1937 Eastern Vestry The Rev. J. L. White, vicar, presided over the Easter vestry meetings of the parish of Fochriw and Deri at the Church Hall on Tuesday evening. The financial statement was presented by Mr. W. J. Payne, churchwarden, and each account showed a balance in hand. The accounts were audited by the Miss Rosie Davies. The election of officers resulted as follows: People's Warden, Mr. W. J. Payne; vicar's warden, Mr. T. Gambling; parochial church council: Mrs. White, Mrs. W. J. Payne, Mrs. E. J. Lawrence, Mrs. Phillips, Mrs. Annie Morgan, Miss Rosie Davies, Messrs. Thomas Jones, T. Baldwin, Jack Lawrence, W. D. Davies, Arthur Palmer, George Evans; sidesmen: Messrs. W. D. Davies, Vivian Powell, T. Jones, J. Lawrence, Thomas Jones, Gordon Lawrence, A. Palmer, G. Evans. The vicar thanked all Church officers and members for their work during the past year. He said that if every member contributed regularly, the financial worries of the parish would be relieved. He was pleased to welcome to the parish his colleague, the Rev. F. C. Phillips, B.A., who, he was pleased to say, was doing excellent work at Deri. Next week, the Deri children were to give a performance of the operetta, "Barbette" at Fochriw, in aid of church funds.

1 May 1937 Sale of Work A successful sale of work in connection with Carmel Church was held at the New Hall on Monday. Miss M. Walters, a native of Fochriw, and at present a sister of the Merthyr Infirmary, performed the opening ceremony. She was presented with the bouquet of roses by Mrs. M. Walters, chairman of the sewing class. There was a variety of work displayed and the sale was well patronised. The stall holders were: Food Stall: Mesdames

Mary Walters, Martha Griffiths Elizabeth Lewis, M. A. Ballard and Ceridwen Walters; Underwear: Mesdames Sarah A. Cole, M. Davies and E. A. Evans; Fancy Stall: Mesdames M. A. Lewis, C. Oliver, M. M. Davies; Frocks and Tunics: Mrs. Nellie Evans, Miss Mary Morgan, Miss Iris Edwards; Woollen Stall: Mesdames M. Strang, H. Pope, Bronwen Jones; Jumble Stall: Mesdames L. A. Smith, L. Thomas and Miss Eirwen Thomas. Others who assisted were: Mesdames M. A. James, Elsie Rees, Blodwen Evans, R. M. Cumpstone, Misses Bessie Ballard, Beryl Ballard, Lisa Evans, Joan Way, Betty Jones. The secretaries were Mrs. E. May Davies and Miss Eirlys Jenkins, and the treasurers Mrs. Annie Davies and Miss Jessie Thomas.

22 May 1937 Noddfa At a meeting of the Sunday School, the officers and teachers appointed were: Mr. T. Thomas, school superintendent; Miss Winnie Evans, secretary; Mr. Jenkin Thomas, treasurer; teachers, Mrs. M. Pugh, Mrs. D. Evans, Mrs. T. Davies, Mr. T. Evans, Mr. Rees Thomas, Mr. J. Evans, Mrs. Edna Evans-Jones, Mr. Jenkin Thomas.

19 June 1937 Carmel The annual meetings took place on Sunday. The special preacher was the Rev. D. J. Jones, Gorseinon. The organist and conductor was Mr. Thomas Walters.

3 July 1937 Sale of Work A sale of work in connection with the Parish Church was held up the Church Hall on Monday. The women of the sewing class had been busy for months, and the results of their labours were seen on the stalls. The opening ceremony was performed by the Mrs. A. Musgrove, Dowlais, who was supported on the platform by the vicar, Rev. J. L. White, the Rev. F. W. Phillips, Mr. W. J. Payne, Mrs. White, Mrs. E. Illtyd Jones, and Miss Nora Musgrove. Little Shirley Lawrence presented a bouquet to Mrs. Musgrove. The stall holders were: Mothers' Union Sewing Stall, Mrs. J. L. White and Miss White; Pentwyn Stall, Mrs. S. Phillips, Mrs. G. Llewellyn, Mrs. T. Jones, Mrs. H. Archer, Mrs. Lewis; Pound Stall, Mrs. E. J. Lawrence, Mrs. S. A. Jones, Mrs. Jack Lawrence, Miss Rosie Davies; Jumble Stall, Mrs. Bevan, Mrs. W. J. Payne, Mrs. Richards, Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Edwards, Miss Gwladys Mills; Refreshment Stall, Mrs. T. Jones, Mrs. W. Davies, Mrs. G. Mantle; Bran-tub, Misses Annie Mills and Lilian M. Mills; Guessing Cake, Mrs. J. Lawrence and Miss W. Edwards; Fortune Telling, Mrs. Morgan.

17 July 1937 Mothers' Union A large number of members took part in the festival at St. Martin's Church, Caerphilly, on Thursday.

17 July 1937 Sewing Class Social A successful social in connection with the Carmel Sewing Class was held on Tuesday at the vestry. The tray holders and helpers were: Mesdames B. Jones, A. Davies, R. James, Strang, Pope, D. Evans, L. Evans, M. Walters, M. Griffiths, N. Evans, M. A. Ballard, C. Walters, M. A. James, M. Davies, E. Rees, H. Davies, W. A. Davies, Miss Jessie Thomas and Mr. John Davies. The musical part of the programme was presided over by Mrs. B. Rees, and the following took part: Mrs. T. I. Evans and party; duets, Mrs. A. Ballard and Mrs. T. Davies; Mrs. N. Evans and Mrs. Davies. The secretary is Mrs. W. A. Davies, and the treasurer, Mrs. A. Davies.

7 August 1937 Gospel Hall The 7th annual convention took place during the week at the Gospel Hall. There were large attendances. Addresses were given by Pastor Evan Jones, Royston.

18 September 1937 Students' Campaign On Thursday evening at Nazareth Chapel, students of the Presbyterian Colleges conducted a revival campaign. The services were conducted by the Rev. Richard Evans, and the opening prayer was offered by Mrs. Evans, Deri, after which the students gave addresses. The organist was Mr. W. Lawrence and the singing was conducted by Mr. W. Davies.

2 October 1937 Harvest Festival Services are held at the Parish Church on Sunday and Monday, conducted by the vicar and the Rev. F. R. Phillips. The special preachers were: Sunday, the Rev. T. H. Lewis, Rhymney, and Rev. H. Penhalliwick, Bargoed; Monday, Rev. G. J. Pritchard. The singing was conducted by Mr. B. Angell with Mr. O. Richards at the organ.

9 October 1937 St. Mary's Church The pulpit was occupied on Sunday morning by the Rev. F. R. Phillips, and in the evening by the Rev. J. R. Dewi Williams, vicar of Rhymney.

16 October 1937 Harvest Festival Services in connection with St. David's Church, Pantywaun, were held at the Social Centre building on Sunday and Monday. The vicar and the Rev. F. R. Phillips preached, as did Rev. J. H. Mason, Pontllytyn. The church is closed at present for repairs.

30 October 1937 Nazareth On Sunday last, an address was given by Miss Beryl E. de Vine, of Tasmania, Australia (founder and crusading evangelist). The Rev. & Mrs. R. Evans conducted the services, and Miss Katie Davies was the organist.

30 October 1937 Organist's Departure Mr. Octavius Richards, who has been organist at the Parish Church for the last thirty years, played for the last time on Sunday, before leaving the district to reside at Pengam. At the evening service, best wishes were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Richards. A presentation to mark his services will follow later. He will be succeeded as organist by Mr. Wyndham Lawrence, Mus. Bac.

30 October 1937 "Harvest Home" Tea The annual harvest home tea in connection with the Parish Church took place on Thursday last at the Church Hall. The tray holders and helpers were: Mesdame White, E. J. Lawrence, W. J. Payne, W. H. Jones, W. D. Davies, May Lawrence, Tom Jones, M. A. Edwards, O. Richards, S. Phillips, archer. J. R. Walters, Misses Rosie Davies, Wynda Edwards, Gwladys Mills, Annie Mills, the Vicar, Messrs. W. J. Payne, Jack Lawrence, W. D. Davies, W. Pegg and Henry Archer.

13 November 1937 Nazareth The yearly meetings were held on Sunday, when the Rev. T. M. Lloyd, Treorchy, was the preacher. Mr. W. A. Davis conducted singing and Miss K. Jones Davies was the organist.

13 November 1937 Noddfa Chapel The yearly meetings were held on Sunday and Monday last and were well attended. The preacher throughout the services was the Rev. M. S. Young of Cardiff. The singing was conducted by Mr. Thomas Evans, with Mr. D. Joshua Thomas at the organ.

27 November 1937 Organist's Appointment Miss Katie Jones Davies, Pennant, Fochriw, has been appointed organist of Nazareth Chapel. Miss Davies is headmistress of Bargoed South Infants' School. Mr. D. J. Davies, Aelybryn, was appointed deputy organist.

4 December 1937 Nazareth On Monday, the Rev. R. T. Gregory, Taffs Well, gave a lecture on "The British and Foreign Bible Society." The chairman was the Rev. Richard Evans, and Miss Katie Davies was the organist. Mr. Thomas Ballard proposed a vote of thanks to the lecturer, which was seconded by Mr. Burkley Davies.

11 December 1937 Carmel The annual services were held on Sunday. The preacher was Rev. J. J. Roberts, Clydach. The organist and choirmaster was Mr. T. Walters.

25 December 1937 Gymanfa Rehearsals In preparation for the annual gymanfa ganu in connection with Carmel Church on Christmas Day, a rehearsal was held on Sunday. The presidents were: morning, Mrs. M. A. Lewis; afternoon, Mrs. W. A. Davies; evening, Councillor Sam Lewis. The conductor was Mr. Evans, Treharris, and the accompanist was Mr. Thomas Walters, A.L.C.M. At Noddfa Chapel, a rehearsal of the United Festival of Noddfa and Nazareth was also held on Sunday. The conductor was Mr. Wyndham Lawrence, and the accompanists were Miss Katie J. Davies and Mr. David Joshua Thomas.

1 January 1938 St. Mary's Church Services were held on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. The preacher was the vicar. Mr. Wyndham Lawrence was the organist and Mr. Berkley Angell the conductor.

1 January 1938 Carol Singing At the New Hall on Sunday night, the pupils in of the Mixed School, under the conductorship of Mr. T. J. Jones, headmaster, rendered a number of carols. Mr. Wyndham Lawrence was the accompanist and Mr. Arthur Ballard presided. The proceeds were in aid of Merthyr General Hospital.

1 January 1938 Carmel Vestry The children of primary Department of Carmel Chapel were given a tea on Christmas Eve, provided by the lady members of the Church. Each child received a present from the Christmas tree, Mr. S. Lewis playing the role of Santa Claus. He was assisted by Messrs. W. Griffiths and J. Davies. Mr. Tom Walters conducted the carol singing. The attendants were Mrs. S. Lewis, Miss C. Jones, Miss M. Jones, Miss E. Lewis, Mrs. C. Walters and Mrs. E. Rees.

1 January 1938 Musical Festival On Christmas Day, an enjoyable musical Festival was held at Noddfa Baptist Chapel, given by the combined congregations of the Baptist and Methodist chapels. The programme consisted of a selection of hymns from the hymn-books of both denominations. The conductor was Mr. Wyndham Lawrence, and the accompanists Miss Katie Davies and Mr. D. J. Thomas. A party of schoolchildren sang a number of carols in the

afternoon and evening meetings, and in the evening, a duet was sung by Miss Muriel Davies and Miss Gwladys Harris. Mr. T. Evans presided in the afternoon, and Mrs. Richard Evans in the evening.

1 January 1938 Carmel Gymanfa The annual cymanfa ganu was held on Christmas Day. The morning service was given by the children. Miss Elizabeth Ballard presided, and the following took part: Betty Evans, Muriel Davies, David Evans, Philip Mantle and Eira Davies. The President in the afternoon was Mr. W. A. Davies. Miss Catherine Jones read a portion of scripture and Mrs. Lewis offered prayer. A quartette was sung by Messrs. T. Walters, T. Lewis, M. Shankland and E. Evans. The evening service was presided over by Mr. Sam Lewis. Nurse Ballard Davies gave two recitations, and the quartette sang. The conductor was Mr. W. Evans, Treharris.

8 January 1938 Penybank Mission Church On New Year's Day, the Sunday school scholars were given a tea by the members of the committee. The remainder of the evening was spent in carol singing, and Santa Claus appeared and gave each child a gift of money, fruit and sweets.

5 February 1938 Mothers' Union A meeting was held at the Church Hall on Tuesday in connection with the annual supper.

12 February 1938 Fochriw Tributes to Mr. Octavius Richards: Thirty-one Years as Organist Mr. Octavius Richards, for 31 years organist at St. Mary's Church, was presented with a hall-stand at the Church Hall on Wednesday last, on the occasion of his departure from Fochriw to Pengam. The Rev. J. L. White, vicar, presided, and congratulated Mr. Richards on his fine record as organist of the Church. He was sorry to lose Mr. and Mrs. Richards, but he wished them well in their new home, and hoped they would continue in their service to the Church. The presentation was made by Mr. W. J. Payne, churchwarden, who said that Mr. and Mrs. Richards were held in great esteem by the people, both inside and outside the Church. The parish was losing two diligent workers. Whilst regretting that they will lose such a friend, Mr. Payne welcomed the new organist Mr. Wyndham Lawrence. Mr. Richards said he would always treasure the gift of the Church members. He had spent his life at Fochriw, and had always been very happy there. If at any time he could be of service to the Church, he would willingly come. Mrs. Richards thanked the members for their kindness during the time she had been involved. Mr. Berkley Angell, choirmaster, said that he had been associated with Mr. Richards for the greater part of the period. They had always worked in perfect harmony and he was sorry to lose a valuable colleague. Others who paid tribute were Messrs. Jack Lawrence, T. Baldwin, Sydney Phillips, W. D. Davies, Wyndham Lawrence, Mrs. T. Jones, Mrs. S. Phillips, Mrs. J. M. Lawrence & Miss C. J. Williams. During the evening, items were given by Mr. David Jones, tenor, and Mr. W. J. Payne, elocutionist. Mr. Wyndham Lawrence was the accompanist.

19 February 1938 Mothers' Union The annual supper was held at the Church Hall on Tuesday last, when the vicar presided. In charge of the tables were Mesdames J. L. White, W. J. Payne, W. D. Davies, T. Jones, G. Llewellyn, S. Phillips and Mr. W. Pegg.

12 March 1938 Social Evening A social was held at Noddfa Vestry last Tuesday in connection with the Sunday school. The tray holders were Mrs. T. Thomas, Misses Dilys and Iris Lewis, Miss Phyllis Davies, assisted by Mesdames J. Matthews, E. Walters, A. Thomas and Miss Lloyd. An eisteddfod was held after tea, the adjudicators being: music, Mr. Berkley Davies; elocution, Mr. T. J. Jones. The accompanist was Mr. D. J. Morgan; the secretary, Miss Edna E. Jones; and the organist Mr. Thomas Thomas.

12 March 1938 Carmel Concert St. David's Festival was celebrated with in miscellaneous concept. Folks songs were sung by the juveniles conducted by Miss Maria Jones, and the adult choir conducted by Mr. Thomas Walters. Recitations were given by Eileen Simpson, Eira Davis, Betty and Eliza Evans, Betty Jones, Bronwen Hollister, Leighton Millward, Mr. Dan James, Linda Thomas, Violet Abbey, Megan Davies; solos, Huw B. Thomas, Gwladys Harris, Messrs. Emllyn Evans, Meirion Shankland, Tom Lewis and Tom Walters. A play entitled "Fy Noll," produced by Mrs. Bob Rees, was performed. The accompanists were Miss Beryl Ballard and Mrs. Rees. Mr. T. Walters presided.

2 April 1938 St. Mary's Church The Patronal Festival Services were held at St. Mary's on Sunday last, when the preacher was the Rev. J. C. Payne, the vicar of Penydarren. The lessons

were read by Mr. W. J. Payne, the singing conducted by Mr. Berkley Angell, with Mr. Wyndham Lawrence at the organ.

2 April 1938 Carmel Chapel A repetition of the Christmas gymanfa was given at Carmel on Sunday. The morning services was for children. Betty Evans recited a Psalm, and Muriel Davies lead in prayer. Recitations were given by David Evans and Eira Davies, and solos by Philip Mantle, Gwladys Harris and Muriel Davies. The conductors were Messrs. Emllyn Evans and Thomas Walters, and the organist was Miss Beryl Ballard. The devotions in the afternoon and evening were carried out by Messrs. W. A. Davies, W. Walters and D. Davies. The presidents for the day were Miss E. Ballard, Messrs. W. A. Davies and T. Ballard. A chant was sung in memory of Mrs. G. Cook, a member of the choir, and for others who had passed away during the year.

9 April 1938 St. Mary's Church Special Lenten Services were held on Wednesday, when the preacher was the vicar. On Sunday, the preacher was Rev. F. R. Phillips.

9 April 1938 Dramatic Recital On the Thursday last at Noddfa Chapel, a dramatic and humorous recital was given by Mr. C. Jones, Wales' premier elocutionist, in aid of chapel funds. Mr. Jones was assisted by Mr. Haydn Thomas of Bedlinog with Mr. W. Lawrence as pianist. The recital was presided over by Mr. J. P. Isaac, headmaster.

16 April 1938 Palm Sunday Hundreds wended their way to the old churchyard on top of the hill at Pentwyn on Sunday, and laid their flowers on the graves of loved ones. At the Parish Church, a service was conducted by the Vicar with Mr. Wyndham Lawrence at the organ.

30 April 1938 St. Mary's Church: Easter Vestry Held at the Church Hall on Monday, the vicar presiding. The financial statement was presented by Mr. W. J. Payne who said that despite the prevailing industrial depression each account showed a slight balance on the right side. The vicar thanked the officers and members for their loyalty. The Vicar mentioned the departure of Mr. Octavius Richards after 31 years service, and welcomed the new organist, Mr. Wyndham Lawrence. He thanked the members of the Mothers' Union for their efforts in connection with the sale of work, and the Dramatic Society for their efforts. Referring to St. David's Pantywaun, which he said had to be closed owing to subsidence, a sum of money in compensation had been received and steps were being taken to erect another building. He wished to thank the Sunday school teachers, parochial collectors organist, choirmaster - all who helped carry in the work of the Church.

11 June 1938 Drama St. Mary's Dramatic Society performed the drama "The Factory Strike," at the Church Hall, at Penydarren on Thursday.

18 June 1938 Nazareth The yearly meetings were held on Sunday, when of the Rev. E. J. Evans, Llanarthrey, preached. The services were well attended. The organist was Miss Katie Davies, and the singing was conducted by Mr. W. A. Davies.

25 June 1938 Carmel On Sunday afternoon, the Reverend J. C. Williams, Abertysswg, presented the following with prize books for collecting towards the London Missionary Society: Huw B. Thomas, John Evans, Willie Abbey, Caerwyn Evans, Desmond Kelly, Maynard Ballard, Tom Watkin, Eira and Eliza Davies, Bronwen Hollister. Rev Williams gave an address.

2 July 1938 Carmel Special services were held on Sunday when the Rev. R. T. Gregory, Gwaelodygarth, Cardiff, preached to large congregations. The organist and choirmaster was Mr. Thomas Walters.

6 August 1938 Gospel Hall Meetings The 7th annual convention was held from Saturday to Wednesday. The preacher was Pastor H. Brown, High Wycombe. Several open-air meetings were held.

10 September 1938 Noddfa Special services were held on Sunday and Monday, when the preacher was the Rev. Glasnant Young, Llandovery. The singing was conducted by Mr. Thomas Evans, with Mr. D. J. Thomas at the organ.

1 October 1938 St. David's Church, Pantywaun The inaugural services at the re-built St. David's Church, took place on Wednesday and Sunday. The Old Church was demolished owing to subsidence, and a new church has been erected in its place. The service on Wednesday was conducted by the Archdeacon of Llandaff. He also dedicated an altar cloth and frontal, the gifts of Mrs. T. Chamberlain, New Tredegar. On Sunday afternoon, a harvest service was conducted

by the Reverend J. L. White, Vicar, and in the evening, the Rev. J. C. Payne, the vicar of Penyardren, officiated. Others who took part were the Rev. F. Phillips, Deri, and Mr. Percy Gambling. The singing was conducted by Mr. W. H. Williams and the organist was Mr. A. E. Kings. The sidesmen were Messrs. A. Davies and D. J. Davies.

8 October 1938 Mothers' Union Outing On Saturday, members visited the Wye Valley. Breakfast was taken at Abergavenny, lunch at Monmouth, and tea at Cardiff.

8 October 1938 Baptist Meetings The quarterly meetings of the Rhymney Baptist Churches were held Noddfa Chapel on Tuesday. The conference in the afternoon was presided over by Mr. T. R. Savage, Rhymney. A public meeting in the evening was conducted by the Rev. E. D. T. Phillips of Aberbargoed and the Rev. G. R. M. Lloyd, B.A. of Rhymney. The singing was conducted by Mr. Thomas Evans and Mr. D. Joshua Thomas was the organist.

8 October 1938 Thanksgiving Services Harvest thanksgiving services were held on Sunday and Monday at St. Mary stretch. The Church had been decorated with fruit, flowers and vegetables. The services on Sunday were conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. L. White, and the Revs. J. Mason, Pontlottyn, the Rev. J. Vernon Payne, Cardiff University, and the Rev. T. W. Davies, Caerphilly. On Monday, the Rev. J. A. Jeffreys-Jones, vicar of Cymmer and Porth, conducted the services. Mr. B. Angell conducted singing and Mr. W. Lawrence was the organist.

22 October 1938 Nazareth The annual meetings in connection with the chapel were held on Sunday, and were well attended. The Rev. Professor T. O. Davies, Trevecca, preached edifying sermons. The organist was Miss Katie Davies and the singing was conducted by Mr. W. A. Davies.

19 November 1938 Sale of Work A tea and sale of work was held at the Church Hall on Monday in aid of Church funds. Those who assisted were: Mesdames White, W. J. Payne, E. J. Lawrence, W. D. Davies, T. Jones, J. Lawrence, Mills, Baldwin, D. Williams, Mantle, Wright, B. Evans, S. Jones, Llewellyn, Pullen, Watkins, Palmer, Misses R. Davis, Nellie White, Annie Mills, Lilian Mills, Nan Ballard, Messrs. W. T. Pegg, W. J. Payne, T. E. Davies, Jack Lawrence, W. D. Davies, A. Palmer.

3 December 1938 Carmel The annual meetings were held on Sunday when the Rev. L. Idris Davies, Pentre, preached. The organist and conductor was Mr. Thomas Walters.

31 December 1938 St. Mary's Church Christmas Day was celebrated with services at 8 & 11am., 2.30 & 6pm.. The vicar was the preacher and celebrant. The afternoon service was taken by Mr. W. J. Payne and the evening service by Rev. E. Adams Evans.

31 December 1938 Carol Service At Carmel Vestry on Thursday, the pupils and teachers held a carol singing service. A duet was sung by Huw B. Thomas and Desmond Kelly. Enid Davies and friends, and David Evans and friends also took part. Solos were sung by Enid Davies and Mafanwy Cole. Miss Maria Jones conducted the singing. After the concert, each child received a present from the Christmas tree, Santa Claus being Mr. Tom Walters, assisted by Mrs. B. Rees and Miss C. Jones.

31 December 1938 Cymanfa Ganu A United Service of song by Nazareth and Noddfa churches was held on Christmas Day at Nazareth Church. This year's conductor, Mr. D. Joshua Thomas, met with a colliery accident the previous Friday, and was a patient at Merthyr General Hospital with a broken leg. In his absence the singing was conducted by Mr. Thomas Evans. Mrs. T. Matthews presided at the afternoon services, and Mr. T. J. Jones at the evening service. The organists were Miss Katie Davies and Mr. D. J. Davies.

31 December 1938 Singing Festival The annual singing festival of Carmel Congregational Church was held on Christmas Day. The conductor was Mr. Thomas Walters, and the singing was of a high standard. The organist was Miss Beryl Ballard. The morning service was presided over by Mrs. M. A. Lewis. The devotional part was taken by Miss Betty Evans and Miss Enid Davies. A duet was sung by Muriel Davies and Megan Davies, and recitations were given by Violet Abbey and Linda Thomas. Miss Elizabeth Ballard presided in the afternoon, and Mr. T. Ballard in the evening.

14 January 1939 Bible Society A meeting in connection with the British and Foreign Bible Society was held at Nazareth chapel on Monday evening, presided over by Mr. Willie Adams Jones. The Rev. Richard Evans opened the meeting, after which the Rev. W. Crwys Williams,

Cardiff, gave an address. Thanks were accorded the speaker by Councillor Sam Lewis and Mr. E. H. Lewis. The organist was Mr. D. J. Davies.

11 February 1939 Fire At Fochriw Church: Bargoed Brigade Finds Building In Smoke The Gellygaer Fire Brigade, under Second Officer E. Owen, were called to Fochriw just before eight o'clock on Sunday morning, and found St. Mary's Church enveloped in smoke. The firemen donned smoke helmets, and found a stage in a concert room in the basement smouldering. It is believed that hot coke from a heating apparatus fell on to the stage. The outbreak was soon quelled. The Church proper was not damaged, and services were held as usual on Sunday. The damage is estimated at £20.

18 February 1939 Church Fire In the report of the fire at Fochriw Church, the estimated damage should have been £200 and not £20 as reported. The vicar and Churchwardens thank the fire brigade for their promptness in coming from Bargoed, and also the police and general public for their splendid help.

18 March 1939 Operetta At the New Hall last Wednesday and Thursday, the Nazareth Chapel Band of Hope performed the operetta "Marjorie," (Maurice Johnson). The conductor was Mr. David J. Davies, and the performances reached a high standard. The choir was well balanced and responded to the conductor's request. They were assisted by the following artistes: Miss Dilys Haines, Deri; Miss Addie Lawrence; Miss Eunice Morgan; Mr. Gordon Lawrence; Mr. Thomas Walters; Mr. Edmund Davies; Mr. Berkley Davies; and the chorus of Archers, Gypsies, School-girls etc. The accompanists were Mr. Wyndham Lawrence, Miss Katie Davies and Mr. W. A. Davies. Splendid assistance had been given in the training of the children by Mr. Trevor Lawrence. The chairmen were Mrs. Evans, Deri, and Mr. Willie Adams Jones, who thanked all who had taken part, particularly the artistes who had assisted from other churches.

25 March 1939 Singing Festival A singing festival was held at Carmel on Sunday, when a programme of hymns and anthems was sung by the choir. Mrs. S. Lewis presided in the morning, and the conductor was Mr. Meirion Shankland. The conductor in the afternoon and evening was Mr. Emlyn Evans. The presidents were Miss E. Ballard and Mr. W. A. Davies, and the organist was Mr. Thomas Walters.

1 April 1939 St. Mary's Church The Patronal Festival took place on Sunday when the special preacher was Rev. E. Adams-Evans. The lessons were read by Mr. W. J. Payne with Mr. Wyndham Lawrence at the organ.

15 April 1939 United Cymanfa The annual Methodist United Easter Cymanfa of Dowlais, Fochriw, Bedlinog and Deri, was held at Noddfa Chapel on Monday. The conductor was Mr. W. R. Morris, Bedlinog, and the organist Mr. Ewart James, Dowlais. At the afternoon session, Mr. Cyril G. Morgan, presided, and Mr. James Brown, Deri, catechised the children on "Rhodd Mam" (Pennod 5). Mr. Tom Harris, Calvaria, Dowlais, presided in the evening. Tea was provided by the members of Nazareth Church.

22 April 1939 St. David's Church The Easter vestry to place on Tuesday, the vicar presiding, supported by Mr. W. J. Payne, churchwarden, and Mr. A. E. Kings, secretary. The Vicar said that the Old Church, now demolished, had served Pantywaun as Church and school for over 70 years, and tribute was paid to the late Canon Harris, Rector of Gellygaer, who had worked to erect the buildings throughout the parish. Mr. A. E. Kings presented the accounts, which were adopted. Officers elected were: secretary, Mr. A. E. Kings; treasurer, Mr. W. H. Williams; Church council: Mesdames Kings, Davies, Ralph, Messrs. A. & D. J. Davies, J. Ralph, A. E. Kings and W. H. Williams; organist Mr. A. E. Kings; choirmaster, Mr. W. H. Williams.

22 April 1939 St. Mary's Church The Easter Vestry was held on Monday, presided over by the Vicar, supported by Mr. W. J. Payne (people's warden), Mr. T. Gambling (vicar's warden), and Mr. T. Baldwin (parochial secretary), and the Rev E. Adams Evans, Deri. The Vicar congratulated Mr. Payne on being elected a member of the Gellygaer Council. He was a man of character and a worker for the Church. The vicar announced that this would be his last vestry as Vicar of Fochriw, as he had decided to accept the living of Cwmparc. He had been vicar for nearly eight years, and would always value the great experience he had had at the parish. He wished to thank the Church-wardens and the people who been so loyal to him. During the past

year, they had started an envelope system that had been successful. They had recently bought a vicarage which would be a blessing to the new incumbent. He thanked the Mothers' Union, organist, Sunday school teachers, the auditor, churchwardens, sidesman, and all who had helped to carry on the great work. The financial statement was presented by Mr. Payne, was also reviewed the past year's work. The Church had made progress, and all accounts showed a balance. Reference to the purchase of a vicarage had been made. He wished to thank Mr. W. J. Canton, LL.B., for assistance in carrying out the work into the purchase. He was very pleased to have with them that evening the Rev E. Adams Evans, Priest-in-charge of Deri, who had come to the parish since the last vestry. Officers elected were: Mr. W. J. Payne and Mr. T. Gambling, people's and vicar's wardens; parochial secretary, Mr. T. Baldwin; auditor, Miss R. Davis; parochial Council: Mesdames White, Payne, Lawrence, H. Jones, M. H. Jones, Miss Rosie Davies, Messrs. Jack Lawrence, T. Baldwin, W. D. Davies, A. Palmer, T. Jones and G. Baldwin; sidesman: Messrs. W. D. and T. E. Davies, G. Evans, J. Lawrence, T. Jones, V. Powell, A. Palmer, Gordon Lawrence, Edgar Pritchard.

29 April 1939 Lecture A very fine lecture was given at Nazareth chapel on Saturday evening, when the Rev. Robert Ellis, Tregroes, Ammanford, lectured on "Cewri'r pulpit." He dealt with the subject in a masterly manner and delighted the large audience. Mr. W. Adams Jones presided.

29 April 1939 Nazareth Special services were held on Sunday, when the preacher was the Rev. Robert Ellis, Ammanford. The organist was Miss Katie Davies and the singing was conducted by Mr. W. A. Davies.

6 May 1939 St. Mary's At the services on Sunday, the vicar made touching references to the death of the Bishop of Llandaff, the Rt. Rev. Timothy Rees.

27 May 1939 Mothers' Union The St. Mary's branch met at the Church Hall on Tuesday evening. The annual outing will take place on Saturday to Swansea.

17 June 1939 Carmel Chapel The annual services were held on Sunday, when the preacher was the Rev. Rhys Bowen, Rhymney. The organist and conductor was Mr. Thomas Walters.

15 July 1939 Nazareth Evangelical campaign services are being held throughout the Rhymney Valley, and on Monday and Tuesday evening, Rhymney) gave inspiring addresses. Mr. David J. Davies was the organist.

22 July 1939 25th Anniversary of the Ordination of Rev. Esaiiah Williams Special meetings were held at Noddfa Baptist chapel on Wednesday to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the ordination of the Rev Esaiiah Williams (now of Cardigan), as minister of Noddfa. In the afternoon, the meeting took the form of a Church re-union. All old members and friends were invited, and a tea was provided. The Rev. S. R. M. Lloyd, Rhymney, presided. Mr. Joshua Evans, secretary, spoke a few words of welcome and congratulation on behalf of the Church, followed by Mrs. T. J. Mathews for the Sisters, and Mr. T. J. Jones on behalf of the Church as it is today, while the Rev. Esaiiah Williams responded in his inimitable and touching manner. At the tables were: Mesdames T. Evans, J. Mathews, A. Walters, A. Jones, J. Thomas, J. Evans, I. Harries, Elizabeth Harris, P. Williams, S. G. Williams, M. Sheen, R. Parry, I. Williams, M. Davies, R. Thomas, T. Thomas, B. Edwards, the Misses Lloyd, J. Evans, P. Davies, and Mr. Tom Thomas. Mr. Williams was accompanied by Mrs. Williams and their son Jack. At the evening service, presided over by the Rev. H Morgan, Hengoed, in the absence of Mr. T. Evans, senior deacon, the Rev. J. A. Thomas, Llantwit Major, took the introductory part, and the Rev Esaiiah Williams preached an able sermon to one of the largest congregations seen in Noddfa for many years. Mr. D. J. Thomas presided at the organ.

19 August 1939 Gospel Hall Special services were held during the week in connection with the 8th annual convention, and were well attended. The special preachers were Mr. and Mrs. Bell, Pontardulais, whose discourses were well received.

19 August 1939 Pantywaun Tea The annual tea in connection with St. David's Church, Pantywaun, took place on Thursday last. The event had been organised by the Secretary and treasurer, together with the Church members. A number attended from the Parish Church, Fochriw, and from Rhymney Bridge. After tea, games etc. were played. The following assisted as tray holders and helpers: Mesdames M. Kings, J. Bradley, A. Davies, W. J. Ralph, C. Thomas, D. J. Davies, D. Galliers, R. T. Mitchell, Nancy Mitchell, Florence Bradley, Lena

Thomas, E. Moore, B. Williams, D. J. Davies, D. Lewis, Arthur Davies, P. A. Davies, Brynmor Jones, A. E. Atkins (secretary), W. H. Williams (treasurer).

9 September 1939 Noddfa The yearly meetings in connection with the chapel were held on Sunday and Monday last, and were well attended. The Rev. Rowland Jones delivered inspiring sermons. Mr. David J 8, as was the organist, and Mr. Tim Evans conducted singing.

30 September 1939 Harvest Festival Harvest Thanksgiving services were held at Penybank Mission Church on Sunday. The preacher was Mr. Jones, Pant. The organist was Mr. E. Cumpstone.

30 September 1939 Harvest Festival Harvest services were held at St. David's, Pantywaun, on Sunday and Monday. The preachers were: Revs. E. Adams Evans, J. R. D. Williams, and J. L. White. Mr. A. E. Kings was the organist.

7 October 1939 Harvest Festival Harvest services were held at the Parish Church on Sunday and Tuesday, the church being decorated for the occasion. The preachers on Sunday were the Rev W. Brazell, vicar of Pontllytyn, and the Rev. Clifford Bowen, New Tredegar. The lessons were read by Mr. Payne and the organist was Mr. W. Lawrence. Mr. B. Angell conducted singing. On Tuesday, the preacher was the Rev. Canon J. Richards Pugh, rector of Merthyr. The service was conducted by the Rev. E. Adams Evans.

14 October 1939 Harvest Thanksgiving Services were held during the week at Carmel Chapel. The singing was conducted by Mr. Thomas Walters, who was also the organist.

14 October 1939 Children's Service The service on Sunday evening at Carmel Congregational Church was taken by the children. The devotions were led by Enid and Marie Davies. A demonstration play entitled "The Aeroplane" was presented, when those taking part were: Linda Thomas, Violet Abbey, Elaine Edwards, Eira Davies, Elinor Davies, Bronwen Hollister, Nan Jones, Enid Cumpstone, Megan Thomas, Len Davies, Maynard Ballard, Haydn Watkins, Leslie Hollister, Carwyr and D. J. Evans, Penry Ballard, Terence Williams and J. Evans; leaders, Eliza & Betty Evans; soloists, Gwladys Harris, Enid, Megan and Marie Davies, Huw B. Thomas; recitation, Miss Betty Jones. Miss Maria Jones conducted the singing, and Mr. T. Walters was the accompanist.

28 October 1939 Bible Society Under the auspices of the British and Foreign Bible Society, a meeting was held at Nazareth chapel on Tuesday, when the vicar presided. An address was given on the work of the society by the Rev. H. Withers, rector of Llanfabon, and others who took part were the Rev. S. R. Evans, Deri, and Pastor David Thomas. The singing was conducted by Mr. W. A. Davies, and the organist was Mr. D. J. Davies.

25 November 1939 Special Services The yearly meetings of Nazareth Church were held on Sunday, when the preacher was the Rev. G. Edwards, Aberfan. The singing was conducted by Mr. W. A. Davies. Mr. D. J. Davies was the organist.

23 December 1939 Carmel The annual meetings were held on Sunday, when the Rev. Godfrey E. Davies, Trelech, Pembrokeshire, was the preacher, with Mr. Thomas Walters as conductor and organist.

30 December 1939 St. Mary's Church Christmas services were held on Christmas Day at 8am and 11am. The preacher and celebrant was the Rev J. L. White, with Mr. Wyndham Lawrence at the organ.

30 December 1939 Nazareth Chapel The United gymanfa ganu of the Nazareth and Noddfa chapels took place at Nazareth on Christmas Day and was well attended. The singing reached a high standard, under the conductorship of Mr. David J. Thomas. The morning session was presided over by Mr. Trevor Lawrence, and in the afternoon by Mr. Thomas J. Jones and Miss Edna Jones, who read a portion of scripture. The evening service was presided over by the Rev. Richard Evans. The accompanists were Miss Katie Davies and Mr. D. J. Davies

30 December 1939 Carmel Vestry On Thursday, the children of Carmel had their Christmas tree. The vestry was decorated. Each child received a gift. Carols were sung, led by Miss Maria Jones. The accompanist was Mrs. E. Rees. Father Christmas was played by Mr. W. A. Davie, and he was assisted by Mrs. D. O. Davies and Mrs. Sam Lewis.

30 December 1939 Carmel Chapel On Christmas Day, the gymanfa ganu was held at Carmel vestry. The children's service was held in the morning, and the devotional part was taken by Megan Davies and Violet Abbey. Solos were sung by Huw B. Thomas; a duet by Enid Davies

and Marie Davies; recitations by Nan Jones and Elinor Davies. Mr. Evan Lewis introduced the afternoon service. The presidents were Mr. David Lewis, Mrs. Sam Lewis and Mr. Thomas Ballard. The conductor was Mr. J. B. James, Trecynon. The singing reached a high standard. The accompanists were Mrs. Annie Davies and Mr. Thomas Walters. The secretarial duties were carried out by Mr. Emlyn Evans. The rehearsals were conducted by Messrs. M. Shankland and T. Walters.

17 February 1940 Singing Festival A singing festival was held at Nazareth Church on Sunday, and the conductor was Mr. D. J. Thomas. At the afternoon session, Mr. T. J. Jones presided and also led the devotions. At the evening service, Mr. B. Davies presided and Mrs. E. Jones read the scripture. The organists were Miss Katie Davies and Mr. D. J. Davies.

6 April 1940 Easter Vestry The annual Vestry meeting of St. Mary's Church took place on Monday, presided over by the Vicar. The financial statement was presented by Mr. W. J. Payne, who also reviewed the past year's work. Mr. T. Gambling was elected vicar's warden, Mr. T. Baldwin, parochial secretary, and Miss Rosie Davies, auditor. The parochial Council elected was as follows: Messrs. Jack Lawrence, Arthur Palmer, T. Baldwin, T. Jones (Pentwyn), George Baldwin, Edgar Pritchard, E. I. Griffiths, Mrs. White, Mrs. W. J. Payne, Mrs. E. J. Lawrence, Miss Rosie Davies, Mrs. L. G. Jones, Mrs. T. Jones and Mrs. G. Llewelyn. Sidesmen: Messrs. A. Palmer, J. Lawrence, Bryn Rees, D. C. Jones, V. Powell, G. Evans, E. Pritchard, C. Ballard, T. Baldwin. The organist is Mr. Wyndham Lawrence, and the choirmaster Mr. Berkley Angell.

13 April 1940 Bishop's Visit The Bishop of Llandaff, the Right Reverend John Morgan, was the preacher at Evensong at the patronal service of the Parish Church on Sunday. The Rev J. L. White conducted the services and the lessons were read by Mr. W. J. Payne. Mr. Wyndham Lawrence was the organist, and the singing was conducted by Mr. Berkley Angell.

1 June 1940 Day of National Prayer A Day of National Prayer was observed at the Parish Church on Sunday. The morning service was conducted by the Rev. J. L. White. In the evening, a service was held in memory of Hugh Morris Mantle, aged 18, who was killed in action on HMS Hardy in the Battle of Norway. He had been a member of the Sunday School and choir, and had now laid down his life for King and Country.

8 June 1940 Nazareth Special services were held on Sunday, the preacher being Rev. J. D. O. Jones, Llanelly. The singing was conducted by Mr. W. A. Davies, and the organists were Miss Katie Davies and Mr. D. J. Davies.

15 June 1940 Dramatics On Thursday, at the Church Hall, the Glyn Amateur Dramatic Society, Deri, under their producer of Mr. D. J. Phillips, gave a performance of the drama in four acts "Under Cover" in aid of the funds of the Parish Church. Councillor W. J. Payne presided. The vicar thanked the producer and company, which was seconded by Mr. Evans, station-master.

22 June 1940 Carmel The yearly meetings were held on Sunday last, when the Rev. D. J. James, Gorseinon, preached to large congregations. The organist and conductor was Mr. Thomas Walters.

13 July 1940 Vacation Pastor Welcomed Special services were held at Carmel Welsh Congregational Church in connection with the introduction of Mr. D. Thomas, a student at Carmarthen Presbyterian College, to a summer vacation ministry. This system has been in vogue for many years with the English Congregational Union, and also with many churches in the USA, but it is comparatively new with the Welsh Churches. Ministers of the district were invited to attend the meeting, which was presided over by the Rev. J. R. Salmon, Pontlottyn. Mr. Thomas was welcomed to the Church on behalf of the officers and members by the two oldest deacons - Messrs. Daniel Davies and Thomas Ballard. Addresses in support of the new movement were given by the Revs. Latimer Williams, Deri; J. L. White, Fochriw; J. T. Rogers, Merthyr, and secretary of the North Glamorgan Congregational Union; Mr. Thomas, father of the vacation minister. All wished the Church and young minister every success during the period.

20 July 1940 Carmel Chapel Mr. D. J. Thomas commenced his vacation Ministry on Sunday. Services were well attended, and the young student created a splendid impression.

27 July 1940 Carmel Chapel A children service was held on Sunday morning, when the newly-elected pastor-student, Mr. Thomas, gave an inspiring address on "Birds." There were several evacuees present. The following children took part: Violet Abbey, Eleanor and Enid Davies, Megan Thomas, Huw Ballard Thomas, Len and Gwyn Davies. Mr. Thomas Walters was the organist and choirmaster.

3 August 1940 Confirmation A number of candidates from the parish of Fochriw and Deri were presented for confirmation at St. Tyfaelog's, Pontlottyn, where the Bishop for Llandaff held a confirmation service.

10 August 1940 Full Gospel Hall The 9th annual Convention was held at the Gospel Hall during Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, when inspiring addresses were given to large congregations by Mrs. Ada Mercy Dixon, Bristol. The organist throughout the meetings was Mr. David Saunders.

24 August 1940 Sunday School Treat The annual tea of St. Mary's Church Sunday school was held on Thursday last at the Church Hall. Before tea, the scholars assembled and prayers were led by the Vicar. The tray holders were Mrs. White, Mrs. W. J. Payne, Mrs. W. H. Jones, Mrs. P. Edwards, Mr. Rosie Davies, Mrs. Evans, Miss M. Archer, assisted by the Vicar, Mr. W. J. Payne, Mr. Pegg, Mr. Wyndham Lawrence, Mr. Evans and Norman Palmer. After tea, a miscellaneous programme was given, Mr. Lawrence in charge. Choruses were sung by the choir of girls and solos were given by Gwennie Williams and Veronica Pegg. A "Spelling Bee" contest was also held. The teams were composed of Sheerness girls and Fochriw boys, and resulted in a draw. The winners of the character competition were: 1. Miss Ruth Riley, Sheerness, "Spanish Maiden"; 2. & 3. divided between Miss Marion Gillespie, Sheerness, "Dame Wales" and Edward Stuppla, Sheerness, "Sailor Boy."

31 August 1940 Carmel Church On Sunday morning, an inspiring sermon was given to the children by the student pastor, the Rev D. J. Thomas on "Teach us to number our days." There was of good attendance, and the following took part: Misses Eliza Davies, Gwladys Harris, Elaine Edwards, Bronwen Hollister, Betty Evans, Stuart Davies, Graham Cumpstone. Mr. Thomas Walters conducted the singing.

28 September 1940 Carmel Chapel On Sunday next, Mr. D. J. Thomas, the student minister, will close a very successful vacation Ministry. During the past three months, there has been the great revival in the attendances at the Church, and his discourses have been most inspiring. On Sunday, eight new members were added to the Church. Mr. Thomas leaves to resume his studies of Carmarthen College with the good wishes of the whole community with which he has laboured so faithfully.

28 September 1940 Carmel Chapel A tea was given to the children on Tuesday last and the helpers were : Mesdames W. A. Davies, D. O. Davies, A Ballard, B Jones (Pentwyn), G Thomas, B. Rees, S. A. Cole, S. Davies, M. A. James, Miss M. Jones, Miss E. Barnard, and Miss C. Jones. An entertainment followed, Mr. D J Thomas presiding.

On Sunday morning, there was a children's service and Mr. T. Thomas given an address. The following took part: Stuart Davies, Len Walker, John Evans, Linda Thomas, Megan Thomas, Betty Evans, Amy Thomas, Eleanor Davies, Enid Cumpstone, D. J. Evans, Margaret Davies, James Davies. Roy Trotman, boy soprano, of Bargoed, also sang two solos. Mr. Thomas Walters was the organist and precentor.

5 October 1940 Harvest Festival Harvest services were held at St. Mary's Church on Sunday and Monday. The Church had been decorated, and the preachers on Sunday were the Rev. J. L. White, Vicar, and the Reverend J. R. D. Williams, vicar of Rhymney. On Monday, the preacher was the Rev J. D. Jones, Pontlottyn.

12 October 1940 Noddfa Jubilee Service A special service was held at Noddfa Baptist Chapel on Thursday to mark the clearing off of the debt of the Chapel. Mr. T. J. Jones presided. Mr. Joshua Evans, secretary of the Church for the past 12 years, who succeeded his father as secretary, a position he had held for 38 years, gave the review of the Baptist cause at Fochriw. The first chapel was built in 1876 and rebuilt in 1886. The present building was erected in 1904. Many stalwarts of the cause had passed away, including Mr. Thomas Evans, who was presented with a gold watch in 1926 for 50 years service in the chapel; Sergeant H. Williams, Mr. A. Walters, Mr. Henry Jones and Mr. John Jones. The present treasurer, Mr. Thomas

Evans, had held the position for 40 years. The following is a list of ministers since the cause was founded at Fochriw: Revs. Jenkin Jenkins, David Evans, Levi John, L. D. Davies, M. S. Young, Esaiiah Williams and Ieuan Evans. Mr. Rees Thomas, the oldest member, gave reminiscences of the cause and past members. The special preacher was the Rev. D. J. Evans, Pontlottyn. The present deacons of the Church are: Messrs. Thomas Evans, Jenkin Thomas, Joshua Evans, Thomas Walters, Thomas J. Jones and W. H. Jones. The organist is Mr. D. Joshua Thomas, and the precentor is Mr. T. Evans.

26 October 1940 Nazareth The half yearly meetings were held on Sunday last, when the Rev. Emlyn Evans, Tredegar, preaching very inspiring sermons to large and appreciative congregations. The singing was conducted by Mr. W. A. Davies and the organist was Mr. D. J. Davies.

7 December 1940 Carmel Chapel The half yearly meetings in connection with the chapel where held on Sunday, when the Rev. D. C. Jenkins, Penrhiwceiber, preached very inspiring sermons to large congregations. The organist and conductor was Mr. Thomas Walters.

4 January 1941 Church Services Christmas Day services were held at St. Mary's on Christmas Day. The preacher was the vicar with Mr. W. Lawrence at the organ.

4 January 1941 Carmel Gymanfa The children's service was held in the morning, and there was splendid singing. The devotional part was taken by Eleanor Davies and Nan Jones. Solos were given by Megan Davies and D.J. Evans; recitation, Amy Thomas; accompanist, Master Huw B. Thomas. Mr. T. Walters presided. The afternoon service was introduced by Mr. Meirion Shankland and Mr. D. Lewis presided. The devotions at the evening service were taken by Mr. Evan Lewis and Mr. Glyn Harris, Rhymney. Mr. Sam Lewis presided and Mr. T. Walters was the organist. The conductor was Mr. W. Evans (retired schoolmaster), Treharris, who did his work admirably. The secretary was Mr. Emlyn Evans. Mr. T. Walters and Mr. Emlyn Evans were the conductors, and Mrs. Annie Evans and Master Huw B. Thomas accompanists at the rehearsals. The singing was of the usual high standard.

4 January 1941 Cymanfa Ganu The annual singing festival of the denominational churches of Noddfa and Nazareth was held at Noddfa Baptist Chapel on Christmas Day. The conductor was Mr. David J. Davies who did his work well. The singing reached a high standard. The accompanists were Miss Katie J. Davies and Mr. David Joshua Thomas. The children's meeting in the morning was presided over by Mr. Trevor Lawrence. The devotional part was taken by Master John Ballard. The children's singing was most enjoyable. The following took part: recitation, Master Hugh Jones; quartette, Ellis Davies, Glyn Edwards, Moyra Ballard and Margaret Davies. The afternoon session was presided over by Mr. Thomas J. Jones, and the devotional part was taken by Master Glyn Edwards. The chairman of the evening session was the Rev. Richard Evans and the devotional part was taken by Mr. Burkley Davies. The following took part: trio, Mrs. E.P. Lewis, Mrs. Trevor Lawrence and Mr. Burkley Davies. The secretary and treasurer were Messrs. Thomas J. Jones and Trevor Lawrence respectively.

25 January 1941 Bible Society A meeting in connection with the British and Foreign Bible Society was held at Nazareth Chapel on Monday evening. Rev. J.L. White, vicar, presided. The Rev. Emlyn Jones, Tredegar, was unable to attend and give the address. The vicar opened with prayer, and the reading of Scripture. Addresses were given by the vicar and the Rev. R. Evans on the work of the Society and the need for more reading of the Word of God. The organist was Miss Kate Davies, and the singing was conducted by Mr. W. A. Davies. The vicar thanked the officers of Nazareth.

1 February 1941 Bible Society A meeting in connection with the British and Foreign Bible Society was held at Nazareth on Sunday evening. Coun. Sam Lewis presided and an address was given by Rev. Emlyn Jones, Tredegar. He was thanked by Messrs. Howell Thomas and Berkley Davies. Miss Katie Davies was the organist.

22 March 1941 Lenten Service On Wednesday evening, a special Lenten service was conducted at the Parish Church.

5 April 1941 Carmel Church A repetition of the Christmas gymanfa was given on Sunday. There was a good attendance, and the singing was of the usual high standard. At the children's service in the morning, the following took part: Devotional - Elinor Davies and Amy Thomas; solo - Megan Davies. Mr. Evan M. Lewis read a portion of the Scriptures at the evening

service. The conductors were Messrs. T. Walters and Emlyn Evans, and the accompanists Master Huw B. Thomas and Mrs. A. Davies. The presidents for the day were Mrs. Sam Lewis, Messrs. T. Walters and D. Lewis.

19 April 1941 Parish Church Easter Services were conducted on Easter Day. The church was decorated with Easter lilies and spring flowers. The vicar conducted the services. The organists were Mr. Wyndham Lawrence and Mr. Norman Palmer. The children's service was taken by Mr. W.J. Payne.

26 April 1941 Easter Vestry The Easter Vestry of the Parish Church was held on Monday. The vicar reviewed the past year stating that many of the young men of the village had joined up during the year, and one, Mr. Hugh Mantle, had made the supreme sacrifice. He had been a member of the church. Also, one of the oldest and most faithful members had died in the person of Mrs. Angell, wife of their choirmaster. Another young member, Mr. Herber Watkins, had met with a fatal accident. Several church families had left the district for work elsewhere. He thanked all who had served the church during the past year, particularly the churchwarden, Mr. W.J. Payne, who not only looked after the financial side of the church, but also served as a licensed lay-reader. He thanked secretary, Sunday school teachers, organist, choirmaster, blower, sidesmen and parochial council. He regretted the departure of Mr. T. Baldwin, sexton. Mr. D. Tyler had taken his place. Another resignation had been that of Mr. T. Gambling, churchwarden. The financial statement was given by Mr. W.J. Payne, who said they had met all their liabilities. All churches were experiencing problems with the departure of so many. Still, the offertories showed a substantial increase. The election of officers was as follows: People's warden, Mr. W.J. Payne; vicar's warden, Mr. J. Owen (Deri); Parochial Council, Mesdames White, Payne, E.J. Lawrence, G. Llewelyn, Evans, Miss Rosie Davies, Messrs. T.M. Evans, Jack Lawrence, A. Palmer, T. Baldwin, E.I. Griffiths, E. Prichard, Bryn Rees, G. Baldwin, W.H. Way; sidesmen, Messrs. D.C. Jones, D. Tyler, G. Evans, W. James, Tom Jones (Pentwyn), T.E. Evans; auditor, Miss Rosie Davies; secretary of the Parochial Council, Mr. T. Baldwin.

10 May 1941 Church Council The first joint meeting of the newly elected Parochial Church Council was held on Monday. The following were elected to serve on the various bodies connected to the deanery: Ruri-decanol conference: Messrs. W.J. Payne, John Owen, Jack Lawrence, Sydney Williams, T.M. Evans; Board of Patronage: Messrs. Payne and Owen; supplementary representatives: Messrs. J. Lawrence, S. Williams, T.M. Evans, T. Llewelyn; diocesan conference: W.J. Payne.

24 May 1941 Special Services These were held at Nazareth Chapel on Sunday last, when the preacher was the Rev. J. Lloyd, Treorchy. The organists were Miss Katie Davies and Mr. D.J. Thomas and the conductor was Mr. W.A. Davies.

31 May 1941 Missionary Work On Sunday afternoon, 25 scholars of Carmel Congregational Church were presented with missionary books. There was a splendid gathering, and it is interesting to note that eleven of the recipients were young guests from Sheerness who have lived in the village for the past twelve months. The names of the recipients were: Ruth Retry, Eileen Mutton, Marion Gillespie, Barbara Munford, Cynthia Willaims, Vera Titley, Yvonne West, Joyce Blere, Doreen Clark, Gwenvil Thomas, Eileen Millward, Glenys Gwynne, Huw B. Thomas, Leigh Barton, Len Walker, Harry Hawkes, Penry Ballard, Willi Abbey, David J. Evans, Bertie Cumpstone, David Ballard, Leslie Hollister, Garwyn Evans, Howard Morgan, James Davies. Special prizes for the highest sums were given to Howard Morgan and Jas. Davies. The presentations were made by Mrs. D.O. Evans (Brecon College) who praised the children for their good work.

7 June 1941 Carmel Chapel The yearly meetings took place on Sunday, when the Rev. Ifonwy Hughes-Thomas, Hirwaun, preached stirring sermons to large congregations. The organist and conductor was Mr. T. Walters, A.L.C.M.

7 June 1941 Parish Church On Sunday, Whitsuntide services were held. The vicar officiated.

21 June 1941 New Benefice The friends of the Rev. George L. White, eldest son of the vicar of Fochriw, will be pleased to know that he has been instituted to the benefice of Brassington in the diocese of Derby.

28 June 1941 Mothers Union Members of the St.. Mary's branch attended the Deanery festival at St. Martin's Church, Caerphilly.

5 July 1941 Nazareth On Sunday, the preacher was Mrs. Thomas, Dowlais. The organist was Mr. D. J. Davies, and the conductor, Mr. W.A. Davies.

12 July 1941 Carmel Secretary's Resignation It is with regret that the officers and members of Carmel Congregational Chapel received the resignation, due to ill-health, of Mr. T. Ballard, who has been secretary for many years. He has been a faithful and thorough secretary. A vote of thanks was tendered him for his services. Mr. Willie Angell Davies is his successor.

12 July 1941 Presentation: Mr. Thomas Walters To mark the occasion of 40 years service as organist of Carmel Congregational Chapel, Mr. Thomas Walters, A.L.C.M., was the recipient of a Westminster chimes clock and a fireside chair before a very happy, appreciative audience of members. Coun. Sam Lewis presided and paid high tribute to Mr. Walters' services to the church. The presentations were made by two of the oldest members - Mrs. E. Hughes and Mrs. M. Griffiths - both spoke very appropriate words of Mr. Walters' splendid qualities. Other speakers were: Messrs. Willie A. Davies, Dan James, T. James (Rhymney), Geo. Sibley, Nurse Ballard-Davies, Miss E. Ballard. The following contributed to the musical programme: solosists: Mrs. H.C. Davies and Mr. Meirion Shankland; elocutionist, Nurse Ballard-Davies; organ solos, Mr. T. Walters and Huw B. Thomas. Appropriate verses were read by Mrs. D. Lewis, Mr. Herriman (Rhymney) and Huw B. Thomas. A most enjoyable evening was spent. The officers of the presentation were: Mrs. Sam Lewis (chairlady), Mrs. Annie Davies (secretary) and Mrs. D. Lewis (treasurer).

9 August 1941 Full Gospel Hall The annual convention in connection with the Gospel Hall was held from Saturday to Tuesday and large congregations attended. The services were conducted by Pastor David Thomas and the special preacher was Mr. David Owen (Bedlinog), who delivered able sermons. The organist was Mr. Saunders.

9 August 1941 Carmel Chapel The quarterly meetings of the North Glamorgan Congregational Churches were held at Carmel on Thursday. The afternoon conference was presided over by Mr. John Rees, Dowlais. The devotional parts were taken by Rev. Salmon. A paper was given by Rev. Glannant Jones, Aberaman. The evening service was conducted by Rev. J. Medlicot, Cardigan, and an inspirational sermon was preached by Rev. G. Morris, Penyardren. There were a large number present. Tea was served in the vestry when Mesdames W. A. Davies, J. Morgan, S. A. Griffiths and M. A. Lewis were in attendance. Mr. T. Walters was the organist.

6 September 1941 Church Parade The members of H.M. Forces attended Divine Service at the Parish Church on Sunday morning under the command of Lieut. Evans. The vicar officiated.

13 September 1941 Day of National Prayer This was observed at the Parish Church on Sunday. A parade was formed, and members of H.M. Forces attended divine service. The members of the Home Guard also attended. There was a large congregation at the service which was conducted by the vicar.

20 September 1941 Nazareth the Rev. Richard Evans, Deri, was the preacher at Nazareth on Sunday. Mr. W.A. Davies conducted.

20 September 1941 Carmel Mr. D. J. Thomas, Carmarthen College, conducted the services at Carmel on Sunday. He was the successful vacation minister at the Church during last summer vacation. Mr. T. Walters was the organist.

20 September 1941 Harvest Festival Services were held at St.. David's Church, Pantywaun, on Sunday and Monday. The services were well attended and the preachers were the Revs. J. L. White & Adams Evans and Mr. W. J. Payne.

4 October 1941 Parish Church Harvest Festival Services were held on Sunday and Monday. The church had been decorated with flowers, fruit and vegetables. The services were well attended and were conducted by the vicar. The preachers on Sunday were: morning - Rev. L. Lloyd Jones, Pontlottyn; afternoon - Mr. W. J. Payne; evening - Rev. J. O. Williams, rector of Gellygaer. On Monday the preacher was the Rev. J. Vernon Payne, Llantrisant, son of the late vicar of the parish. On Monday, the preacher was the Rev. J. Vernon Payne, Llantrisant, son of

the late vicar of the parish. The lessons were read by the churchwarden, Mr. W.JJ. Payne, and the organist was Mr. W.P. Lawrence.

11 October 1941 Nazareth Chapel The pulpit of Nazareth was occupied by Mr. T.J. Jones, Fochriw, on Sunday. He is studying for his final examination in the ministry. The singing was conducted by Mr. W. A. Davies, with Mr. D. J. Davies the organist.

1 November 1941 Nazareth Church The yearly meetings were held last Sunday, when sermons were delivered by Principal W.P. Jones of Trevecca College. The singing was conducted by Mr. W.A. Davies, and the organists were Mrs. G. Walters and Mr. D.J. Davies.

20 December 1941 Carmel Chapel The half-yearly meetings were held on Sunday, when the preacher was the Rev. Gwilym Morris, B.A., Penydarren, whose sermons were much appreciated. The choirmaster and organist was Mr. Tom Walters, A.L.C.M.

3 January 1942 Parish Church Services were held on Christmas Day. The preacher and celebrant was the Rev. J. L. White (vicar) and the organists were Mr. W. P. Lawrence (Mus. Bac.) and Mrs. Norman Palmer.

3 January 1942 Singing Festival The united Christmas singing festival of Nazareth and Noddfa Baptist Churches was held at Noddfa Chapel on Christmas Day and a high standard of singing was attained. The conductor was Mr. D. J. Thomas, and the organists were Mrs. Katie D. Walters and Mr. D. J. Davies. Mr. Trevor Lawrence presided in the morning session which was given over to the children, and the devotional part was taken by Moira Ballard and Margaret Davies. The afternoon president was Mr. W. H. Jones, with the devotional part taken by Jas. A. Price. The evening president was Mr. T. J. Jones. The devotional part was taken by Miss Edna Evans Jones.

3 January 1942 Carmel Chapel On Christmas Day the usual cymanfa ganu was held when the conductor was Mr. T. Walters, A.L.C.M. with Mrs. Annie Davies the organist. The singing was of a high standard the choir responding well to the conductor. The morning was devoted to the children and was introduced by Mr. S. Lewis. The devotional part was taken by Nan Jones and Amy Thomas; solos were rendered by Eleanor Davies and Huw B. Thomas. Recitations were given by Megan and Amy Thomas. The afternoon service was introduced by Mrs. A. Ballard, and the evening service by Mrs. S. Lewis. At each of the services the singing was most inspiring. The presidents were: Morning, Mr. T. Ballard; afternoon, Mr. A. Ballard; and evening, Mr. Dd. Lewis.

21 February 1942 Bible Society The annual meeting of the local branch was held at Nazareth C.M. Chapel on Wednesday. The representative for the society was the Rev. H. Withers, Rector of Llanfabon, whose visit on behalf of the society is always looked forward to. The Rev. J. L. White presided and paid tribute to Rev. R. Evans, who has recently died - a faithful worker for the society for many years. Rev. Withers spoke on the work of the society and thanked them for the excellent report which was given by Mrs. Kate Walters (secretary), and Coun. Sam Lewis (treasurer). Contributions had exceeded all previous years. Mrs. Walters was the organist.

7 March 1942 Remembrance Service: Rev. Richard Evans A service, dedicated to the memory of the Rev. Richard Evans, late pastor of Nazareth & Deri C.M. Churches for the past 19 years, was held at Nazareth Chapel on Sunday, conducted by Rev. H.J. Davies (Cwmparc). Mrs. K.D. Walters was the organist and Mr. W.A. Davies conducted the singing.

21 March 1942 Carmel On Sunday last, a singing festival was held. The conductor for the day was Mr. Emlyn Evans (Post Office), and the organist was Mr. T. Walters, A.L.C.M. The morning session was for children, Coun. Sam Lewis presiding. The following children took part: reading, Nan Jones; prayer, Doreen Clarke; recitations, Amy Thomas, Megan Thomas; solo, Elinor Davies. At the afternoon service Mr. W.A. Davies presided, and at the evening service Mr. David Lewis.

4 April 1942 Palm Sunday The old churchyard on top of the hill at Pentwyn was visited by hundreds of people on Sunday, when flowers were laid on the graves of loved ones.

4 April 1942 Parish Church The day of national prayer was observed at the Parish Church last Sunday. In the morning, the service was attended by officers and members of H.M. Forces. At the evening service, Rev. J.C. Payne was the preacher. All the services were well attended.

11 April 1942 Parish Church The celebrant and preacher at the Easter services on Sunday was the Vicar. There was an array of spring flowers and Easter lilies. The children's service in the afternoon was taken by Churchwarden W.J. Payne. The organists were Mr. W.P. Lawrence and Mr. Norman Palmer. Mr. Palmer is leaving to join H.M. Forces on Thursday.

11 April 1942 Carmel At Carmel on Sunday afternoon, a missionary programme was given by the children. The elocutionists were Phillip Cotterell, Doreen Clark, Valerie Jones and Barbara Jones. A drama, "The Adventure," was performed by Huw B. Thomas, Howard Morgan, Eleanor Davies, Gwenfil Thomas and Enid Cumpstone. "The Life and Adventures of David Livingstone" was depicted in the form of a drama. Those taking part were Huw B. Thomas, Len Walker, Carwyn Evans, Desmond Kelly, Amy Thomas, Doreen Clark, Mary Rheins and Valerie Jones. The accompanist was Huw B. Thomas. Mr. Sam Lewis thanked the teachers and children for the interesting programme.

18 April 1942 Easter Vestry: St. Mary's The Vestry meeting in connection with the Parish Church took place at the Church Hall on Monday. The vicar presided supported by the churchwarden, Coun. Payne and the parochial secretary, Mr. T. Baldwin. The vicar reviewed the past year and referred to the members serving in H.M. Forces. The Sunday School secretary, Mr. J. Lawrence, and the assistant organist, Mr. N. Palmer, had recently left for the Forces, with other men and women. They all wished them a safe return. The vicar paid tribute to the work of the churchwardens, Mr. W.J. Payne and Mr. John Owen, Deri. He thanked all for their work during the year. Mr. Payne reviewed the year and gave the financial report which was accepted. Election of officers: people's warden, Coun. W. J. Payne; vicar's warden, Mr. J. Owen; Miss R. Davies, auditor; parochial council - Mesdames White, W.J. Payne, E. J. Lawrence, G. Llewellyn, T. M. Evans, Miss R. Davies, Messrs. Jack Lawrence, T. Baldwin, E. I. Griffiths, Edgar Prichard, W. H. Way, T. M. Evans, Bryn Rees, A. Palmer, G. Baldwin; sidesmen - Messrs. David Tyler, D. C. Jones, Thos. Jones, Geo. Evans, G. Lawrence, Willie James, D. Jones, C. Cumpstone, Tudor Evans, T. E. Davies; parochial secretary, Mr. T. Baldwin.

23 May 1942 Services Recognised On Monday at Noddfa Chapel, Mr. Thomas John Jones, a student for the ministry, and treasurer for the Chapel, was presented with a set of books in recognition of his devoted service to Noddfa, and his advent into the ministry. The presentation was made by Mr. Thomas Evans, senior deacon, who paid tribute to Mr. Jones. Others who spoke were Mr. J. Evans, secretary, Mr. W.H. Jones, deacon, Mrs. (Capt.) Edwards, Mrs. Matthews and Mr. David R. Jones. Mr. Jones thanked them for their kindness and good wishes.

13 June 1942 Carmel Congregational Church Half yearly meetings were held at Carmel on Sunday last. The Rev. Rhys Bowen, Rhymney, gave sermons to large congregations. The organist was Mr. T. Walters, A.L.C.M., and the singing was conducted by Mr. Meirion Shankland.

20 June 1942 Nazareth The preacher on Sunday was the Rev. Isaac Evans, Deri. The organist was Mr. D.J. Davies, and Mr. W.A. Davies conducted the singing.

20 June 1942 Mothers' Union Members of the St. Mary's Branch, with their enrolling member, Mrs. White, The Vicarage, journeyed to Llanbradach on Wednesday, to take part in the festival service held at the Parish Church.

8 August 1942 Gospel Hall Special services were held at the Full Gospel Hall on Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, in connection with the annual August convention. The preacher was Mr. E. Thompson, Hampstead Bible School, London, and the organist was Mr. Saunders.

12 September 1942 Day of Prayer September 3 was observed at the Parish Church with services in the morning and evening that were well attended. The evening service was attended by members of H.M. Forces, and included members of the Regular Army, under the command of Lieuts. McKilroy and Davies, and the Home Guard, under the command of Lieut. W.M. Davies. The service was conducted by the Vicar. The lessons were read by Coun. W.J. Payne, and the organist was Huw B. Thomas. A collection was taken for the Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund.

19 September 1942 Confirmation A number of candidates from the Parish Church were confirmed at St. Margaret's Church, Gilfach, on Sunday, by the Lord Bishop of Llandaff.

26 September 1942 Harvest Services Services were held at St. David's, Pantywaun, on Sunday and Monday last. Holy Communion was celebrated on Sunday afternoon by the Vicar. The preacher on Sunday evening was Mr. W.J. Payne. On Monday evening the preacher was the Rev. Adams Evans, Deri. The singing was conducted by Mr. W.H. Williams and the organist was Mr. A.E. Kings.

3 October 1942 Harvest Festival Services were held at the Parish Church on Sunday and Monday and were well attended. The church had been well decorated. The services were conducted by the Vicar. On Sunday, the preacher was Rev. D.H. Evans, Bargoed. The children's service was conducted by Corpl. J. Brown, with Mr. W. Lawrence at the organ. On Monday, the preacher was the Rev. T.M. Hughes, M.A., rector of Merthyr. The Vicar and the Rev. Adams Evans conducted the service. The lessons were read by the churchwardens and the organist was Master Huw B. Thomas.

10 October 1942 Parish Church The service on Sunday morning was conducted by the Vicar. On Sunday evening, the preacher was the Rev. M. Carr, Pontllytyn.

10 October 1942 Carmel On Monday, a tea was held at Carmel to welcome the new minister, Rev. Eurof Jones. The servers were the women members of the young people's guild. After tea, a concert was given, when Coun. Sam Lewis, J.P., presided. Selections were given by the Orpheus Choir conducted by Mr. T. Walters. Solos were rendered by Madam H.C. Davies, soprano, Mr. Emlyn Evans, tenor, and Mr. T. Lewis, bass, and S. Millward joined the soloists in a quartette. Recitations were given by Nurse Davies, and Misses Betty Jones and Betty Evans. A choir of school girls also sang. The organist were Mr. T. Walters and Mrs. A. Davies. The Chairman urged all members to co-operate with the minister for the success of the church. He handed the minister a cheque from an anonymous donor for purchasing books for his library. Mr. Jones thanked the members for their support and welcome.

10 October 1942 Children's Welcome Tea On Tuesday evening at Carmel, the children were entertained in connection with the coming of the new minister, Rev. Eurof Jones. About 60 children attended, when the following assisted: Misses Betty Jones, Eliza & Betty Evans, Thelma Way, Gwladys Harris, Enid & Megan Davies, Margaret Ballard, Mari & Eira Davies, Elaine Edwards. A miscellaneous programme followed, Rev. Eurof Jones presiding. Solos were given by Raymond & Eleanor Davies, Eunice Spici, Michael Evans, Miss Megan Davies, Philip Cottrell; trio, Miss M. Jones, Mesdames A. Ballard & N. Evans. The winner of the impromptu speech was Mrs. Nellie Evans. Miss Marie Davies was the accompanist and Mrs. A. Davies the secretary.

17 October 1942 Vicar's New Living The Rev. J. L. White, vicar of Fochriw, has been offered the vacant benefice of Tylorstown by the Bishop of Llandaff. He has accepted. The Vicar has been at Fochriw for the past eleven years, and his departure will be regretted by a large circle of friends, who wish him and his family God's blessing in his new sphere of labour.

17 October 1942 Carmel Y.P.S. The first meeting of the Carmel Y.P.S. was held on Thursday evening last. The chairman was Mr. W.A. Davies and the meeting was addressed by Rev. Eurof Jones, president. The secretary is Mr. S.H. Davies and the treasurer Miss Betty Jones. The committee comprises Misses Eliza Evans, Betty Evans, Thelma Way, Messrs. G. Cumpstone, D. Kelly and D. A. Evans. A hearty invitation is extended to all. Meetings are held each Thursday at 7 p.m..

24 October 1942 Nazareth The half yearly meetings were held on Sunday last, when Rev. D. Jenkins, Bargoed, preached very edifying sermons to large congregations, which were much appreciated. The organist was Mrs. Walters, and Mrs. Davies conducted the singing.

7 November 1942 Pulpits The preacher at Nazareth on Sunday was the Rev. Isaac Evans, Deri. The preacher at St. Mary's was the vicar-elect, Rev. E. Adams Evans, B.A., who will be inducted on November 20. Carmel pulpit was occupied by Rev. R. Edwards, Penywern.

14 November 1942 St. Mary's On Sunday, Rev. J.L. White preached his last sermon after eleven years as vicar of the parish. He hoped they would extend the same help to his successor as they had to him. Huw B. Thomas was the organist and the lessons were read by Mr. W.J. Payne.

14 November 1942 Carmel Y.P.S. The weekly meeting was held on Thursday, Mr. Stuart H. Davies presiding. A musical programme was enjoyed by all under the direction of Mr. T.

Walters, A.L.C.M. A number of Welsh songs were sung. The Rev. Eurof Jones accorded a vote of condolence with Mr. Meirion Shankland and family in their bereavement. This was passed in silence.

14 November 1942 Remembrance Service The Parish Church was filled to capacity on Sunday afternoon for a service of remembrance conducted by the Vicar, Rev. J.L. White. A procession was formed headed by the Fochriw Silver Band, and comprised a military unit under the command of Lieuts. McKilroy and Davies, the Home Guard under the command of Lieut. W.M. Davies, the British Legion Legion Men's and Women's Sections, St. John Ambulance under the command of Supt. T. Evans, the Police and the A.R.P. Wardens. Wreaths were placed at the memorial window by the following organisations: Military by Lieut. McKilroy; British Legion Men's Section by Mr. J. Lloyd Jones; B.L. Women's Section by Mrs. Harding; Mothers' Union by Mrs. Mantle. The "Last Post" was rendered by Bugler Glyn Burrows. The organist for the service was Mr. W.P. Lawrence.

21 November 1942 Parish Church The preacher and celebrant at the morning service on Sunday was Rev. J.O. Williams, rector of Gellygaer. At the evening service, the preacher was the vicar-elect, Rev. E. Adams Evans. The organist was Mr. W.P. Lawrence, Mus. Bac. The institution and induction of the new vicar will take place in the Parish Church on Friday, November 20 at 2.45 p.m.

27 November 1942 New Vicar Inducted at Fochriw On Friday last, the institution and induction of the Rev. E. Adams Evans, B.A., to the benefice of Fochriw and Deri, was performed by the Lord Bishop of Llandaff, and the Rev. T. Walter Davies, Rural Dean of Caerphilly. The church was well filled and the service was impressive. The churchwardens' duties were carried out by Mr. W.J. Payne and Mr. T.M. Evans, who deputised for Mr. John Owen, who is ill. The Bishop preached an able sermon. The organist was Mr. Huw B. Thomas. A large number of parishioners attended from Fochriw, Deri, and Pantywaun. Among the large number of clergy present were Revs. T.M. Hughes (rector of Merthyr), J.O. Williams (rector of Gellygaer), Dr. Lawrence Thomas (vicar of Bargoed), J.C. Payne (vicar of Penydarren), J.L. White (vicar of Tylorstown), J. I. Jones (vicar of Pontllytyn), T. Davies (vicar of Hirwaun), R.E. Seaton (rector of Mamhilad), E.H. Jones (vicar of Pontycwmmmer), E. Ishmael (vicar of Treharris), Father Row (vicar of Merthyr Vale), Revs. D.H. Evans (Bargoed), E.M. Rees (Gilyfach), W. Mackie (Gelygaer), H. Carr (Pontllytyn). Tea was provided in the Hall for the visitors. The Bishop thanked the ladies who had provided tea – ladies from the various churches in the parish.

27 November 1942 Presentation to Old Vicar After tea, a presentation meeting took place, when the late Vicar and Mrs. White were recipients of a walnut china cupboard and a mirror. The meeting was presided over by the new Vicar. The presentation of the cabinet was made by Coun. W.J. Payne, churchwarden, who said he had great pleasure on behalf of the parishioners in presenting him with the cabinet as a token of appreciation for 11 years' service to the parish. He wished him and his family God's richest blessing in his new sphere of labour. Mrs. Evans, wife of the new vicar, on behalf of the parishioners, presented Mrs. White with a frameless mirror, and wished her, her husband and their daughter every happiness in their new sphere. The late Vicar responded, thanking them for their kind thoughts. He had spent a happy time at Fochriw and asked all to give their support to their new vicar. Votes of thanks concluded the gathering.

27 November 1942 Carmel Y.P.S. The weekly meeting was held on Thursday, and was presided over by Mr. D. Kelly. The programme was arranged by Mr. Bryn Davies, and included a general knowledge bee, a team of girls and one of boys participating. The girls were victors by 12½ points to 11. The meeting was brought to a close with the singing of a number of Welsh songs directed by Mr. T. Walters.

5 December 1942 Organist at Cathedral Mr. W.P. Lawrence, Mus. Bac., was the organist at Llandaff Cathedral on Sunday last. He is the organist at the Parish Church and is a member of the teaching profession.

19 December 1942 Parish Church The preacher at the morning service was Mr. W.J. Payne. At the evening service, the preacher was Mr. Vincent Davies, B.A., of St. Michael's College. Rev. E. Adams Evans, vicar, conducted the services.

19 December 1942 Carmel The half-yearly meetings were held on Sunday, the Rev. Glyndwr Jones, B.A., preaching edifying sermons to the large congregation present. The organist was Mr. T. Walters and the singing was conducted by Mr. Meirion Shankland.

2 January 1943 Nazareth Chapel The preacher on Sunday was Mr. V. Morgan (Cefn Coed). The singing was conducted by Mr. W.A. Davies.

2 January 1943 Parish Church A service was held on Christmas morning when the preacher and celebrant was the Rev. E. Adams Evans. The organist was Master Huw B. Thomas.

2 January 1943 Carmel Y.P.G. A concert was held under the auspices of the Young People's Guild at the New Hall on Tuesday, when solos and recitations were given by guild members. Mr. T. Walters conducted and accompanied and the Rev. Eurof Jones presided.

2 January 1943 United Cymanfa Ganu The annual singing festival of the Nazareth C.M. and Noddfa Baptist Churches was held at Noddfa on Christmas Day. For more than 30 years the united cymanfa ganu has been a special feature of the Christmas celebrations in the village. The conductor was Mr. D.J. Davies and the organists were Mrs. G. Walters and Mr. Joshua Thomas. At the morning service, Mr. Trevor Lawrence presided and Master Hugh Jones read a portion of Scripture. In the afternoon Mrs. T. Mathews presided and Mrs. Trevor Lawrence took the devotional part. Mr. T. Jones presided in the evening, when a quartette consisting of Mrs. E. Lewis, soprano, Mrs. T. Lawrence, contralto, Mr. B. Davies, tenor, and Mr. B. Davies, bass, sung "The Old Rugged Cross."

2 January 1943 Cumanfa Ganu The annual cymanfa ganu was held at Carmel on Christmas Day. The morning service was mainly for children. It was introduced by John Raines. Recitations were given by Gwenfil Thomas and Betty Evans. A party of boys and girls sang under the conductorship of Miss M. Jones. Mrs. Rowlands Davies presided and the accompanist was Mr. T. Walters. After the service, the children received a gift from Father Christmas who was impersonated by Miss E. Ballard. Misses M. & C. Jones and Mrs Sam Lewis assisted. Rev. Eurof Jones addressed the children and thanked all who had assembled to make the festival so pleasant. The afternoon session was presided over by Mr. Thomas Ballard who took the devotional part, and the Rev. Eurof Jones presided in the evening. The choir rendered anthems and hymns under the conductorship of Mr. Tom Idris Morris of Rhymney. Mr. T. Walters accompanied.

16 January 1943 Carmel Y.P.S. On Tuesday, the Rev. Glyn Jones (Pontlottyn) gave an address. Rev. Eurof Jones presided. Thanks were accorded by Miss Marie Davies and Mr. D. Kelly.

16 January 1943 Social Evening At Nazareth on Wednesday the children of the Sunday School were entertained to a tea. At the tables were Mesdames W. Lewis, G. Walters, J. Mathews, D.J. Davies, J. Lewis, T. Lawrence, C. Shankland, J. Lloyd, and Misses Doris Davies and Mavis Shankland.

20 February 1943 Cymanfa Ganu A repetition of the Christmas Cymanfa of Nazareth and Noddfa Churches was held on Sunday when the singing was conducted by Mr. D.J. Davies and reached a high standard. The presidents were: Mr. T. Lawrence (morning), Mr. T.J. Jones (afternoon), and Mrs T. Matthews (evening). The organist was Mr. D.J. Thomas. The devotional parts of the service were taken by Master Hughie Jones and Mr. B. Davies.

27 February 1943 Carmel Y.P.S. On Tuesday a brains trust was held when those who took part were M. Mallard, L. Jenkins, S. & M. Jones, P. Ballard and P. Mantle. The question master was Rev. Eurof Jones. Scripture was read by Mr. E. Evans, and thanks were accorded by Mrs. S. Lewis and Mr. D. Lewis.

6 March 1943 Parish Church A Welsh service was conducted on St. David's Day by the Rev. E. Adams Evans, vicar. The service included the celebration of Holy Communion.

20 March 1943 Carmel Chapel On Sunday, a repeat of the gymanfa ganu was held at Carmel Congregational Chapel. The morning service was presided over by Mrs. Rowland Davies and was introduced by Masters John Raines and Howard Morgan. Recitations were given by Misses Eileen Millward and Betty Evans; solos by Violet Abbey, Mary Raines, Eileen Millward, Elinor Davies, Masters John Raines, Howard Morgan, Jas. Davies, Leslie Hollister and Dd J. Evans. The afternoon session was presided over by Mr. David Lewis and the evening

session by the Rev. Eurof Jones. The conductor was Mr. Meirion Shankland and the organist was Mr. T. Walters.

20 March 1943 Welsh Drama The annual Welsh drama by Carmel Dramatic Society is an event eagerly anticipated in the village. This year again it was a striking success, when, at the New Hall, a capacity audience enjoyed "Cyfrinach y Fasedg Frwyn," by D. Gwernydd Morgan. The producer was Mr. David Lewis who is to be congratulated on the success of the production. The players took their parts exceedingly well. A children's performance was given on Wednesday when Mrs. Oliver presided. Coun. Sam Lewis presided on Thursday evening. Members of the cast were: Mr. Bob Rees, Miss Betty Jones, Mrs. M.A. Ballard, Master David A. Evan, Mrs. N. Evans, Mr. W.A. Davies, Rev. Eurof Jones, Mr. David Lewis and Miss S. Jones.

3 April 1943 New Pastor Nazareth C.M. Chapel was well filled on Thursday evening to extend a welcome to the new pastor, Rev. William Thomas, who has taken up the pastorate of Nazareth, Fochriw; Calfari, Dowlais; and Ysgwyddwyn, Deri. Mr. Thomas is a native of Treharris and has come to this area from Solva, Pembrokeshire. Mr. Thomas has preached at Nazareth in his student days from Trevecca, Aberystwyth University and Bala and has really come amongst old friends. A hearty welcome was extended to him by Rev. E. Adams Evans, vicar of St Mary's; Rev. Eurof Jones, Carmel Cong. Church; Pastor David Thomas, Gospel Hall; and Mr. T.J. Jones, on behalf of Noddfa Baptist Church. Rev. Glyn Jones, who presided, recommended Mr. Thomas as a fellow student through the whole college course, and spoke highly of his sincerity and goodwill. An address was given by the Rev. Robert Thomas, Resolven, brother of the new minister. Rev. Wm. Thomas responded to the kind welcome, and on behalf of Nazareth, thanked all who wished the cause well. The singing was directed by Mr. W.A. Davies and the organist was Mr. D.J. Davies.

10 April 1943 Carmel Y.P.G. An enjoyable time was spent by the members on Tuesday when Mr. Rhys Bowen, Rhymney, gave an address on "A Busy Fortnight Spent in Italy," being a reminiscence of a tour of that country which he made when a student. Mr. Bowen remarked on the beauty and wonders of Italy, and also, on the peculiarities of the people.

10 April 1943 Welsh Drama The Hall was well filled on Wednesday evening when the Carmel Dramatic Society gave an excellent performance of the Welsh drama, "Cyfrinach y Fasedg Frwyn" (Gwernydd Morgan) in aid of the Red Cross Prisoners of War Fund. Mr. David Lewis was the producer and the Rev. Eurof Jones presided. Members of the cast were Mr. W. Angell Davies, Mrs. Nellie Evans, Rev. Eurof Jones, Miss Megan Jones, Mrs. M.A. Ballard, Master David Alvan Evans, Mr. David Lewis, Mr. Bob Rees, Miss S. Jones.

17 April 1943 Welcome Social A social was held on Tuesday, to welcome the Rev. William Thomas the new minister of Nazareth C.M. Church. After refreshments, a short concert followed when solos, recitations, choruses and a quiz formed the programme. Mr. Thomas responded to the welcome. Miss Sallie Williams (Treorchy) also spoke.

24 April 1943 Last Sunday Palm Sunday was observed by hundreds of inhabitants visiting the old churchyard on the hill, St. Andrew's, Pentwyn.

24 April 1943 Parish Church Lenten services were continued on Thursday at the Parish Church when an address was given by the vicar. The organist was Huw B. Thomas.

24 April 1943 Carmel Chapel The pulpit was occupied on Sunday by the Rev. Wm. Thomas of Nazareth Chapel. The organist was Mr. T. Walters and Mr. M. Shankland was precentor.

1 May 1943 Parish Church A three hours' service was conducted on Good Friday by the Vicar. The services on Sunday were well attended. The celebrant and preacher was the Vicar, and the lessons were read by Mr. W.J. Payne, churchwarden. Master Huw B. Thomas was the organist.

8 May 1943 Nazareth C.M. The pulpit of Nazareth was occupied by Miss Sallie Williams, Treorchy, on Sunday last, who preached powerful sermons. The organist was Mr. D.J. Davies and Mr. W.A. Davies was the precentor.

8 May 1943 Vestry Meeting The annual Easter Vestry meeting of the Parish Church of St. Mary's took place on Wednesday evening, presided over by the Vicar, Rev. E. Adams Evans, B.A., who opened the meeting with prayer. He thanked all who had given him their support since his advent to the parish. Reference was made to some of the faithful members

who had died during the past year - Mr. Burkley Angell, the choirmaster for very many years, and a faithful churchman; Mr. W.D. Davies, a parochial councillor; and a choir-boy, Raymond Catterson. Good wishes were expressed with the boys from the parish serving with H.M. Forces. The churchwarden, Mr. W.J. Payne, said he wished to extend the best wishes of the church people to the Vicar, his wife, and family, and to this their first vestry meeting. He felt sure that the choice had been a good one, and that with the people's co-operation, a happy time was in store. In presenting the accounts, Mr. Payne said that they had met with their liabilities. There was much work to be done to repair the church and tower and the work would have to be carried out immediately. The accounts were adopted and the churchwarden was thanked for his untiring work. The following officers were appointed: People's warden, Mr. W.J. Payne; vicar's warden, Mr. John Owen; [arochial council, Mrs Evans (The Vicarage), Mrs W.J. Payne, Mrs E.J. Lawrence, Mrs. G. Llewellyn, Mrs. T.M. Evans, Miss R. Davies, Messrs. Jack Lawrence, E.I. Griffiths, Edgar Pritchard, T.M. Evans, Arthur Palmer, Tom Jones, W.H. Way, T. Baldwin, Bryn Rees, G. Baldwin; sidesmen, Messrs. David Tyler, D.C. Jones, Gordon Lawrence, W. James, D. Jones, C. Cumpstone, W.H. Vyce, V. Powell, G. Evans, T.E. Davies, B. Edwards; auditor, Miss R. Davies.

29 May 1943 Nazareth Chapel Half-yearly services were held on Sunday when the preacher was the Rev. W. Gray Edwards, Skewen. The singing was conducted by Mr. W.A. Davies, and the organist was Mr. D.J. Davies.

12 June 1943 St. Mary's Church At the Parish Church on Ascension Day, the vicar conducted the services. There was a celebration of Holy Communion in the morning and a children's service was held in the afternoon. On Tuesday there was a meeting of the Mothers' Union, Mrs. Evans presiding.

19 June 1943 Parish Church Services were held on Sunday, when the celebrant and preacher throughout the day was the Vicar. The organist was Mr. W.P. Lawrence.

26 June 1943 Mothers' Union The weekly meeting of the branch was held at the Parish Church on Tuesday when the members were addressed by the Rev. S. Beynon, Deri.

26 June 1943 Bible Society Under the auspices of the British and Foreign Bible Society a meeting was held at Nazareth Chapel on Monday when the Rev. W. Thomas presided. The meeting was opened by the Rev. E. Adams Evans who gave an address on the work of the Society. Mr. D.J. Davies was the organist. The local secretary of the society is Mr. T.J. James, with Coun. S. Lewis as treasurer.

3 July 1943 Carmel Chapel The yearly meetings of the chapel were held on Sunday last when the Rev. A.E. Grant (Rhymney) preached to large congregations. The organist was Mr. T. Walters and the singing was conducted by Mr. Emlyn Evans.

17 July 1943 Confirmation The Lord Bishop of Llandaff held a confirmation at St Peter's, Deri, on Saturday, when about 50 candidates were presented for confirmation by the Vicar and Rev. S. Beynon, curate. Twenty five candidates were from the Fochriw Parish Church.

17 July 1943 Presentation of Books On Sunday evening, Carmel Cong. Chapel presented the children with book tokens, rewards for collecting towards the London Missionary Society. The total of £25 was collected, which is the highest for many years. Many of the children collected more than £1, whilst Masters Irfon and James Davies collected £3, and were presented with special prizes. The presentations were made by Rev. Eurof Jones, who congratulated the children on their good work and thanked all who had assisted and contributed. The collectors were Bertie Cumpstone, D.J. Evans, James Raines, Roy Morse, D. Ballard, Billy Ridley, Matthew Banville, Leonard Evans, Royston Dummett, Raymond Cleaver, Irfon Davies, James Davies, Michael Evans, Margt. Jones, Dora & Enid Cumpstone, Iris Gwynne, Mary Cumpstone, Eileen Millward, Morfydd Thomas, Audrey Dummett, Margt. Davies, Eileen Watkins, Shirley Davies, Doreen Clark, Patricia Brown.

7 August 1943 Full Gospel Hall Special meetings were held at the Gospel Hall during the week, and were largely attended. The preacher was Rev. Harold Miles, London.

28 August 1943 Nazareth C.M. On Sunday the preacher was Mr. Latimer Evans, Dowlais, late of Fochriw. The singing was conducted by Mr. W.A. Davies and the organist was Mr. D.J. Davies.

11 September 1943 Parish Church Services were held on Friday last - the National Day of Prayer. There was a Celebration of Holy Communion in the morning and also an evening service. The Vicar, Rev. E. Adams Evans, officiated.

11 September 1943 Carmel Y.P.S. Carmel Y.P.S. opened its winter session on Monday with an address by Mr. Hopkin Morris of the Welsh section of the B.B.C., Cardiff. There was a good congregation. The chairman was the Rev. Eurof Jones. Votes of thanks were given by the Vicar and Mr. Tom Ballard.

25 September 1943 Harvest Services Harvest festival services were held at St. David's Church, Pantywaun, on Sunday and Monday. The church had been decorated with fruit, flowers and vegetables. The preacher on Sunday was the Rev. S.J. Beynon, Deri, and on Monday, the Rev. D.R. Jones, Dowlais. The lesson was read by Mr. John Palmer. The Vicar was also present. The organist was Mr. A.E. Kings and the singing was conducted by Mr. W.H. Williams.

2 October 1943 Harvest Services Harvest festival services were held at the Parish Church on Sunday and Monday. The church had been decorated with flowers, fruit and vegetables, which were sent afterwards to the Merthyr General Hospital. The celebrant and preacher on Sunday morning was the Vicar; Sunday afternoon, Corpl. J. Brown; evensong, Rev. E. Emanuel, Vicar of Bedlinog. Lessons were read by Mr. John Palmer and Mr. Huw B. Thomas, and the organist was Mr. W.P. Lawrence. On Monday, the preacher was the Rector of Mamhilad, the Rev. R.E. Seaton. The Vicar and the Rev. S.J. Beynon also took part. The organist was Mr. Huw B. Thomas.

9 October 1943 Nazareth C.M. Chapel The annual meetings were held on Sunday, when the Rev. J.F. Smith, Merthyr, officiated. The singing was conducted by Mr. W.A. Davies with Mr. D.J. Davies at the organ.

16 October 1943 Carmel Harvest Harvest festival services were held at Carmel Cong. Church on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

30 October 1943 Nazareth Chapel An interesting time was spent at Nazareth C.M. Chapel on Tuesday, when Mr. Mervyn Fry of Dowlais gave a gramophone recital of sacred music and an address. The Rev. Wm. Thomas presided. A vote of thanks was moved by Mr. W.P. Lawrence and seconded by Rev. Eurof Jones.

20 November 1943 Parish Church The services on Sunday were conducted by the Vicar, Rev. E. Adams Evans. In the evening, the Vicar, on behalf of himself and the church people, congratulated Captain T.J. Catterson, M.B.E., who was present with his wife, on the great honour that had been recently conferred upon him at Buckingham Palace by the King in presenting him with the M.B.E. for bravery at sea. The lessons were read by Churchwarden W.J. Payne. Mr. W.P. Lawrence was the organist.

27 November 1943 Gospel Hall Special services were held over the weekend. Addresses were given by Mr. & Mrs. Davies, missionaries from Japan. Mr. D. Saunders was the organist.

4 December 1943 Nazareth Lecture A lecture was given on Tuesday at the Nazareth Church by Mr. Mervyn Fry, Dowlais. Rev. W. Thomas presided.

18 December 1943 Carmel The annual services of Carmel Church were held on Sunday, when the Rev. Gwyn Lewis, Pontypridd, preached to large congregations. The organist was Mr. Tom Walters, A.L.C.M., and the precentor was Mr. E. Evans.

25 December 1943 Noddfa Festival A rehearsal for the Christmas Day singing festival took place at Noddfa Chapel on Sunday, under the conductorship of Mr. D.J. Thomas, with Mr. D.J. Davies, A.L.C.M., as organist.

1 January 1944 Singing Festival The united singing festival of Noddfa and Nazareth Chapels was held at Noddfa on Christmas Day. The conductor was Mr. D.J. Thomas. The choir responded well and fine singing was heard. Mr. D.J. Davies was the organist. Miss Edna E. Jones presided at the morning service, the Rev. Wm. Thomas in the afternoon and Mr. T.J. Jones at the evening service.

1 January 1944 Parish Church A midnight service was held on Christmas Eve and was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. E. Adams Evans, B.A., with Mr. Wyndham Lawrence, Mus. Bac., as organist. On Christmas morning, the celebrant and preacher was the Vicar. Members of the Services attended the service, the Vicar extending a warm welcome to officers and men. The

lessons were read by the churchwarden, Mr. W.J. Payne, and Mr. W. Lawrence was the organist.

1 January 1944 Carmel Chapel The Xmas Gymanfa Ganu was held at Carmel on Christmas Day and the singing was again of a high standard. The conductor for this occasion was Mr. Edward Lumley of Merthyr and the organist was Mr. T. Walters, A.L.C.M. The morning session was presided over by Nurse B. Davies, and the following children took part: Doreen Clark, Morfydd Thomas, Roy Morse, Michael Evans, James Davies and John Raines. The afternoon session was presided over by Mr. David Lewis, and the Rev. Eurof Jones presided at the evening service. The conductor for the rehearsals was Mr. Emlyn Evans.

8 January 1944 Penybank Mission Church A New Year's tea was held on Saturday, when a large number of Sunday school children and adults were entertained. The following were at the tables: Mesdames C.G. Hann, G. Gillard, J. Prowse, T.E. Davies, Knowles (Exeter), Brand, and Garrett (Deri). Mr. & Mrs. Harris (Deri) entertained the children with music and songs. Pastor W. Griffiths and Mr. J. Williams, Bedlinog, were also present.

15 January 1944 Carmel Nativity Play A Nativity play was performed by scholars of Carmel Sunday School on Sunday evening. The performance reached a very high standard. The following were the characters in the play: Violet Abbey, Margaret Davies (Guest-street), Amy M. Thomas, Mary Raines, Roy Morse, Billy Ridley, Billy Thomas, Leonard Evans, James Davies, John Raines, Howard Morgan, Sylvia Evans, Morfydd Thomas, Margaret Davies (Dynevor-street), Pat Brown. Suitable carols were sung by the choir. Mr. T. Walters was the accompanist. The lighting effects were in charge of Messrs. D. Jenkins and R. Rees. The Rev. Eurof Jones introduced the service and also presided.

22 January 1944 Nativity Play The part of "Virgin Mary" in the manger scene was played by Miss Doreen Clark, whose name was omitted in last week's report of the Carmel Nativity play. The part was excellently portrayed.

29 January 1944 Cymanfa Ganu A united singing festival was held at Noddfa Chapel on Sunday. This festival, held on Christmas Day, is the united effort of Nazareth C.M. Chapel and Noddfa Baptist Chapel, and the repetition was a grand success. The gymanfa ganu is a special feature of the village and has been held by the two churches for an unbroken period of over 30 years. This year again, the conductor was a member of Noddfa who brought the singing to a very high standard. He is Mr. D. J. Thomas who has conducted the festival before. The presidents for the services were: Miss Edna Jones, morning; Mr. Trevor Lawrence, afternoon; Miss A. Jones, evening. Items were given by Misses Pat Sullivan, Millie Williams, Shirley Whithard and Master Hugh Jones. The organist was Mr. D.J. Davies. It is intended to hold a united children's festival by these two churches in the near future.

5 February 1944 Carmel Chapel A monthly children's service was held at Carmel on Sunday. The chairman was Margaret Davies. Scripture was read by Morfydd Davies and prayers led by Doreen Clarke. Hymns were read by Ray Morse, James Davies and Mary Raines. A song was given by the Girls' Party. The collectors were Billy Ridley and Michael Evans. An address was given by the Rev. Eurof Jones. Mr. T. Walters was the organist.

19 February 1944 Carmel Chapel On Sunday evening, Carmel Congregational Chapel was presented with a hymn-book for the use of the pulpit. The gift was made by Mr & Mrs. John Elias Davies, Port Talbot, late of Fochriw, in memory of their family who were members of the Chapel. Rev. Eurof Jones, minister of the Chapel, accepted the gift and thanked the donors for their kindness. Thanks were also expressed by Mr. Daniel Davies and Coun. S. Lewis, J.P.

4 March 1944 Carmel Y.P.S. The Guild held a "Noson Lawen" on Monday to celebrate St. David's Day. The programme was varied, including recitations, solos, duets, penillion singing, a party singing Welsh airs, and instrumental solos. An enjoyable time was spent.

4 March 1944 Carmel On Sunday, Carmel held its monthly children's service. The chairman was D.A. Evans; reading of the Scriptures, John Evans; prayer, Desmond Kelly. Hymns were given by D.A. Evans, W. Abbey, Doreen Clark & Violet Abbey. The collectors were Margt. Davies and Morfudd Thomas. The girls' party gave a song. An address was given by Rev. E. Jones.

11 March 1944 Siloah Campaign At Siloh, Penybank, a twelve days' evangelistic campaign is now in progress. The campaigner is Mr. David B. Owen, the youthful preacher.

11 March 1944 Church Parade Members of the Forces attended service at the Parish Church on Sunday morning. The service was conducted by the Rev. E. Adams Evans, vicar and chaplain. The lessons were read by two of the officers. The organist was Mr. W.P. Lawrence, Mus. Bac.

18 March 1944 Parish Church The Lenten preacher on Sunday was the Rev. S.J. Beynon, B.A. The lessons were read by the churchwarden. Mr. J. Palmer took part in the service and the organist was Mr. Octavius Richards, Pengam.

1 April 1944 Nazareth On Monday, a special sermon was preached by the Rev. Alun Davies, Aberdare, in connection with the British and Foreign Bible Society. The Rev. Eurof Jones introduced Mr. Davies and Mr. T.J. Jones read a portion of Scriptures and led in prayer. The organist was Mr. Willie A. Davies.

1 April 1944 Competitive Concert A competitive concert was held on Friday by Carmel Band of Hope to end the session. The winners were: solos, Kitty Hughes, Michael Evans, James Davies, Eleanor Davies, Lorna Rees, Morfydd Thomas; recitations, Eleanor Davies, Doreen Clarke, Morfydd Thomas, Kitty Hughes, Michael Evans; proverbs, Morfudd Owen, Shirley Lawrence, Morfydd Thomas; parties, divided between parties conducted by Doreen Clarke and Morfudd Evans; best story, Doreen Clarke, Margt. Davies, Morfudd Thomas; general knowledge, Doreen Clarke, Lorna Rees; consolation prizes were given to Billy Rees, Ldana Marshalsea, Pat Brown, Phyllis Hughes, Shirley Wittard. The adjudicators were Mr. Walters and Mr. D. James. The chairman was the Rev. E. Jones, and the accompanist, Mrs. E. Rees. Mrs. S. Lewis and Misses M. & C. Jones assisted.

1 April 1944 Children's Service On Sunday morning, the monthly children's service was held. The chairman was Eleanor Davies; Scripture reading, Nan Jones; prayer, Thelma Way; hymns were read by Eleanor Davies, Gwen Williams, Carwyn Evans, D.J. Evans. The collectors were Margaret Davies and Sylvia Evans. The address was given by Rev. Eurof Jones.

8 April 1944 An Old Custom Palm Sunday was observed at the old churchyard of Pentwyn where hundreds made their way to lay flowers on the graves. Daily services are taking place at the Parish Church during Holy Week conducted by the Vicar.

15 April 1944 Parish Church On Good Friday, the three hours' service was taken by the Vicar who also took the service on Easter Day. The lessons were read by Mr. W.J. Payne, and the organist was Mr. Wyndham Lawrence.

15 April 1944 United Services United services were held on Good Friday at Nazareth C.M. Church where members of the following churches joined in and united service: Carmel, Noddfa, Nazareth and Gospel Hall. The services were well attended. The following took part: Revs. Eurof Jones, W. Thomas, T.J. Jones and D. Thomas. The organists were Mrs. Kate Walters and Mr. W.A. Davies.

15 April 1944 Cymanfa Ganu The first united children's singing festival of Noddfa Baptist and Nazareth C.M. Churches was held at Noddfa on Easter Day. For over 25 years, these two churches have held an united cymanfa ganu for adults at Christmas time. This Easter, the first venture was made with the children's cymanfa ganu, and it is intended to make this an annual event. It was highly successful and surpassed the hopes of the cymanfa committee. The conductor was Mr. Trevor Lawrence supported by Mr. Joshua Thomas and Mr. W. Davies at the organ. The presidents were Mr. Richard Jones (afternoon) and Mrs. K. Walters (evening). The singing of the choir was supplemented by the following items: solo, Mrs. Mattie Lewis; recitation, Shirley Whittard; choruses, Nazareth Sunday School children; duet, Mrs. E. Lawrence and Mrs. E. Lewis. The service was opened by Hugh Jones in the afternoon and Cynthia Jones in the evening.

22 April 1944 Easter Vestry The annual Vestry meeting was held at the Parish Church on Tuesday. The Vicar, Rev. E. Adams Evans presided, supported by Rev. S.J. Beynon, B.A., and Coun. W.J. Payne, churchwarden. The vicar thanked the people for their loyalty, paying tribute to the churchwarden and his colleagues for their support and help in the parish. They remembered those who had left to join the Forces, wishing them a safe return to their home and church, and those who had died during the past year. They also thought of those in hospital. Mr. Payne presented the accounts. They had met their liabilities, and each account showed a credit balance. The accounts were accepted. Coun. Payne was re-elected people's warden, a position

he has held since the parish was formed. The vicar re-elected Mr. John Owen, Deri, as vicar's warden. Other officers were: auditor, Miss R. Davies; parochial council, Mrs. E.A. Evans (The Vicarage), Mrs. W.J. Payne, Mrs. E.J. Lawrence, Mrs. G. Llewellyn (The Farm), Mrs. T.M. Evans, Miss Rosie Davies, Messrs. Jack Lawrence, A. Palmer, T. Baldwin, T.M. Evans, E.T. Pritchard, Bryn Rees, T. Jones, W. Way, E.I. Griffiths, G. Baldwin; sidesmen, Messrs. D. Tyler, D.G. Jones, G. Lawrence, G. Evans, W. James, D. Jones, T. Evans, C. Cumpstone, T.E. Davies, Vyce, V. Powell and B. Edwards; parochial secretary, Mr. John Palmer, Appointments were made to the Rural Decanal Conference, Patronage Board, and Diocesan Conference. A welcome was extended to Rev. S.J. Beynon, B.A.

29 April 1944 Parish Church A National Day of Prayer was observed at the Parish Church on Sunday conducted by the Vicar. In the morning, members of H.M. Forces attended, the lessons being read by one of the officers. Mr. W.P. Lawrence was the organist.

29 April 1944 Easter Vestry The annual Easter Vestry in connection with St. David's Church, Pantywaun, took place on Thursday evening last. The Vicar, Rev. E. Adams Evans, presided, supported by Coun. W.J. Payne and Mr. Arthur Davies (churchwardens), and Mr. A.E. Kings (secretary). The Vicar thanked the people of Pantywaun for their loyalty to the work of the church, and all who had helped to carry on the services. Churchwarden Payne reviewed the work of the church over many years at Pantywaun. The statement of accounts was presented by Mr. A.E. Kings, and was considered very satisfactory. The election of officers was as follows: Mr. Arthur Davies, churchwarden; Mr. A.E. Kings, secretary; Mr. W.H. Williams, treasurer; Messrs. A. Davies, D.J. Davies, A.E. Kings, W.H. Williams, Misses A. Davies, W. Ralph, D.J. Davies and C. Thomas, parochial church councillors.

29 April 1944 Carmel Chapel A children's service was held at Carmel on Sunday, Miss Margaret Davies presiding.

27 May 1944 Children's Service On Sunday at Carmel the monthly children's service was held. Scripture was read by Gwen Williams; prayer by Doreen Clarke. Hymns were read by Enid Cumpstone, Margt. Davies, Sylvia Evans and Ray Morse. The address was given by Rev. Eurof Jones. The collectors were Billy Thomas and John Brockell. The chair was taken by Enid Cumpstone.

3 June 1944 Nazareth C.M. Chapel The half-yearly meeting was held on Sunday last, when the Rev. Robert Thomas, Resolven, preached. Mr. W. A. Davies conducted, and Mr. John Davies was the organist.

3 June 1944 Wedding Presentation To mark the recent marriage of the Rev. Eurof Jones, a presentation was made by members at a tea and presentation meeting at Carmel on Tuesday. The chairman was Nurse Ballard-Davies who extended a welcome to Mrs. Jones to the Chapel. The presentation was made by Mrs. S. A. Cole, one of the oldest members. Speeches were made by Coun. S. Lewis, J.P., and Mr. Dan James. Rev. Jones thanked all for providing such a successful evening. The arrangements were carried out by Mrs. A. Davies. The secretary was Mr. Bob Rees.

17 June 1944 Mothers' Union The Fochriw Branch, with the enrolling member, Mrs. Evans, The Vicarage, attended the deanery meeting at Llanbradach on Tuesday. An address was given by the Bishop of Llandaff.

17 June 1944 Carmel The yearly services were held on Sunday, when the Rev. Isaac Thomas, Treorchy, preached. The singing was conducted by Mr. Emlyn Evans with Mr. Thomas Walter at the organ.

17 June 1944 Children's Service A children's service was held on Sunday at Noddfa Baptist Chapel. A portion of Scripture was read by Pat Sullivan and a prayer was said by Hugh Jones. Recitations were given by Leonard Burrows, Pat Sullivan, Hugh Jones and Shirley Jones. Solos were given by Jessie Ann Davies, Ann Burrows, Pat Sullivan and Phyllis Ballard. The hymns were read by P. Ballard, L. Burrows, H. Jones and P. Sullivan. An address was given by Miss A. Jones. Miss E. Evans presided. A collection was taken by John Morgan and Donald Jones. Mr. D.J. Thomas was the organist.

24 June 1944 Carmel The monthly children's service was held on Sunday. The chairman was Mary Rains. A portion of Scripture was read by Eleanor Davies and the prayer was offered by Violet Abbey. Hymns were read by Mary Rains, Nan James, Margaret Davies and Doreen

Clark. A recitation was given by Pat Brown and the girls' party rendered a chorus. The collectors were Billy Rees and Lawrence Walker. The Rev. Eurof Jones gave an address.

8 July 1944 United Service Members of the Free Church Council met at Carmel Chapel for an united service on Monday evening when the Rev. Wm. Thomas presided. The following took part in a very impressive service: Rev. Eurof Jones, Mr. T. Ballard, Mr. T.J. Jones and Mr. Trevor Lawrence. The organist was Mr. M. Shankland.

22 July 1944 Children's Service The monthly service was held at Carmel on Sunday. Gwen Williams presided. Prayer was offered by Margaret Davies, and the hymns were announced by Gwynne and Sybil Evans. The collectors were Billy Rees and John Raines. The Rev. Eurof Jones gave an address. The girls' party also sang.

5 August 1944 Church Parade On Sunday at the Parish Church, members of the Forces attended Divine Service. The Vicar was the preacher. The lessons were read by Lieut. Morton, and the organist was Mr. Hugh B. Thomas. At the evening service, the preacher was Coun. W.J. Payne. The lessons were read by Mr. John Palmer, with Mr. H.B. Thomas again at the organ.

5 August 1944 Parade and Tea Headed by the Fochriw Silver Band, Mr. A. Mantle conductor, the Sunday School scholars of Noddfa, Gospel Hall, Carmel and Nazareth, with their respective ministers, paraded the streets of the village. Before the parade, the children were entertained to tea at their respective chapels. Later, the band provided music on the mountain, where games and sports took place.

12 August 1944 St. Mary's Mothers' Union The members, with their enrolling member, Mrs. Evans (The Vicarage), held their annual outing to Cardiff on Saturday.

12 August 1944 Gospel Hall The 13th annual convention was held at the Gospel Hall during the weekend, Monday and Tuesday. The special preacher was Mr. John Carter of Luton.

12 August 1944 Parish Church On Sunday morning, members of the Girls' Training Corps, stationed at Cwmbargoed, attended service at the Parish Church. An address was given by Mr. John Brown. The organist was Mr. W.P. Lawrence.

19 August 1944 Carmel The monthly children's service was held last Sunday, when Enid Cumpstone presided. The lesson was read by John Evans, and the prayer was offered by C. Evans. Hymns were sung by E. Cumpstone, A. Dummett and Margaret Davies. The girls' party also sang. Rev. E. Jones, pastor, gave an address and the collection was taken by Leonard Evans and Jas. Davies.

26 August 1944 Carmel Chapel A children's service was held in the morning when Miss Margaret Davies presided. Miss Sylvia Evans read a chapter and Margaret Jones offered prayer. The address was given by Mr. W.A. Davies. Others taking part were

23 September 1944 Harvest Services Services were held at St. David's, Pantywaun, on Sunday and Monday. The services were conducted by the Rev. E. Adams Evans. The preacher on Sunday was the Rev. S.J. Beynon, and on Monday, the Rev. D. Walter, Pontlottyn.

7 October 1944 Noddfa The annual meetings were held on Sunday last when Rev. J.J. Lewis, Hebron, Dowlais, preached to large congregations. The singing was conducted by Mr. Thomas Evans, with Mr. David J. Thomas at the organ.

7 October 1944 United Service A well attended united service was held at Noddfa Chapel on Tuesday, presided over by Rev. W. Thomas. The service was opened by Rev. Eurof Jones and Mr. Thomas J. Jones preached the sermon. Mr. David J. Thomas was the organist.

28 October 1944 Carmel Y.P.S. The season was opened with a lecture by the poet-preacher and Archdruid of Wales, Crwys, on "An Autobiography of a Poet." Appreciative remarks were made by the Rev. Griffith Jones, Bargoed, Mr. H. Evans and Miss Kathleen Williams. Rev. Eurof Jones was the chairman.

11 November 1944 Remembrance Service A service was held at the Parish Church on Sunday, conducted by the Vicar, Rev. E. Adams Evans. Mr. W. Lawrence was the organist. Members of the Forces with their officers were present, as were the Men's and Women's Sections of the British Legion. Wreaths were laid at the memorial window by officers, N.C.Os. and men of the R.A.S.C. and the Pioneer Corps, and the Men's and Women's Sections of the British Legion, Fochriw Branch. "Last Post" was sounded by Bugler Glyn Burrows.

18 November 1944 Children's Service On Sunday morning, Carmel Chapel held its monthly children's service. Doreen Clarke was in charge. Prayer was offered by Violet Abbey and hymns were read by Doreen Clarke, Margaret Jones, Sylvia Evans and Morfydd Thomas. Ian Oliver sang and John H. Davies recited. The Rev. Eurof Jones gave an address.

18 November 1944 Parish Church On Sunday evening, the preacher was Canon Lawrence Thomas, M.A., of Bargoed. The Vicar conducted the service, with Mr. W. Lawrence at the organ. The lessons were read by Coun. W.J. Payne. During the service, Canon Thomas officiated at the christening of the infant son of Sergt. Denis Rouse (R.A.F.) and Mrs. Rouse, who is the daughter of the Vicar and Mrs. Evans, The Vicarage, Fochriw.

9 December 1944 Carmel Chapel The half-yearly meetings were held on Sunday last, when Rev. Godfrey Davies, Trelech, preached. Mr. Thomas Walters was the organist and the singing was conducted by Mr. Meirion Shankland.

16 December 1944 Children's Service The monthly children's service was held on Sunday. Mr. D.J. Evans was the chairman. Scripture was read by Sylvia Evans and Gwen Williams offered prayer. Hymns were given out by D.J. Evans, Margaret Davies, Iris Gwynne and Doreen Clarke. Ian Oliver also sang. The offerings were taken by Gerald Gwynne and George Perrin. The Rev. Eurof Jones gave an address.

30 December 1944 Full Gospel Hall Special services were held on Sunday and Christmas Day, when the Rev. A. Shave, Chesterfield, preached to large congregations. The organist was Mr. D. Saunders.

30 December 1944 Parish Church Services were held on Christmas Day. The celebrant and preacher was the Vicar. Mr. W.P. Lawrence was the organist.

30 December 1944 Children Entertained At Nazareth C.M. Sunday School on Friday all the scholars were entertained to a social. Later in the evening, they were presented with gifts from the Xmas tree. Musical items were given by the scholars.

30 December 1944 Carmel Chapel The annual gymanfa ganu was held on Christmas Day and was largely attended. The morning session was for children, who read portions of Scripture and prayed and sang hymns. The president was Mr. W.A. Davies. In the afternoon, Nurse Ballard Davies presided, and in the evening, the chairman was the Rev. Eurof Jones. Hymns and anthems were sung by the choir under the conductorship of Rev. Ioan Jenkins, Maesycwmmmer. The organist was Mr. T. Walters, A.L.C.M.

30 December 1944 Christmas Day: United Festival On Christmas Day, the annual singing festival of Nazareth C.M. and Noddfa Baptist Chapels was held at Noddfa. The conductor was Mr. D.J. Davies organist of Nazareth. The singing was of a high standard. The morning service was presided over by Miss Edna Jones, Noddfa, and a feature of the service was a nativity play given by scholars of both the churches, produced by Miss E. Jones. Solos and recitations were also given. The afternoon service was presided over by Mr. Richard Jones, and Mr. T.J. Jones presided in the evening. The organists were Messrs. D.J. Thomas, Noddfa, and Mr. W.A. Davies, Nazareth.

20 January 1945 Penybank Tea The second annual New Year Tea was held at Penybank Mission Church on Saturday last, when a number of Sunday School children and adults were catered for by Mesdames F.E. Davies, Gillard, C.G. Hann, J.W. Prowse, C. Coggan, Lewis (Pentwyn), Lyons and T. Morgan. Mr. & Mrs. Harris, Deri, provided music and song and Mrs. Lyons recited.

20 January 1945 Plays at Carmel Two Nativity plays were performed on Sunday by children of Carmel Sunday School and Band of Hope. Chief parts were played by Doreen Clarke, Sylvia Evans, Pat Brown, Margaret Jones, Pat Sullivan, Iris Gwynne, Morfydd Owen, Audrey Dummett, Margaret Davies, Bertie Cumpstone, George Perrin, Leonard & Michael Evans, Betty Thomas, Billy Rees, Glanville Jones; also Shirley Lawrence, Ray Hurley, Shirley Davies, Jean Price, Lorna Rees, James Davies, Eileen Watkins & D.J. Evans. The Rev. Eurof Jones introduced the service and also presided. Mr. Emlyn Evans conducted the choir and Mr. Thomas Walters was the organist. Messrs. D. Jenkins and B. Rees were in charge of lighting effects.

27 January 1945 Bible Society At a meeting of the local Auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Society at Nazareth Chapel on Tuesday, Rev. W. Thomas presiding, an address

on the work of the Society was given by the Rev. P. Thomas, Aberdare. Others who took part were the Rev. Eurof Jones and Mr. T.J. James. Coun. Sam Lewis, J.P., the treasurer, gave the financial report. Miss A. Jones was organist and Mr. T.J. James secretary.

17 February 1945 Pancake Tea On Tuesday at the Church Hall, the children of the Sunday School were given a pancake tea. After tea, games were played. Attending at the tables were Mrs. Rouse, Miss Olive Payne, Miss Higgs, L. Mantle, N. Palmer, V. Pegg, Betty Fox, Jean Slimmon, Connie Wood and L. Dummett.

10 March 1945 Holy Communion At the Parish Church on St. David's Day, Holy Communion was celebrated, the service being entirely in Welsh. The Vicar officiated.

17 March 1945 Parish Church On Sunday morning, the preacher was the Vicar. In the evening, the service was taken by Coun. W.J. Payne. A play, "Mothering Sunday," was given by members of the Guild under the direction of Mrs. Rouse. Those who took part were Misses L. Mantle, Connie Wood, Betty Fox, Lorna Rees, John Palmer and Jim Catterson. The organist was Mr. W.P. Lawrence. The lessons were read by Mr. J. Palmer and Mr. Huw B. Thomas.

31 March 1945 Palm Sunday On Sunday last, the old churchyard on the hill, Pentwyn, was visited by hundreds of people, who laid flowers on the graves. At the Parish Church, services were conducted by the Vicar.

31 March 1945 Carmel Chapel On Sunday last, a repetition of the Christmas Gymanfa Ganu was held at Carmel Chapel. The singing was under the conductorship of Mr. Meirion Shankland with Mr. T. Walters at the organ. The morning session was presided over by Mr. W.A. Davies, the afternoon by Nurse Ballard-Davies, and the evening by Rev. Eurof Jones.

26 May 1945 Nazareth Chapel The half-yearly meetings were held on Sunday. The preacher was the Rev. D. Davies, Pentre. Mr. Davies conducted the singing, and the organist was Mr. W. A. Davies.

16 June 1945 Bishop's Visit A number of candidates from the Parish Church were confirmed at St. Tyfaelog Church, Pontllynn, on Sunday last by the Bishop of Llandaff, Dr. John Morgan.

7 July 1945 Prayer Meetings At Carmel Chapel on Monday, the united churches of Carmel, Noddfa and Nazareth, joined in prayer meetings. Those taking part were Mrs. S. Lewis, Mr. T.J. Jones and Mr. T. Lawrence. The organist and precentor was Mr. Meirion Shankland.

4 August 1945 Mothers' Union On Thursday, the members of the St. Mary's branch attended the Deanery Festival at Caerphilly.

4 August 1945 Community Singing At Noddfa Chapel on Sunday evening community singing was held. Mr. D.J. Davies was the conductor, with Mr. T. Walters at the organ. Rev. Eurof Jones was the chairman.

11 August 1945 S.S. Demonstrations On Wednesday, the Sunday Schools of Carmel, Nazaret and Noddfa paraded the streets, headed by their ministers, teachers and officials, and the Fochriw Silver Band. They sang appropriate hymns.

15 September 1945 Missionary Meeting Meetings in connection with the London Missionary Society were held at Carmel on Wednesday, when the Rev. A. Jones, Brecon, was the speaker. Others who took part were Revs. Latimer Williams, Deri, and Eurof Jones, Fochriw. Mr. M. Shankland was the organist and choirmaster.

22 September 1945 Thanksgiving Services On Monday and Tuesday, special thanksgiving services were held at Nazareth C.M. Chapel. The special preacher was Rev. E. Ebenezer, Dowlais, and the organist and conductor was Mr. W.A. Davies.

22 September 1945 Gymanfa Ganu On Thursday, a united gymanfa ganu was held at Noddfa Chapel by members of Noddfa, Carmel and Nazareth chapels. The conductor was Mr. David J. Thomas, and Miss Aranwy Jones was the organist. Mr. Trevor Lawrence presided, and Mr. Burkley Davies and Rev. Eurof Jones also took part in the service.

29 September 1945 Harvest Festival Services were held at St. David's Pantywaun on Sunday and Monday, when the preachers were Revs. E. Adams Evans, B.A., and S.J. Beynon, B.A., T. Carr, Pontllynn. Lessons were read by Coun. W.J. Payne and Mr. A.E. Kings. Rev. T. Carr was the organist and the singing was conducted by Mr. Williams.

6 October 1945 Noddfa Chapel A united service of the members of Noddfa, Carmel and Nazareth Chapels was held at Noddfa on Monday. The service was opened by Mr. Thomas J.

Jones and the Rev. Eurof Jones. Mr. David John Thomas was the organist, and the conductor was Mr. Thomas Evans.

6 October 1945 Harvest Festival Services were held at the Parish Church on Sunday and Monday. The church had been decorated with fruit and flowers which were later taken to Merthyr General Hospital. The preacher on Sunday was the Vicar of Bedlinog, and on Monday, the Vicar of New Tredegar. The Vicar, Rev. E. Adams Evans, and Rev. S.J. Beynon, Deri, also took part. Mr. W. Lawrence, Mus. Bac. was the organist.

27 October 1945 Noddfa Chapel A children's service was held at Noddfa on Sunday evening. A portion of Scripture was read by Pat Sullivan, and Brain Pearce recited a prayer. Solos were sung by Howard Pearce, Kieth Walters, Windsor Ballard, Brian Pearce, Mary Cumpstone and Norma Williams; recitations by Glyn Burrows, Gilmour Fox, Hugh Jones, Brian Pearce and Shirley Jones. Mr. Richard Jones presided, and Miss Edna E. Jones gave an address. Collections were taken by John Morgan and Donald Jones. Miss Aranwy Jones was the organist. The service closed with a prayer from Hugh Jones.

1 December 1945 Gymanfa Rehearsal On Sunday, a rehearsal was held at Carmel Chapel in preparation for the annual Christmas Gymanfa Ganu, under the conductorship of Mr. G.O. Williams, Cefn Coed, who will conduct at Christmas. The singing reached a high standard. Mr. T. Walters was the organist.

29 December 1945 Parish Church Services were conducted on Christmas Day by the Vicar, Rev. E. Adams Evans, with Mr. W.P. Lawrence at the organ.

29 December 1945 Special Services Half-yearly meetings were held at Carmel Cong. Chapel on Sunday, when the Rev. L.J. Hughes of Wrexham, preached to large congregations. Mr. T. Walters was the organist, and Mr. Meirion Shankland conducted the singing.

29 December 1945 Gymanfa Ganu The annual gymanfa ganu was held at Carmel on Christmas Day, and was well attended. The singing was of a high standard under the conductorship of Mr. J. Williams of Cefn Coed. Mr. Tom Walters was the organist. The morning session was presided over by Mrs. M.A. Ballard, and the following took part: Janet Davies, Islwyn Shankland, Bertie Cumpstone. Mr. Willie A. Davies presided in the afternoon, and Miss Marie Davies rendered a solo. Rev. Eurof Jones presided in the evening.

29 December 1945 Joint Festival A singing festival was held at Noddfa on Christmas Day by the joint churches of Noddfa and Nazareth. The singing reached a high standard under the conductorship of Mr. D.J. Thomas with Mr. D.J. Davies as organist. A Nativity play had been taught by the Misses Edna and Aranwy Jones and was well produced. Miss Edna Jones presided at the morning service. Reading and prayer were by Misses Pat Sullivan and Katie Hughes. Mr. T.J. Jones presided in the afternoon and Mrs. Mattie Lewis in the evening. Mrs. Edith Lewis read a portion of Scripture. A solo was given by Miss Millie Williams with the Nativity play.

16 February 1946 Nazareth C.M. Chapel The annual meeting of the British and Foreign Bible Society was held at Nazareth on Thursday, when Mr. B. Davers presided. A portion of Scripture was read, and prayers taken by Rev. E. Jones. Rev. D.R. Thomas, M.A., Merthyr Tydfil, gave an address. Coun. S. Lewis, J.P., gave the financial report for the Fochriw Auxiliary. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Lewis and seconded by Mr. T.J. James.

6 April 1946 St. Mary's On Wednesday, the Lenten services were conducted by the Vicar.

20 April 1946 Palm Sunday Large crowds visited the old churchyard at Pentwyn, to lay flowers on the graves of relatives and friends. At the Parish Church the services were conducted by the Vicar.

4 May 1946 United Services The Free Church Council held united services at Nazareth Chapel on Good Friday, when the ministers taking part were the Revs. E. Jones, T.J. Jones, and E. Ebenezer, Dowlais.

4 May 1946 Parish Church On Good Friday, a three-hour service was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. E. Adams Evans. On Easter Day, the services were well attended, and the celebrant and preacher was the Vicar. The lessons were read by Mr. W.J. Payne and the organist was Mr. W.P. Lawrence.

4 May 1946 Easter Vestry The annual Easter Vestry meeting of the parish of Fochriw and Deri was held at the church vestry on Thursday. The vicar presided, supported by the

churchwardens and parochial secretary. The Vicar reviewed the work of the last year, and paid tribute to churchwardens, parochial councillors, auditors, sidesmen, organist, readers and sexton, and all who had helped in any way to further the work of the church. The audited statement of accounts was given by Mr. W.J. Payne. He said it was his 30th year in office, he being the first churchwarden of the parish. He also said that there was need for some repair in the church in the coming year. The auditor was Miss R. Davies. The members stood in silence in memory of the church people who had died in the past year. Officers appointed were: churchwardens, Mr. W.J. Payne and Mr. John Owen (Deri); auditor, Miss R. Davies; parochial secretary, Mr. A. Palmer; parochial council, Mesdames E.A. Evans, W.J. Payne, R. Davies, E.J. Lawrence, G. Llewellyn, T. Evans, Messrs. J. Lawrence, A. Palmer, T.M. Evans, E.T. Pritchard, T. Baldwin, T. Jones, Bryn Rees, W.H. Way, G. Baldwin; sidesmen, Messrs. A. Palmer, G. Lawrence, Windsor Rees, Bert Edwards, G. Tyler, D.C. Jones, T.E. Davies, D.R. Tyler, W. James, D. Jones, V. Powell, G. Evans, W. Wyce.

18 May 1946 Special Services Half yearly meetings were held at Nazareth on Sunday. Rev. W. Lloyd Jones, Skewen, was the preacher. The singing was conducted by Mr. W.A. Davies, with Mr. D.J. Davies at the organ.

8 June 1946 Nazareth The united service of the different churches was held at Nazareth on Monday evening and was well attended. Mr. Trevor Lawrence presided, and the following took part: Rev. Eurof Jones, Miss Edna Jones, Messrs. Thomas Walters and Burkley Davies. The singing was conducted by Mr. B. Davies and Mr. David J. Davies was the organist.

15 June 1946 United Services The name of Mr. Thomas Ballard was omitted from the names of those taking part in the services at Nazareth last week.

15 June 1946 Parish Church On Whit Sunday the services were conducted by the Vicar. The lessons were read by Mr. W.J. Payne and the organist was Mr. W.P. Lawrence.

22 June 1946 New Deacons At Nazareth C.M. Chapel on Sunday, two new deacons were elected. They were Mr. W.A. Davies and Mr. Trevor Lawrence. The Rev. E. Ebenezer of Hermon and Libanus, Dowlais, officiated, and Mr. T. Roderick, Dowlais, was also present.

29 June 1946 Nazareth The preacher on Sunday was Mr. George Sibley and the organist was Mr. D.J. Davies. The singing was conducted by Mr. W.A. Davies.

29 June 1946 Guild Outing On Saturday, the members of Carmel Sewing Guild held their outing, travelling to Worcester. The secretary is Mrs. M.A. Ballard, and the treasurer Mrs. M. Jenkins.

6 July 1946 Pulpit The annual meetings of Carmel Cong. Chapel were held on Sunday, when Mr. J.J. James, B.A., Gorseinon, was the preacher. Mr. T. Walters was the organist.

6 July 1946 District Convention The third annual district convention was held at the Fochriw Mission Hall on Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, when the speakers were Mr. M.J. Sherman, Brentwood, and Mr. J. Evans, Treorky.

10 August 1946 Hospital Service Several members of Carmel Cong. Chapel journeyed to Gellygaer Isolation Hospital on Tuesday evening with Rev. Eurof Jones, and conducted a service that was greatly appreciated by the patients and staff.

31 August 1946 Nazareth News On Sunday, the preacher was Miss Megan Brown, Deri, and the organist was Mr. W.A. Davies.

28 September 1946 Harvest Services Services were held at St. David's, Pantywaun, on Sunday and Monday. Rev. S.J. Beynon preached on Sunday, and Rev. J.R. Davies, Dowlais, on Monday. The organist on Monday was Mr. John Owen, Deri.

5 October 1946 Harvest Festival Services were held at the Parish Church on Sunday and Monday. The Church had been decorated with flowers, fruit and vegetables. The celebrant and preacher on Sunday morning was the Vicar. On Sunday afternoon the service was conducted by Mr. W.J. Payne, and in the evening by the Rev. Meredith Rees, Gilfach. On Monday evening, the preacher was the Rector of Gellygaer. Mr. W.P. Lawrence and Mr. H.B. Davies were the organists. The fruit was sent to Merthyr General Hospital.

19 October 1946 Nazareth The annual services were held on Sunday, the preacher being Rev. H.H. Williams, Cross Hands. On Monday and Tuesday, harvest festival services were conducted with the Rev. W.J. Hughes as preacher. The organist was Mr. D.J. Davies, and Mr. W.A. Davies conducted the singing.

26 October 1946 Noddfa Sisterhood The fortnightly meeting was held at the Vestry on Thursday. Mrs. Phyllis Jones presided. Mrs. S.A. Davies read a portion of Scripture, and the Lord's Prayer followed. A paper was read by Mrs. Trollope, Pontllytyn, and Mrs. P. Jones sang a solo. Miss Aranwy Jones was the pianist. The meeting closed with a hymn and the Benediction.

9 November 1946 Noddfa Sisterhood The fortnightly meeting took place on Thursday, Mrs. Dilys Edwards taking the chair. A portion of Scripture was read by Mrs. Olwen Thomas and Mrs. Trollope took the devotions. A paper was read by Mrs. Beddoe Thomas, Pontllytyn, who also rendered a solo. The speaker was thanked by Mrs. Captain Edwards and Mrs. Irene Jones. Mrs. Dilys Edwards was the accompanist.

16 November 1946 Remembrance Day This was observed at the Parish Church on Sunday, when a service was attended by the various organisations in the village. Revs. E. Adams Evans and S.J. Beynon (Deri) conducted the service, with Mr. H.B. Thomas at the organ. Wreaths and flowers were placed on the memorial window in memory of the fallen by Mr. T.G. Thomas (Men's Section British Legion), Mrs. Farley (Women's Section), and Mrs. E.A. Evans (Mothers' Union).

23 November 1946 Noddfa Sisterhood The fortnightly meeting was held at the Vestry on Thursday. Mrs. Phyllis Jones presided. The Scripture was read by Mrs. Irene Jones, who also prayed. A paper was read by Mrs. Carey Thomas, Pontllytyn, who also rendered a solo. A duet was sung by Miss Edna Jones and Mrs. Gwenda Pearce. Thanks were accorded Mrs. Thomas by Mrs. Joshua Evans and Mrs. Minnie Sheen. Miss Aranwy Jones was the accompanist.

7 December 1946 Noddfa Sisterhood The fortnightly meeting was held at the Vestry on Thursday. Mrs. P. Jones presided and a portion of Scripture was read by Miss Edna Jones. The address was given by Miss Jenkins, Pontllytyn, and a quartette was sung by Mesdames M. Sheen, M. Morgan, N. Perkins & D. Edwards. The speaker was thanked by Miss Edna Jones and Mrs. M.A. Lewis. The meeting closed with a hymn. Miss A. Jones was the accompanist. The secretary is Mrs. M. Clark.

14 December 1946 Debating Society The fourth of the winter series of literary classes organised by the united churches, was held on Friday last. This is the first experiment of its kind in the village, and its success is due chiefly to the efforts of Rev. Eurof Jones, the secretary. The subject for debate was the very old topic, "Should capital punishment be abolished?" A strong case for its abolition was made by Mr. Huw B. Thomas, supported by Mrs. A. Jones. Equally convincing arguments were put forward for its retention by Miss Edna Jones, supported by Rev. Eurof Jones. Several others took part in the debate under the chairmanship of Coun. Sam Lewis, J.P.

14 December 1946 Varied Evening The fortnightly meeting was held at the Vestry on Thursday evening, when the devotions were read by Mrs. Gwenda Pearce. The meeting took the form of a discussion led by Miss Aranwy Jones. Several spoke. A quartette was rendered by Mesdames P. Jones, S.G. Williams, B. Evans and D. Edwards, accompanied by Miss A. Jones. A most interesting evening was terminated with the singing of a hymn.

14 December 1946 Carmel The half yearly meetings were held on Sunday last, when Rev. T. Alban Davies, B.A., B.D., Ton Pentre, preached inspiring sermons to large congregations. The organist and choir-master was Mr. Meirion Shankland.

28 December 1946 Parish Church Christmas Day was celebrated with a service of Holy Communion. The Vicar was the celebrant. On Sunday evening, carols were sung.

28 December 1946 Gymanfa Ganu: Carmel Carmel held their singing festival on Christmas Day. The conductor was Mr. R.L. Roberts, Seion, Rhymney, with Mr. H.B. Thomas at the organ. The morning service was presided over by Mr. Emlyn Evans. Those taking part were Billy Thomas, Pat Brown, Allen Jones, James Davies, Margaret Davies, Sylvia Evans and party. Mrs. M.A. Ballard presided in the afternoon session, and the evening service by Rev. Eurof Jones. Miss Marie Davies read a portion of Scripture. Nurse Ballard Davies gave recitations.

28 December 1946 Gymanfa Ganu: Nazareth and Noddfa The annual united singing festival was held at Noddfa on Christmas Day. The conductor was Mr. David J. Davies, with Mr. D.J. Thomas at the organ. The morning service was presided over by Mr. Trevor Lawrence,

and was devoted to the children. Those taking part were: Hugh Jones, Jessie Ann Davies, Phyllis Hughes, Roy Shankland, Brain Pearce. Mrs. Phyllis Jones presided at the afternoon session, which was opened by Mr. Richard Jones. At the evening service, Mrs. Katie Walters presided, and the opening was by Mr. B. Davies.

18 January 1947 Noddfa Sisterhood The fortnightly meeting was held at the Vestry on Thursday, Mrs. P. Jones presiding. Scripture was read by Mrs. Dilys Edwards, which was followed by the Lord's Prayer. The meeting took the form of a Bible quiz, Miss Aranwy Jones being the question master. A very interesting evening ended with the singing of a hymn.

1 February 1947 Forfeits Quiz Continuing the second half of the winter session, the United Churches organised a "forfeits quiz" and "yes - no" competition on Friday last at Noddfa Vestry. The question master was Mr. Trevor Lawrence; "yes-no" inquisitor, Mr. Ray Davies; timekeeper, Mr. T.J. Jones. Votes of thanks were accorded by Rev. Eurof Jones and Miss B. Ballard.

1 February 1947 Noddfa Vestry The fortnightly meeting of Noddfa Sisterhood was held at the Vestry on Thursday, and was presided over by Mrs. Phyllis Jones. Mrs. Bert Evans read a portion of Scriptures, which was followed by the Lords Prayer. The meeting took the form of a discussion led by Mr. Trevor Lawrence. Several sisters spoke. Miss Aranwy Jones was the organist.

1 February 1947 Bible Society The annual public meeting of the British and Foreign Bible Society was held last Thursday at Nazareth Chapel. The chairman was Mr. Berkley Davies. Rev. D. Herbert Davies, Aberdare, gave an inspiring address, the theme of which was "Talking Leaves." The financial report for 1946 was as follows: House-to-house collections, £9 2s 11d; 1946 meeting 4s 6d; total £9 12s 7d. Collectors for 1946 were: Cae-glas, Mrs. E.P. Lewis & Mrs. E. Lawrence; Aelybryn, Mrs. M.A. Ballard & Mrs. M. Morgan; Pentwyn & Penybank, Mrs. Cliff Golden & Mrs. T. Elfed Davies.

1 February 1947 No Licensed Club For Fochriw: Free Churches Opposition to Registration Plea Considerable interest was taken in an application by the Fochriw Workingmen's Club and Institute at Pontlloftyn Magistrates Court on Friday, when the club applied to be registered in respect of alcoholic drink. After a retirement, Mr. W.A. Hancock, chairman, with Mr. S. Lewis, Mrs. M. Evans, and Mrs. G. Beynon Davies, announced, "We have discussed this appeal very fairly and fully. We are unanimous in dismissing it. We refuse to register a club." Mr. E. Chivers (from the office of Mr. Granville West, M.P.), Newbridge, appeared for the club, and Mr. George Owen (on behalf of Mr. Joseph Jones, chief constable of Glamorgan, who was present in court) opposed the application. Mr. Chivers said that before the war, it was not necessary to make an application of this kind, but under the Defence Regulations of 1939, they had to apply to the chief constable for permission. The regulations were gradually disappearing, but at the moment they were bound by them. The population of Fochriw was roughly 1,000, and there was only one licensed house, the Rising Sun. There were two others in the village of Pentwyn, some distance away. In his submission, there was a substantial need for a licensed club. They might have different opinions about clubs generally, but clubs had become part of their national life, for every village in the land had a club. Mr. George Owen said that the grounds for the objection were that the club, as a registered club, was not required to meet a genuine and substantial need, in that the existing facilities for social amenities, recreation, refreshment, cultural and political activities at Fochriw were adequate. The existing facilities for refreshment were sufficient to meet the public without the provision of additional facilities by the club, and the means of social intercourse, mutual helpfulness, mental and moral improvement, and rational recreation, could be successfully achieved by the club without the necessity of registration under the Licensing (Consolidation) Act. 1910.

Wm. Martin Davies of Plantation-terrace, Fochriw, secretary of the club, said that the club had a membership of 79. In reply to Mr. Chivers, Davies said he was definitely of the opinion that the facilities now existing were inadequate to meet the social life of the village. The Chairman: The Rising Sun public house has been re-modelled, and a considerable amount of money has been spent to make it a good public house. Davies, continuing his evidence, said there was no need for a man to go to a club simply to drink. Cross-examined by Mr. George, Davies agreed that the premises was an ordinary dwelling house, but denied that it was unsuitable for selling

intoxicating liquor. Mr. Owen George said there were two public houses in Pentwyn, three-quarters of a mile from Fochriw. With regard to social activities, they had a Welfare Hall, where music and dancing and public meetings were held. These were amenities that the club could not provide. They had a flourishing youth movement with headquarters at the school, and also, the Fochriw Silver Band. Mr. George (to Davies): I suggest to you that the only added facility you want is for drinking purposes. Davies: I deny that. We want to carry out various improvements to the club, so that we can use the club for social purposes. Mr. George: And you propose that the club should have drink on Sunday? Davies: I don't see anything wrong in drinking beer on Sunday and a weekend. Mr. W.G. Protheroe (magistrate's clerk): You know there is a shortage of beer. Are you in a position to get a supply? Davies: I think so.

Edward Puddle, Railway-terrace, a member of the club, said there was a real need for social amenities in the village. Sandy V. Powell, Dynevor-street, also gave evidence in support of the application. Mr. George Owen submitted that the application by the club was merely for drinking facilities on a Sunday.

Police Inspector G. Thomas, Bargoed, opposing the application, said that the premises was an ordinary dwelling house, and that there were inadequate sanitary arrangements. The village was adequately catered for in regard to social and cultural activities. The Rev. Eurof Jones, minister of Carmel Congregational Chapel, said that he opposed the application on behalf of the denomination and the Free Churches of Fochriw. He felt there were ample facilities in the village, and he did not think a licensed club to sell intoxicating liquor was needed. There was no genuine need. Mr. Chivers: You have strong convictions on the matter of licensing? Mr. Jones: Yes, especially on Sundays. Mr. Chivers: I take it that you have strong convictions against public houses in general? Mr. Jones: That is a matter for one's personal conscience. I don't agree that a public house is for social amenities, neither is a club. Trevor Lawrence, schoolmaster, of Glyn-terrace, chairman of the Free Church Council, said that the needs of the population were amply catered for. Mr. Chivers: Are you a teetotaler? Yes, I am, but I have no objection to a man having a drink. Thomas John Jones, Fochriw, a deacon at Noddfa, also gave evidence opposing the application.

15 March 1947 Noddfa Eisteddfod: St. David's Day Event at Fochriw On Thursday last. Noddfa Sunday School celebrated St. David's Day with an eisteddfod. The awards were: Juvenile Section – recitation under 7, 1. Herbert Jones, 2. Edna Hughes; solo under 7, 1. Joyce Evans, 2. Edna Hughes; recitation under 10, 1. Windsor Ballard, 2. H. Pearce; solo under 10, 1. Phyllis Hughes, 2. H. Pearce; solo under 14, 1. Roy Shankland, K. Hughes, 2. Phyllis Hughes; recitation under 16, 1. K. Hughes, 2. J. Games; party of six, 1. Brian's Party, 2. Herbert's Party; Adult Section – soprano solo, 1. Mrs. S.G. Williams; contralto solo, 1. Dilys Edwards; tenor solo, 1. T.J. Jones; bass solo, 1. Berkley Davies; duet, 1. Mrs. M. Morgan and Mrs. N. Perkins; hymn tune over 65, 1. Miss C. Lloyd, 2. Ben Thomas; champion solo, Miss G. Jones; ladies' party, Mrs. Dilys Edwards's Party; love letter in Welsh, Miss A. Jones. Adjudicators: Music, Mr. A. Mantle; recitation, Mr. B., Davies; president, Mrs. V.L. Jones; secretary, T. Thomas; accompanist, Mr. D.J. Thomas and Miss A. Jones. The evening was brought to a close by the singing of the Welsh National Anthem.

15 March 1947 Parish Church St. David's Day was observed with a celebration of Holy Communion.

15 March 1947 Noddfa Sisterhood The fortnightly meeting was held at the Vestry on Thursday evening, Mrs. Phyllis Jones presiding. Miss C. Lloyd read the Scripture, and Mrs. Irene Jones led in prayer. Mrs. Dilys Edwards gave a paper entitled, "Calling and Characters." Several members took part. The meeting ended with the singing of a hymn.

29 March 1947 Mothers' Union A service of re-dedication was held at the Parish Church on Tuesday.

29 March 1947 Noddfa Sisterhood The fortnightly meeting was held on Thursday at the Vestry. Mrs. Dilys Edwards presided. Miss Edna Jones read a portion of Scripture. The meeting was then taken over by Mrs. Trevor Lawrence and Mrs. Irene Jones.

5 April 1947 Parish Church Palm Sunday was observed with the usual services. Hundreds visited Pentwyn churchyard to lay flowers on the graves of loved ones.

12 April 1947 Cymanfa Ganu A repetition of the Christmas Gymanfa Ganu of Nazareth and Noddfa was held on Easter Day. The conductor was Mr. D.J. Davies, and the presidents were Miss Edna Jones, Mrs. P. Jones and Mrs. K. Walters. The organist was Mr. D.J. Thomas.

12 April 1947 Parish Church On Good Friday a service was conducted by the Vicar. On Sunday, the services were well attended, the Vicar officiating at the morning services. The service in the evening was taken by Mr. Ivor Jones, Deri. The organist was Mr. W.P. Lawrence. Mus, Bac.

12 April 1947 Noddfa Sisterhood The fortnightly meeting was held at the Vestry on Thursday. Mrs. Phyllis Jones presided. Mrs. M. Sheen read the Scripture and Mrs. Irene Jones led in prayer. Miss Edna Jones gave a paper on "Faith," and she was thanked by Mesdames Irene Jones and Joshua Evans. The meeting closed with the singing of a hymn.

12 April 1947 Free Church Council Special services were held at Nazareth on Good Friday by the Free Church Council. In the morning a prayer meeting and communion service was held. Rev. Eurof Jones administered the sacrament and he was assisted by Miss Edna E. Jones, Mr. Thomas Ballard, and Mr. Trevor Lawrence, who also presided. In the evening, a service was held when the Rev. Morton Thomas of Caerphilly preached. He was assisted by Mr. T. J. Jones. The Rev. Eurof Jones presided.

3 May 1947 Noddfa Sisterhood A social was held on Thursday at the Vestry, to mark the departure of Miss Aranwy Jones from Fochriw. Mrs. Phyllis Jones presented Miss Jones with a leather writing case from members. Several members spoke, and Miss Jones responded. Games then followed.

10 May 1947 Annual Meeting The annual meetings of Nazareth Chapel were held on Sunday last, when the Rev. David Evans, Ystrad Rhondda, preached. The organists were Messrs. David J. and W.A. Davies, and the singing was conducted by Mr. W.A. Davies.

17 May 1947 Bible Quiz The fortnightly meeting of the Noddfa Sisterhood was held on Thursday last. Mrs. Phyllis Jones presided. Mrs. S.A. Davies read the Scripture. The meeting took the form of a Bible Quiz, directed by Mrs. Irene Jones and Mrs. Trevor Lawrence.

24 May 1947 Noddfa Sisterhood The fortnightly meeting was held at the Vestry on Thursday. Mrs. Phyllis Jones presided. The devotions were led by Mrs. Dilys Edwards, and a paper was read by Mrs. Edwards, Abergavenny. The speaker was thanked by Miss Edna Jones and Mrs. Irene Jones.

7 June 1947 Sisterhood Service The evening service was conducted by members of the Sisterhood on Sunday. Mrs. M.A. Evans read a portion of Scripture and Mrs. Irene Jones led in prayer. Hymns were read out by the sisters, solos were rendered by Mrs. Dilys Edwards and M. Chapman, and a duet was sung by Mrs. D. Edwards and Phyllis Jones. A very impressive address was given by Miss Edna Jones. Mr. David Joshua Thomas was at the organ.

7 June 1947 St. Mary's Church The members of the Mothers' Union held their monthly meeting on Tuesday at 11 a.m. with Holy Communion. Rev. E. Adams Evans celebrated, assisted by Rev. A. Richards, curate of Fochriw and Deri. In the evening, the members were addressed by Mrs. Handel Thomas, the Vicarage, Llanbradach, who was thanked by Mrs. Evans, enrolling member.

7 June 1947 Noddfa Sisterhood The fortnightly meeting was held on Thursday. Mrs. Phyllis Jones presided. Mrs. Olwen Thomas read the Scripture, and prayer was offered by Mrs. Irene Jones. An address was given by Mrs. S.J. Jones, Bargoed, who also rendered a solo. Mrs. S.G. Williams and Mrs. A.M. Evans thanked the speaker. Mrs. D. Edwards was the organist.

21 June 1947 Noddfa Sisterhood The fortnightly meeting was held at the Vestry on Thursday last. Mrs. Dilys Edwards presided. Mrs. S.A. Davies read the Scripture, and Miss G. Evans led in prayer, and afterwards gave an address. She was thanked by Mrs. Sheen and Mrs. Morris. Mrs. Irene Jones also spoke. Mrs. D. Evans pronounced the Benediction.

21 June 1947 Carmel The yearly meetings on Sunday were well attended. The Rev. Ifonwy Thomas of Solva, Pembs., preached inspiring sermons. Mr. T. Walters was the organist, and Mr. Meirion Shankland conducted the singing.

12 July 1947 Noddfa Sisterhood The fortnightly meeting was held on Thursday last, Mrs. Phyllis Jones presiding. Mrs. Irene Jones led the devotions, and a paper was read by Mrs. L. Williams. Several sisters responded. The meeting was closed with the singing of a hymn. Mrs.

D. Edwards was the organist. On Saturday, several members journeyed to Cardiff, and then to Barry for their annual outing.

12 July 1947 Parish Church The day of National Prayer was observed at St. Mary's on Sunday last.

12 July 1947 Mothers' Union Members from St. Mary's and St. Peter's, Deri, visited the Mothers' Union Festival at St. Martin's Church, Caerphilly, on Tuesday. The church was well filled, and an inspiring sermon was preached by Rev. R.M. Rosser, vicar of Dewi Sant, Cardiff.

19 July 1947 Free Church Council Special services, arranged by the Free Church Council, were held at Noddfa on Thursday last, when the preacher was the Rev. Isiah Williams, Cardigan, who was ordained at Noddfa thirty years ago. Services were held in the afternoon when he was assisted by Mr. T.J. Jones and in the evening by the Rev. Latimer Williams, Deri. The Rev. Eurof Jones presided at both services. Mr. David J. Thomas was organist, and Mr. Thomas Evans led the singing.

2 August 1947 Noddfa Sisterhood A meeting was held in the Vestry on Thursday evening, Mrs. Phyllis Jones presiding. Miss Edna Jones read the Scripture and Mrs. Dilys Edwards led in prayer. An address was given by Mrs. Sam Lewis on "The Power of Insignificance," for which she was thanked by Mrs. Joshua Evans and Miss Laura Evans. Mrs. D. Edwards was the organist.

16 August 1947 Noddfa Sisterhood The meeting was held on Thursday at Noddfa Vestry, Mrs. P. Jones presiding. Mrs. Jenkin Thomas read a portion of Scripture and Mrs. Irene Jones led in prayer. A paper on "Never to be Forgotten Days" was read by Mrs. Dilys Edwards. Votes of thanks were given by Miss Gretta Evans and Mrs. I. Jones. Mrs. Phyllis Jones rendered a solo. Mrs. Dilys Edwards was the organist. The meeting closed with the singing of a hymn. Mrs. Jones pronounced the Benediction.

13 September 1947 Noddfa Sisterhood Members of the Sisterhood met at the Vestry on Thursday. Mrs. Gwenda Thomas read a portion of Scripture, and Miss G. Evans led in prayer. A paper was read by Miss Edna Jones and thanks were accorded by Miss G. Evans and Mrs. I. Jones. Mrs. D. Edwards was the organist.

13 September 1947 Wedding Gift At Penybank Church on Sunday, the pastor, Mr. W. Griffiths, made a presentation to Mr. & Mrs. Love on the occasion of their wedding at the church with a family Bible. The treasurer, Mr. T. E. Davies, and the secretary, Mr. C. G. Hann, wished the couple health and happiness. Mrs. Prowse, mother of the bridegroom, spoke on behalf of the members, and Ernest Gillard for the young people.

13 September 1947 Quarterly Zenana The quarterly meetings of the Zenana of the Women's Missionary Society were held at Noddfa Chapel on Monday last. The afternoon meeting was presided over by Mrs. Williams, Rhymney, the president. Mrs. Olwen Thomas read the Scripture, and Mrs. Irene Jones led in prayer. Following the roll-call, the minutes of the last meeting were read by Mrs. Herriman of Rhymney. The speaker was Mr. Fellowes of India. At the evening meeting, Mrs. Williams presiding, Mrs. Edna Jones read the Scripture, and Miss Gretta Evans led in prayer. A duet was sung by Mrs. P. Jones and Mrs. D. Edwards. An address was given by Mrs. Fellowes. Mrs. Phyllis Jones then gave a solo. Mrs. D. J. Thomas was the organist.

27 September 1947 The Harvest Harvest Festival services were held at St. David's, Pantywaun, on Sunday and Monday. The church had been decorated with fruits and flowers and the services were taken by Rev. E. Adams Evans, Rev. H.T. Richards, and Rev. E.T. Carr, Pontlottyn. The organist was Mr. W. Williams.

27 September 1947 Noddfa Sisterhood A meeting was held on Thursday, presided over by Mrs. P. Jones, who read a portion of Scripture. Miss Gretta Evans led in prayer. A paper on "The Highway of Life," was read by Mrs. E. Thomas, Pontlottyn, who also rendered a solo. Several sisters responded. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs. J. Evans, seconded by Miss Edna Evans. Mrs. Dilys Edwards was the organist.

4 October 1947 Parish Church Harvest Services were held on Sunday and Monday. The church had been decorated with flowers, fruit and vegetables, which were later presented to Merthyr General Hospital. The preachers on Sunday were the Rev. E. Adams Evans, vicar, and

the Rev. J. Ivor Jones, vicar of Pontlottyn. The preacher on Monday was the Rev. J.C. Payne, vicar of Penydarren. The organist was Mr. W.P. Lawrence.

4 October 1947 Carmel Harvest Services were held on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and were well attended. Rev. Eurof Jones officiated, with Mr. M. Shankland conducting the singing, and Mr. T. Walters at the organ.

11 October 1947 Noddfa Sisterhood Mrs. P. Jones presided on Thursday when Mrs. S.G. Parry read a portion of Scripture, and Mrs. I. Jones led in prayer. Miss Edna Jones then led a Bible quiz. The organist was Mrs. Dilys Edwards.

11 October 1947 Harvest Services Services were held at Nazareth on Monday and Tuesday, when the Rev. G. Evans, Treharris, officiated. The conductor and organist was Mr. Willie Davies.

25 October 1947 Noddfa Activities A children's service of thanksgiving was held at Noddfa on Sunday morning. Brian Jones read the scripture, and June Games offered prayer. The children sang several hymns. An address was given by Miss Edna Jones, who also presided over the meeting.

On Thursday, the Sisterhood was presided over by Mrs. P. Jones. The meeting opened with scripture read by Mrs. Maud Clarke. Mrs. I. Trollope, Pontlottyn, gave a paper on "Evangelism," and was thanked by Mrs. P. Jones and Mrs. Edwards.

25 October 1947 Nazareth On Sunday, the annual services were held, when the special preacher was the Rev. Richard Thomas, Aberfan, who delivered powerful sermons. The singing was conducted by Mr. W.A. Davies, with Mr. D.J. Davies as organist.

1 November 1947 Parish Church "Education Sunday" was observed when the Vicar was preacher and celebrant throughout the day. The theme of his address was, "He grew in stature, wisdom and grace."

The Mothers' Union has commenced their winter session. Meetings are on Tuesday. Last Tuesday, the meeting was devoted to sewing.

8 November 1947 77 Year-old Solosist A meeting of the Noddfa Sisterhood was held on Thursday, Mrs. Phyllis Jones presiding. Mrs. Olwen Thomas read the Scriptures, and Miss Gretta Evans led in prayer. Hymns were read by Mrs. L. Morris and Mrs. Rowlands. An address was given by Mrs. Matthews, Abertysswg. A solo was rendered by Mrs. A. Rowlands, Deri, aged 77. Thanks were accorded by Miss Evans and Mrs. Thomas. The organist was Mrs. D. Edwards.

15 November 1947 Remembrance Sunday A service was held at the Parish Church on Sunday, conducted by the vicar. Rev. T.H. Richards, curate, preached. The Men's and Women's Sections of the Legion were represented. Wreaths were laid at the memorial window by Mrs. T.G. Thomas for the Men's Section, and by Mrs. Lewis for the Women's Section, and also by Mrs. Evans for the Mothers' Union. The "Last Post" and "Reveille" were sounded by Bugler Glyn Burrows. Mr. W. Lawrence was the organist.

22 November 1947 Noddfa Sisterhood There was a meeting at the Vestry on Thursday, when Mrs. Dilys Edwards presided. Scripture was read by Mrs. E. Lawrence, and Miss Gretta Evans gave an address for which she was thanked by Mrs. J. Evans and Mrs. I. Jones. The evening was set apart for hymn singing.

6 December 1947 Noddfa Sisterhood On Thursday, Mrs. P. Jones presided. Mrs. Irene Jones read the Scripture and took the devotions. Mrs. M.A. Lewis, Glyn-terrace, gave an address, which was followed by a discussion. Mrs. Lewis was thanked by Miss Edna Jones and Miss Gretta Evans.

13 December 1947 Mothers' Union Members of the Parish Church Mothers' Union met on Tuesday. Later, gifts from Tasmania were distributed to the mothers.

20 December 1947 Carmel The half-yearly meetings were held on Sunday. Rev. W.T. Gruffydd, B.D., Llandilo, preached inspiring sermons. The singing was conducted by Mr. Meirion Shankland and the organist was Mr. T. Walters, A.L.C.M.

20 December 1947 Sisterhood Mrs. P. Jones presided at the meeting at the Vestry of Thursday. Miss E. Jones read a portion of Scripture. The meeting took the form of a Bible quiz. Miss Edna Jones was the question master.

20 December 1947 Nazareth The preacher on Sunday was an old Fochriw boy, Mr. W. Adams-Jones, headteacher at Trelewis. The organist was Mr. D. J. Thomas and the singing was conducted by Mr. W.A. Davies.

3 January 1948 Singing Festival The Christmas Gymanfa was held at Carmel on Christmas Day, and was well attended. The singing reached a high standard under the conductor, Mr. W.J. Saunders, A.L.C.M., Abercanaid, with Mr. T. Walters, A.L.C.M., at the organ. The president in the morning was Mrs. Lewis, afternoon, Mr. D. Jones, evening, Rev. Eurof Jones.

3 January 1948 Singing Festival The annual combined singing festival of Noddfa and Nazareth, took place at Noddfa on Christmas Day. The conductor was Mr. W.T. Thomas, and the singing reached a very high standard. Mr. D.J. Davies was the organist. Miss Edna E. Jones presided at the morning service, when the following children took part: Katie Hughes, Muriel Lewis, Margaret Morris, Jessie Ann Davies. In the afternoon service, Mrs. Katie Walters presiding, Hugh [lost]... and Mr. Tom Thomas took the devotional parts, while "Holy Night" was sung by a quartette consisting of Mrs. E. ...[lost].., Mrs. D. Edwards, Mr. J. Williams and Mr. W.A. Davies. Mr. T.J. Jones presided at the evening service, when Mrs. Mattie Lewis took the devotional part, and Miss Millie Williams sang a solo.

10 January 1948 Cymdeithas Diwilliadol Carmel This was opened on Monday by Mr. D.W. Davies, district executive officer for Caerphilly and Gelligaer. Mr. Davies took as his subject "Negro Spirituals." Coun. Sam Lewis, J.P., and Mr. W.A. Davies proposed votes of thanks. The chairman was Rev. Eurof Jones.

17 January 1948 Nodda Sisterhood The meeting of members was held on Thursday last, when Mrs. Dilys Edwards, vice president, presided. Devotions were led by Miss Gretta Evans, who also gave a paper on "Sewing Seeds of Kindness." Miss Evans was thanked by Mrs. S. Lewis and Mrs. T. Lawrence. Mrs. Edwards was the organist.

24 January 1948 Seiat Ymwlyd A special service was held at Nazareth C.M. Church on Monday, the preacher being the Rev. Dr. T.J. Jones, Cardiff, who gave a sermon on the text from the Corinthians "If you are in Christ you are a new Creation." Other speakers were: Mr. J.J. Brown, Deri; Mr. Gomer Jones, Twyn Carno, Rhymney. Mr. W.A. Davies was the organist.

31 January 1948 Noddfa Sisterhood Mrs. P. Jones presided at the meeting on Thursday. Miss Edna Jones read the Scripture, and Miss Payne, Dowlais, led in prayer. A solo was given by Mrs. Phyllis Jones, and Miss Payne gave an address. The evening closed with the singing of a hymn and the Benediction.

14 February 1948 Sisterhood Meeting The meeting was held at the Vestry on Thursday, Mrs. P. Jones presiding. Scripture was read by Mrs. D. Edwards and Miss Gretta Evans led in prayer. The speaker was the Rev. Eurof Jones, who was thanked by Misses G. Evans and E. Jones, and Mrs. T. Lawrence. Rev. Jones closed the meeting.

28 February 1948 Noddfa Sisterhood Mrs. P. Jones presided at the meeting on Thursday. Mrs. Irene Jones read the Scripture and Miss Gretta Evans led in prayer. The speaker was Miss Bessie Ballard, who gave an address on "Talents." She was thanked by Miss Evans and Mrs. D. Edwards.

28 February 1948 Cymdeithas Diwilliadol On Thursday, Feb. 25, a Noson Lawen was given by the Carmel Society to the Society of Moriah, Bedlinog. A substantial programme was arranged by Mr. T. Walters, A.L.C.M., who was also the accompanist. The chairman was Rev. Eurof Jones. Items were given by the choir, and individual items were given by Miss N. Shankland, Misses B. Evans and M. Ballard, Messrs. B. Rees, L. Rowlands, M. Shankland, B. Cumpstone, C. Cook, E. Evans, J.J. Lewis; recitations by Mrs. A. Ballard, Miss M. Jones, Miss B. Evans, Mr. Jones, D. James, T. Walters.

6 March 1948 Nazareth A women's prayer meeting was held under the chairmanship of Miss Doris Davies, who opened the meeting. Mesdames M. Lewis, D. Edwards, E. Jones, and Miss Gretta Evans took part. The organist was Mrs. E.P. Lewis. A social evening was held on St. David's Night. The following ladies presided at the tables: Mesdames T. Pugh, W. Morris, G. Edwards, E. Shankland, E. Matthews, E. Lawrence. A concert was presided over by Mrs. E.P. Lewis. The following took part: solos, Phyllis & Katie Hughes, Mrs. M. Lewis; recitations, Linda Pugh, Jessie A. Davies, Muriel Lewis. The organists were Mr. D.J. Davies and Mr. W.A. Davies.

6 March 1948 Dydd Gwyl Ddewi A Noson Lawen was held at Carmel to celebrate Dydd Gwyl Ddewi. Folk songs were sung by the choir conducted by Mr. T. Walters. Solos were rendered by Messrs. M. Shankland, C. Cumpstone, C. Cook, J.J. Lewis, E. Evans; penillion singing, Rev. E. Jones & Mr. T. Walters; solo, Mrs. M.A. Ballard and Miss Shankland; recitations, Messrs. D. James, L. Rowlands, Rev. E. Jones, Miss Pat Brown. A sketch was performed by Mesdames Ballard, May Davies, M. Evans, Misses M. Jones and Nellie Shankland. Thanks were accorded by Misses E. Shankland and E. Rees.

20 March 1948 Noddfa Sisterhood At the meeting last Thursday, Mrs. Phyllis Jones presided and also read the portion of Scripture. The speaker was Mr. G. Sibley, who was thanked by Miss Edna Jones and Mrs. Jones. Mrs. Dilys Edwards rendered a solo.

20 March 1948 Noddfa A social evening was held at the Vestry in commemoration of St. David. The following ladies presided at the tables: Mesdames D. Edwards, Phyllis Jones, R. Thomas, T. Morris, M. Sheen, C. Ballard, E. Jones, O. Thomas, G. Pearce, assisted by Mesdames B. Evans, A. Jones & S.A. Davies. Games followed supervised by Miss Edna Jones and Mr. T.J. Jones.

3 April 1948 Good Friday Services Services under the auspices of the Full Gospel Hall were held at Nazareth on Good Friday. Mr. T. Lawrence presided in the morning and an address was given by Rev. Eurof Jones. Mr. T. Thomas also took part. The evening service was presided over by Rev. Jones. Miss Edna Jones opened the service, and Mr. T.J. Jones also took part. Rev. Glyndwr Jones, B.A., Dowlais, was the preacher. The organist was Mr. D.J. Davies, and the precentor, Mr. W.A. Davies.

3 April 1948 Parish Church The three-hours' service was conducted on Good Friday by the Vicar, who was also the preacher and celebrant on Easter Day, assisted by Rev. R.J. Richards, Deri.

3 April 1948 Noddfa to Benefit On Tuesday last at the New Hall, Zoar Dramatic Society, Pontlottyn, gave a performance of the drama "The Dark Little People," in aid of Noddfa Baptist Chapel. The company deserves the highest praise for their performance. The party was presented by Mr. T.J. Jones, who presided. The Rev. J.A. Thomas thanked the audience.

10 April 1948 "The Ideal Life" The meeting of the Sisterhood was held on Thursday last at the Vestry. Mrs. P. Jones presided, and also read the Scripture. Mrs. S. Lewis, Glyn-terrace, gave a paper on "The Ideal Life." Thanks were accorded by Mrs. Irene Jones and Miss Evans. Miss Gretta Evans gave a solo. The organist was Mrs. D. Edwards.

24 April 1948 Easter Vestry The annual Easter Vestry of the Parish of Fochriw and Deri took place at the Parish Church on Wednesday. The Vicar presided, and thanked all for their support during the past year. Members stood in silence in memory of parishioners who had died during the past year. Mr. Payne, churchwarden, gave the financial report, stating that they had met all their liabilities and a small credit balance remained. During the coming year, due to the increased quota, much more money would have to be found. Officers elected were: churchwarden, Coun. W.J. Payne; vicar's warden, Mr. John Owen, Deri; auditor, Miss Rosie Davies; organist, Mr. W.P. Lawrence; parochial secretary, Mr. J. Palmer; envelope secretary, Mr. A. Palmer; parochial council, Mesdames E.A. Evans, S.A. Payne, E.J. Lawrence, R. Davies, G. Llewellyn, Palmer, Messrs. J. Lawrence, A. Palmer, T. Jones, E. Pritchard, G. Lawrence, N. Palmer, B. Rees, G. Baldwin, W. Way; sidesmen, Messrs. D. Tyler, Ray Davies, V. Powell, W. James, C. Cumpstone, W. Rees, D. Lloyd Jones, G. Evans, G. Tyler, Tudor Evans, D.J. Jones.

15 May 1948 Bishop's Visit On Sunday afternoon, the Lord Bishop of Llandaff will visit the Parish Church to hold a Confirmation Service.

22 May 1948 Confirmation Service The Bishop of Llandaff, Dr. John Morgan, confirmed about 40 candidates at a service at St. Mary's on Sunday. Rev. E. Adams Evans, vicar, and Rev. H.T. Richards, curate, assisted. The Bishop gave an address and attended the evening service at St. Peter's Church, Deri, where he read the lessons and preached the sermon. The service was taken by Rev. H.T. Richards, with Mr. John Owen as organist and conductor. The choir rendered the anthem "Peace I leave with you," Mr. Ivor Jones taking the solo.

5 June 1948 Nazareth The annual services were held on Sunday last when the preacher was the Rev. Gray Edwards, Skewen. The singing was conducted by Mr. W.A. Davies and Mr. D.J. Davies was organist.

5 June 1948 Noddfa Sisterhood A prayer meeting was held on Thursday, in conjunction with the evangelical campaign being held by the Baptist churches of the Rhymney Valley. Mrs. Dilys Edwards, vice president, presided. Mrs. M.A. Evans read the Scripture, and the following sisters took part in prayer: Mrs. D. Edwards, Mrs. I. Jones, Mrs. M. Lewis, Miss G. Evans. Miss Edna Jones gave the Benediction.

12 June 1948 Carmel The yearly services were held on Sunday, when Rev. T. Huw Griffiths, Barry, was the preacher. The organist was Mr. T. Walters, and Mr. M. Shankland conducted the singing.

3 July 1948 Sisterhood The meeting took place on Thursday at the Vestry. Mrs. Dilys Edwards presided. A portion of Scripture was read by Miss D. Davies, and Miss G. Evans led in prayer. The speaker was Mrs. Davies, Ystrad Mynach, past president of the South Wales Federation of Sisterhoods, who was thanked by Mrs. M. Lewis and Mrs. J. Jones. On Saturday, the Sisterhood went on their annual outing to Aberystwyth.

3 July 1948 Annual Outings Members and friends of Nazareth Sisterhood held their annual outing on Saturday, when they travelled by bus to Aberystwyth. Carmel Sewing Class members and friends travelled to Tenby on Saturday.

17 July 1948 St. David's Pantywaun Special services were held on Sunday last. The preacher in the evening was Coun. W.J. Payne, churchwarden. A new organ has been installed which will be greatly appreciated. The choir, under its conductor, Mr. W.H. Williams, rendered the anthem, "Jerusalem." The organist was Mr. A.J. Kings.

17 July 1948 Noddfa Sisterhood Mrs. P. Jones presided at the meeting on Thursday. Miss Edna Jones read the Scripture, and Mrs. Evans led in prayer. An address was given by Miss Gretta Evans who also gave a solo. Thanks were accorded by Miss Doris Davies and Mrs. Joshua Evans. Mrs. D. Edwards was the organist. The service closed with the Benediction.

31 July 1948 Sisterhood Sunday Mrs. Phyllis Jones, president, presided over the meeting on Sunday. The preacher for the three services was Miss Payne of Dowlais. On Thursday, the meeting was presided over by Mrs. Dilys Edwards, vice-president. Miss Gretta Evans read a portion of Scripture, and also led in prayer. The speaker was Miss Hancock, Pontlottyn, who gave a paper on "Wisdom." She was thanked by Mrs. Joshua Evans and Miss Evans. Mrs. M. Lewis closed the meeting with prayer. Mrs. Edwards was the organist.

28 August 1948 Noddfa Sisterhood Mrs. P. Jones presided at the meeting at the Vestry on Thursday. The reading was taken by Mrs. S.A. Davies, and Miss Gretta Evans led in prayer. The meeting took the form of a Bible quiz. Hymns were rehearsed for the singing festival to be held on September 28 at Hanbury-road Church, Bargoed.

11 September 1948 Free Churches Council Presentation to Rev. Eurof Jones At the united prayer meeting of the Free Churches on Monday evening at Nazareth, a presentation was made to the Rev. Eurof Jones on his departure to Cilfynydd. Mr. Jones has given faithful service to the Council as its secretary, and is mainly responsible for its existence. The devotions were taken by Mrs. S. Lewis and Mr. W. Davies. The presentation of a collection of books was made by Mr. T. Lawrence, chairman of the Council.

18 September 1948 Noddfa Sisterhood Mrs. Phyllis Jones presided at the meeting on Thursday. The reading was taken by Mrs. Olwen Thomas and Miss Gretta Evans led in prayer. Nurse Ballard Davies was the speaker. She was thanked by Mrs. M. Lewis and Miss Evans. The meeting closed with the Benediction. Mrs. D. Edwards was the organist.

18 September 1948 Carmel Presentation On Wednesday week, a presentation meeting was held at Carmel in honour of Rev. Eurof Jones who is leaving for Cilfynydd. Mr. Thomas Ballard presided, and in the absence of Mrs. S.A. Cole, presented Mr. Jones with a clock and cheque. Solos were rendered by Mr. M. Shankland, Mr. J.J. Lewis and Mrs. M.A. Ballard. A quartette was given by Mr. & Mrs. Cook, Mr. M. Shankland and Mr. B. Evans. Nurse Davies recited and suitable verses were read by Miss Maria Jones. The speakers were Nurse Davies, Mrs. B. Ballard, Mr. David Lewis, Vicar Evans, and Mr. W.A. Davies. All testified to Mr. Jones' abilities as a preacher and minister. Mr. T. Walters was the organist. Mr. Jones thanked

all for the kindness shown to him and his family during his stay at Fochriw. On September 7. Mrs. Jones and Baby Rhian received gifts from the Women's Sewing Guild. Tea was provided. Mrs. Nellie Evans, chairman, made the presentation.

2 October 1948 Harvest Festival Services were held at the Parish Church on Sunday and Monday. The preachers on Sunday were: Vicar (morning); H.B. Thomas (afternoon); Rev. G. Hopkins (evening). On Monday, the preachers were the Vicar and Rev. S.J. Wall. The organist was Mr. W.P. Lawrence, Mus.Bac.

9 October 1948 Negro Spirituals At Carmel on Thursday, a recital of negro spirituals was given by Mr. D.W. Davies, B.A., to an appreciative audience. Nurse Ballard Davies gave a recitation and Mr. T. Walters was the organist.

16 October 1948 The Chairman The name of Mrs. M.A. Lewis, who presided at the recital of Negro Spirituals given by Mr. D.W. Davies, divisional executive officer, was omitted from last week's account. A vote of thanks was proposed by Nurse Ballard Davies and Mrs. D. Lewis.

16 October 1948 Harvest Festival of the Free Church Council This was held at Noddfa Chapel on Monday and was well attended. The service was taken by Mr. T. J. Jones and the special preacher was the Rev. Eurof Jones, Cilfynydd, late of Carmel, Fochriw. The singing was conducted by Mr. W.A. Davies, with Mr. D.J. Thomas at the organ.

23 October 1948 Noddfa Sisterhood Mrs. D. Edwards presided at the meeting on Thursday. Devotions were conducted by Miss Doris Davies. Mrs. Lewis, Glyn-terrace, gave an address, and was thanked by Miss Edna Jones and Miss Gretta Evans. Mrs. Edwards was the organist.

13 November 1948 Remembrance Service An impressive service was held at the Parish Church conducted by Rev. E. Adams Evans, with Mr. W.P. Lawrence at the organ. Wreaths were laid at the foot of the Memorial Window by the men's and women's sections of the British Legion, Mothers' Union and members of the families of the fallen.

1 January 1949 The Cymanfa The annual Gymanfa Ganu of the Noddfa and Nazareth was held at Noddfa Chapel on Christmas Day. The conductor was Mr. D.J. Davies, and the singing reached a high standard. Mr. D.J. Thomas and Mr. Tom Davies were the organists. Miss Doris Davies presided at the morning service, when Mary Cumpstone read a portion of Scripture, and Phyllis Hughes led in prayer. Herbert Jones gave a recitation, and Muriel Lewis, Margaret Edwards, Katie and Phyllis Hughes, and Jessie Ann Davies sang. Mr. T.J. Jones presided at the afternoon session, when Mr. Tom Thomas took the devotions. A solo was sung by Mrs. Phyllis Jones. The evening service was presided over by Mrs. Katie Walters. Mrs. Mattie Lewis took the devotions. A quartette was sung by Miss Millie Williams, Mrs. M. Lewis, Mrs. W.A. Davies and Mr. Crad Shankland.

1 January 1949 Christmas Party The children of the Parish Church Sunday School were entertained to tea on Thursday. The tables were supervised by the women of the Church. After tea, a cinematograph show was given by Mr. J.P. Llewellyn, Pentwyn. A number of carols were sung. The Vicar thanked all who helped. On Christmas Day, a service was held at which the Vicar officiated.

1 January 1949 Carmel Festival The annual Gymanfa was held at Carmel on Christmas Day. Mr. T. Thomas, Penywern, conducted.

15 January 1949 Noddfa Sisterhood Mrs. Phyllis Jones was the chairman at the meeting on Thursday. Miss Gretta Evans gave an address, and sang a solo. She was thanked by Mrs. S.G. Parry and Mrs. Jones. The eventide hymn was sung at the close of the meeting. Mrs. Dilys Edwards was the organist.

29 January 1949 Carmel Services The preacher at Carmel on Sunday was Rev. Eurof Jones, late of Fochriw, now of Cilfynydd. Mr. T. Walters was organist, and Mr. Meirion Shankland conducted the singing.

29 January 1949 Noddfa Sisterhood Mrs. Phyllis Jones presided on Thursday last. The reading was taken by Mrs. W. Sheen and Mrs. Irene Jones led in prayer. An address was given by Mr. D. Thomas, Dowlais, who was thanked by Misses D. Davies and Edna Jones. Mrs. Dilys Edwards was organist.

19 February 1949 Noddfa Sisterhood Mr. T.J. Jones was the speaker on Thursday, Mrs. P. Jones presiding. Mrs. Doris Jones took the devotions. Mr. Jones was thanked by Miss G. Evans and Mrs. S.G. Parry. Mrs. Dilys Edwards was organist.

26 February 1949 Noddfa Sisterhood Mr. G. Sibley was the speaker last Thursday. Mrs. Dilys Edwards presided, and Mrs. Mattie Lewis led the devotions. Thanks were accorded the speaker by Mrs. G. Evans and Miss Doris Davies. The organist was Mrs. D. Edwards.

12 March 1949 St. David's Day To celebrate St. David's Day, the members of Noddfa Sunday School organised an eisteddfod that was well attended. Adjudicators were: Music - Mr. D.J. Davies; elocution, Mr. T.J. Jones. Miss Edna E. Jones presided, and Mrs. Dilys Thomas and Mr. D.J. Thomas were the accompanists. Recitation under 7: 1. Willie Edwards and Gwyn Hughes; 2. P. Jones & Ann Ballard; Solo under 7: 1. Phyllis Jones; 2. P. Jones & M. Shankland; Recitation 7-10, girls: 1. Mary Cumpstone; 2. Edna Hughes; Solo 7-10: 1. Jeanette Burrows; 2. M. Morris & Edna Hughes; Recitation 7-10, boys: 1. H. Jones; 2. Alan Shankland; Solo 7-10, boys: Shared between W. Ballard, H. Jones & A. Shankland; Recitation 10-14: 1. Muriel Lewis; 2. David Ballard; Solo 10-14: 1. Phyllis Hughes; 2. Brian Pearce and Jessie Ann Davies; Whistling solo: 1. Brian Pearce; 2. Jessie Ann Davies & Phyllis Hughes; Whistling party: Nazareth party; Open Recitation: 1. Muriel Lewis; 2. Herbert Jones; Party of six: Nazareth party; Soprano Solo: Miss P. Jones; Contralto Solo: Miss Edna E. Jones; Duet: Miss S.G. Parry & Mrs. Dilys Edwards; Veteran Solo: Mrs. Lydia Williams & Mr. Ben Thomas; Impromptu Speech: 1. Brian Pearce & H. Jones; Ladies' Party: Nazareth; Essay under 10: Margaret Morris and Mary Cumpstone; Essay over 10: 1. Margaret Morgan; 2. Brian Pearce.

12 March 1949 Noddfa Sisterhood Mrs. Dilys Edwards presided last Thursday. The devotions were led by Miss Greta Evans. An address was given by Mrs. J. Jones, Bargoed, formerly of Fochriw. A solo was given by Mrs. Herbert, Bargoed, accompanied by Mrs. A. Davies. Thanks to speaker and soloist were given by Miss Evans & Mrs. S.G. Parry. Miss Edna Jones closed the meeting with prayer.

19 March 1949 Nazareth The preacher on Sunday was the Rev. Eurof Jones, Cilfynydd, formerly of Carmel, Fochriw. The organist was Mr. D.J. Davies and the singing was conducted by Mr. W.A. Davies.

19 March 1949 Parish Church The services in the morning were conducted by the Vicar and by Rev. H.J. Richards, Deri, in the evening.

19 March 1949 Missionary Society The quarterly meetings of the Rhymney Valley Auxiliary of the Baptist Missionary Society was held on Monday at Nazareth Chapel. The afternoon meeting was opened by Miss Doris Davies who gave a reading, and by Mrs. Irene Jones led in prayer. Mrs. M. Lewis rendered a solo. The Rev. Islwyn Beynon, Rhymney, gave an address. The evening meeting commenced with a reading by Miss Edna E. Jones, after which Miss Greta Evans led in prayer. A duet was rendered by Mrs. P. Jones and Mrs. D. Edwards. A recitation was given by Nurse Ballard Davies. Rev. Beynon again addressed the meeting. Mrs. Aneurin Thomas, Pontlottyn, presided. Mrs. A. Davies was the organist.

16 April 1949 Sunday Services Palm Sunday was celebrated at the Parish Church with services conducted by the Vicar. Mr. W.P. Lawrence was the organist.

23 April 1949 Parish Church The three-hours' service on Good Friday was conducted by the Vicar. On Easter Day, the Vicar officiated at Holy Communion in the morning and at Evensong. A children's service was held in the afternoon conducted by Miss O.M. Payne. The organist was Mr. W.P. Lawrence.

23 April 1949 United Services The Free Church Council held services at Nazareth on Good Friday. At the morning service, readings and prayers were offered by Mrs. Mattie Lewis and Miss Greta Evans. Communion was given by Nurse Ballard Davies, assisted by Mr. J. Lawrence, and Mr. Sam Lewis, J.P. The preacher at the evening service was Rev. Andreas Williams, Moriah, Dowlais. The organists were Mrs. Katie Walters and Mr. W.A. Davies. Mr. T.J. Jones presided.

23 April 1949 Gymanfa Ganu A repeat of the Noddfa and Nazareth Christmas Gymanfa Ganu was held at Nazareth Chapel on Easter Day. The conductor was Mr. D.J. Davies, and the singing reached a high standard. Mr. D.J. Thomas and Mr. Tom Davies were the organists. Miss Doris Davies presided at the morning service, when Mary Cumpstone read a portion of

Scripture, and Phyllis Hughes led in prayer. A hymn was sung by a party of girls consisting of Muriel Lewis, Margaret Edwards, Katie & Phyllis Hughes and Jessie Ann Davies. Herbert Jones gave a recitation. Mr. T.J. Jones presided at the afternoon session, when Mr. Tom Thomas took the devotions. A solo was sung by Mrs. Phyllis Jones. The evening service was presided over by Mrs. Katie Walters. Mrs. Mattie Lewis took the devotions. During the service, reference was made to the death of Mr. Thomas Evans, who had been a conductor of the gymanfa for many years. As a tribute of respect, the congregation stood and sang the hymn, "Bydd canu yn y Nefoedd." The hymn "Whitford" was also sung in memory of him. A quartette was sung by Miss Millie Williams, Mrs. M. Lewis, Mrs. W.A. Davies and Mr. Crad Shankland.

30 April 1949 Children's Tea at Carmel Last Thursday, the children of Carmel Primary Dept. were given a tea. After tea they went to the chapel, where a programme of songs and recitations took place. The following took part: Songs: Yvonne Davies, Jill Farley, Gillian Jones, Ann Trollope, Margaret Shankland, Dilwyn Evans; duet, Miss M. Jones and Mr. T. Walters; recitations, Mr. Dan Jones, Miss M. Jones, Rosalind Russell, Alun Jones, Howard Davies, Gillian Jones. The accompanist was Mr. T. Walters.

7 May 1949 Bible Society A meeting in connection with the British and Foreign Bible Society was held at Nazareth Chapel on Thursday last, Mr. Trevor Lawrence in the chair. The devotional part was taken by Mr. T.J. Jones. During the evening, the Rev. Huxley Thomas, Treharris, formerly a missionary in India for 25 years, gave an address. He was thanked by Mr. T.J. Jones and Mrs. Sam Lewis. The organist was Mr. W.A. Davies. The amount collected for the Society was £11 12s 8d.

14 May 1949 Nazareth The half-yearly meetings were held on Sunday. The Rev. I.G. Rees Jones, Troedyrhiw, was the preacher and Mr. Tom Davies was at the organ, with Mr. W.A. Davies conducting the singing. The Sisterhood held their meeting on Thursday, Mrs. E.P. Lewis presiding. The devotional part was taken by Mrs. G. Pearce and Mrs. S.G. Parry. Miss Muriel Jennings, Pant, gave an address. Mrs. W.A. Davies was organist.

14 May 1949 Mothers' Union On Monday, members journeyed to Cardiff to the Mothers' Union Festival held at St. John's Church. The address was given by the Lord Bishop of Llandaff.

28 May 1949 Nazareth Sisters The fortnightly meeting of the Sisterhood was held on Thursday. Mrs. E.P. Lewis, who presided, read a portion of Scripture, and Mrs. I. Jones conducted prayers. Mrs. S. Lewis gave an address on "The Love of Christ." Mrs. Eluned Lawrence thanked the speaker.

11 June 1949 Parish Church Rev. E. Adams Evans was the celebrant and preacher on Whit-Sunday.

11 June 1949 Carmel The pulpit was occupied on Sunday by an old Fochriw boy, Mr. Tom Mitchell, who left the district about 30 years ago. The organist was Mr. T. Walters and the singing was conducted by Mr. Meirion Shankland.

25 June 1949 Nazareth Sisterhood The members met on Thursday, Mrs. E.P. Lewis presiding. The devotional part was taken by Miss D. Davies and Mrs. Dilys Edwards. A paper on "Ways" was given by Mrs. D.T. Davies, Dowlais. She was thanked by Mrs. E. Lawrence and Miss G. Evans. The organist was Mrs. D. Edwards.

Kelly and Mrs. M. Burrows won the knock-out. Another winner was Mrs. L. Powell.

2 July 1949 Sunday School Outings The scholars of the various Churches joined forces for their annual outing to Barry Island. The weather was ideal and the journey was made by rail.

2 July 1949 Noddfa Sisterhood Mrs. Phyllis Jones presided at the meeting on Thursday. Miss Edna Jones read the lesson, and Miss G. Evans led in prayer. The speaker was Mrs. Griffiths, Abertyswg, who read a paper on "The King's Garden." She was thanked by Miss Evans and Mrs. T. Lawrence. The organist was Mrs. Dilys Edwards.

2 July 1949 Carmel The yearly meetings were held on Sunday last. The special preacher was Rev. Gwilym Morris, Gwaelodygarth. The organist was Mr. T. Walters and the singing was conducted by Mr. M. Shankland.

16 July 1949 Noddfa Sisterhood Sunday was observed and was well attended. During the day the speaker was Miss T.J. Jones of Beaufort. Miss Millie Williams rendered a sol at the

evening service. The services were presided over by Mrs. Phyllis Jones, and the organist was Mr. David J. Thomas.

Mrs. P. Jones also presided over the meeting on Thursday last. Miss Edna Jones read, and Mrs. S.G. Parry led the devotions. Miss Evans of Rhymney was the speaker, and gave a paper on "Faith, Hope and Charity." She was thanked by Miss G. Evans and Miss E. Jones. The meeting was closed in prayer. The organist was Mrs. D. Edwards.

On Saturday, the Sisterhood and friends had their annual outing on the Gower Coast, where an enjoyable day was spent.

16 July 1949 Sisterhood Rally An united Sisterhood Rally was held at Nazareth Chapel on Wednesday. A large number of members from Sisterhoods in the valley attended. Miss M. Evans, Dowlais, presided, and the speaker was Miss Sybil Roberts of the Indian mission fields, who spoke of her life in India. Mesdames M. Lewis and E. Lawrence rendered a duet. Rev. R. Thomas proposed a vote of thanks, seconded by Mrs. J.R. Rees Jones, Aberfan. The organist was Mr. W.A. Davies.

30 July 1949 Noddfa Sisterhood Mrs. P. Jones presided at the meeting on Thursday last. The Scripture was read by Mrs. M. Mantle and Miss G. Evans led in prayer. The speaker was Miss Jennings of Dowlais, who addresses the meeting on the text, "I am the bread of life." She was thanked by Mrs. S.G. Parry and Mrs. T. Lawrence. Mrs. Dilys Edwards was the organist.

3 September 1949 Retirement of Rev. J.C. Payne The Vicar of the parish of Penydarren, the Rev. J.C. Payne, goes into retirement this week. Mr. Payne will nevertheless take services at various times throughout the Llandaff diocese. Some time ago, Rev. Payne suffered the loss of his wife, and he will now live with his son, the Rev. J. Vernon Payne, who has been curate of Beddau, Llantrisant, for the past nine years, and who has now accepted the living of Cwmbach, Aberdare. Presentations were made to the Vicar on Sunday afternoon at St. John's Church. A native of Fochriw, Mr. Payne was for some time vicar of Fochriw and Deri. He was then vicar of Ystradowen and Welsh St. Donats for seven years before moving to Penydarren.

24 September 1949 Harvest Festival Services were held at St. David's, Pantywaun, on Sunday and Monday. The preacher on Sunday was Rev. H.T. Richards, curate of Deri, and on Monday, the Rev. T.M. Carr, Pontlottyn. The services were taken by the Vicar. The organist was Mr. A.J. Kings and Miss Ralph.

1 October 1949 Nazareth Sisterhood On Thursday, the Rev. O. Jeffreys, Ystrad Mynach, addressed members. Mrs. M. Lewis presided. Mrs. E. Lawrence read a portion of Scripture, and Mrs. M. Lewis offered prayer. Mrs. A. Davies was organist. Mrs. E. Lawrence and Mrs. J.J. Jones thanked Rev. Jeffreys.

1 October 1949 Wedding Gift On Monday at Noddfa Vestry, a wedding presentation was made to Mr. J.J. Jones, as a mark of appreciation for his services to Noddfa Chapel. He was presented with a heat-resisting teapot and hot-water jug, the presentation being made by Mrs. J. Edwards, one of the oldest members, who praised Mr. Jones's work. Mr. & Mrs. Jones suitably responded. Mr. T. Thomas presided.

1 October 1949 Parish Harvest Services were held at St. Mary's on Sunday and Monday. The church had been decorated with flowers, fruit and vegetables. The preacher and celebrant was the vicar, Rev. E. Adams Evans. The children's service was taken by Mr. W.J. Payne. On Sunday evening the vicar of Pontlottyn preached and on Monday the vicar of Ystrad Mynach.

8 October 1949 Nazareth Harvest Services were held on Monday and Tuesday. Mr. Trevor Lawrence presided on Monday, when the following took part: Mrs. Mattie Lewis, Mr. T.J. Jones, Mr. Meirion Shankland. Mr. W.A. Davies was the organist. On Tuesday, the preacher was Rev. I.G. Rees Jones, Troeyrhiw. On Sunday last, the preacher was Mr. W. Adams Jones, headteacher of Trelewis.

8 October 1949 Noddfa Sisterhood Mrs. P. Jones presided at the meeting on Thursday. Mrs. H. Price read the Scripture and Miss G. Evans led in prayer. Miss A. Davies, Dowlais, gave an address on "Joseph," and also rendered a solo. Thanks were accorded by Miss Edna Jones and Miss Evans. Mrs. Dilys Edwards was the organist.

5 November 1949 Noddfa Sisterhood The meeting was presided over by Miss Edna Jones (vice-president) on Thursday last. Mrs. Irene Jones read the lesson, and Miss G. Evans offered prayer. A solo was given by Mrs. L. Evans, Dowlais, Miss M. Payne, Dowlais, addressed the

members. Thanks were accorded by Miss Evans & Mrs. I. Jones. Mrs. D. Edwards was the organist, The meeting closed with prayer.

12 November 1949 Free Church Council A prayer meeting was held at Noddfa on Monday, when Mr. T.J. Jones presided. Messrs. T. Lawrence, G. Sibley and T. Thomas took part. Mrs. Dilys Edwards was the organist.

12 November 1949 Nazareth Sisterhood On Thursday, the Sisterhood was addressed by Mrs. E.P. Lewis. Mrs. E. Lawrence presided, and the devotional part was taken by Mrs. I. Jones and Miss Gretta Evans, who also thanked Mrs. Lewis.

12 November 1949 Remembrance Service A Service was held at St.. Mary's on Sunday afternoon when members of the various organisations were present. The service was conducted by the Rev. E. Adams Evans and Rev. H.T. Richards, Deri. Wreaths were laid at the memorial window by the Men's and Women's Sections of the British Legion and Mothers' Union. Flowers were also placed at the altar in memory of loved ones.

19 November 1949 Nazareth The half-yearly meeting was held on Sunday, when the preacher was the Rev. O.L. Jeffreys, Ystrad Mynach. The organist was Mr. Tom Davies, and the conductor Mr. W.A. Davies.

19 November 1949 Noddfa Sisterhood Mrs. Phyllis Jones presided over the Sisterhood on Thursday. A portion of Scripture was read by Miss Edna Jones and prayer was offered by Mrs. Irene Jones. The speaker was Mrs. Tyrrell, Rhymney, who also rendered a solo. Thanks were accorded by Mrs. G. Evans. A vote of sympathy was passed with the family of Mrs. A. Rowlands, Deri. Mrs. Rowlands, at the age of 81, had rendered solos at the Sisterhood, each time she was present. The organist was Mrs. Dilys Edwards.

10 December 1949 Nazareth Sisterhood A meeting was held on Thursday, when Mrs. M. Lewis presided. Mrs. B. Jeffreys, Ystrad Mynach, gave an address. The devotions were taken by Mrs. I. Jones and Miss G. Evans. Mrs. E P. Lewis was organist. Mrs. S. Lewis, Mrs. E. Lawrence and Miss G. Evans thanked the speaker.

10 December 1949 Carmel the half-yearly meetings were held on Sunday evening and were well attended. The Rev. D. J. Thomas, Llangennech, was the preacher. Mr. M. Shankland conducted, and Mr. T. Walters was organist.

17 December 1949 Noddfa Sisterhood Mrs. P. Jones presided on Thursday last. Scripture was read by Mrs. E. Thomas and Mrs. S.G. Parry offered prayer. A paper was given by Mrs. Edith P. Lewis of Nazareth and she was thanked by Mrs. E. Lawrence and Miss G. Evans. Mrs. Dilys Edwards was the organist.

24 December 1949 Nazareth The members met on Thursday with Mrs. M. Lewis presiding. Mrs. E. Lawrence gave an interesting talk and the devotions were led by Mrs. Dilys Edwards. Mrs. Lawrence was thanked by Mrs. Edith P. Lewis and Miss G. Evans. The organist was Mrs. E.P. Lewis.

31 December 1949 Church Services Christmas was observed at St.. Mary's with celebrations of Communion. The Vicar officiated throughout the day. Carols were sung by Master Michael Evans, Post Office, with Mr. W.P. Lawrence at the organ.

31 December 1949 Carmel The annual gymanfa was held on Christmas Day under the conductorship of Mr. Price, Rhymney. Mr. David Price presided in the morning, and those taking part were Delfryn Jones, Islwyn Shankland, Howard Davies, Morfydd Owen, Ann Trollope. Mr. Dan James presided in the afternoon, and Mrs. M.A. Lewis in the evening, when Miss Nellie Shankland took part. The singing reached a high standard. The accompanists were Mr. Meirion Shankland and Mrs. Annie Davies.

31 December 1949 Christmas Gymanfa: Noddfa and Nazareth The annual Gymanfa was held at Noddfa Chapel on Christmas Day. The singing reached a high standard under the conductorship of Mr. D. J. Thomas. Miss Katie Walters and Mr. T. Davies were the organists. The morning service was presided over by Mrs. Phyllis Jones, when Muriel Lewis read the lesson, and Margaret Morris led in prayer. Herbert Jones gave a recitation, while a party of girls from Nazareth sang. Miss E.G. Jones was president in the afternoon session, at which the devotions were taken by Mrs. S. G. Parry. A duet was sung by Mrs. Phyllis Jones & Mrs. Dilys Edwards. Mrs. Irene Jones gave a recitation. Mr. T. J. Jones presided at the evening session, when Mrs. M. Lewis took the devotional part. A duet was sung by Mrs. M. Lewis and Mr. W.

A. Davies. During the service, Mr. D. J. Davies, Youngstown, Ohio, U.S.A., a native of Fochriw, conducted a hymn which he had composed. The hymn "Rhys" was sung in memory of the following: Mrs. A. M. Evans, Messrs. Thomas Evans, Jenkin Thomas, and David Davies, Llanbradach.

7 January 1950 Noddfa Scholars' Party The scholars of Noddfa Baptist Church Sunday School were entertained on Thursday last to a party. After tea, games formed part of the programme organised by Miss Pat Sullivan. Each child was presented with a gift of money. Tea was provided by Mesdames Dilys Edwards, Phyllis Jones, Irene Jones, Olwen Thomas, M.A. Evans, A. Jones and Misses Shirley Jones, June Games, Linda Prosser, Ann Burrows, Pat Sullivan and E.E. Jones.

14 January 1950 Noddfa Sisterhood The meeting on Thursday was presided over by Mrs. Phyllis Jones, who also read the lesson. Prayers were taken by Mr. G. Evans. A paper on "William Williams, Pantycelyn," was given by Mrs. Edith P. Lewis of Nazareth. Thanks were accorded by Miss Edna Jones and Miss Evans. Mrs. D. Edwards was the organist. A vote of sympathy was passed with Mrs. E.A. Jones on the death of her father. The meeting closed with prayer.

28 January 1950 Noddfa Sisterhood Miss Edna E. Jones presided last Thursday, when a paper was given by Mrs. M. Davies of Bethel, Pontlottyn, who also rendered a solo. Mrs. Olwen Thomas read the Scriptures and prayer was offered by Mrs. S. G. Parry. Thanks to the speaker were given by Mrs. M. Lewis & Miss G. Evans. Mrs. Edwards was organist.

4 February 1950 Nazareth Sisterhood Members of the Sisterhood met on Thursday last, Mrs. M. Lewis presiding. The organist was Mrs. E.M. Lewis. Nurse Williams of Cefn Coed gave an address. The devotional part was taken by M. Broom. The speaker was thanked by Mrs. D. Jones & Mrs. E. Lawrence for such an able address.

18 February 1950 Nazareth Sisterhood The members of the Sisterhood held a prayer meeting at the chapel. Those taking part were: Devotions - Mrs. E. Lawrence; readings & prayers - Mrs. Irene Jones & Miss G. Evans; organist - Mrs. D. Edwards.

11 March 1950 Nazareth Church On St. David's Night, a social for the children was held. Tray holders were Mesdames T. Pugh, G. Edwards, E.P. Lewis, E. Matthews, T.J. Jones and T. Lawrence.

11 March 1950 St. David's Day Penybank Junior Mixed and Infants School celebrated St. David's Day with Welsh folk songs and ballads, also performing short plays and dialogues. The prizes in the competitive part of the programme were won by a section of the Infants' dept. They were in the hands of Mr. T. Lawrence, head teacher and staff. Fochriw Mixed and Infants' School pupils contributed to an excellent programme arranged by Mr. D. Jenkins and staff.

18 March 1950 Lenten Services The week-night service was conducted by the Vicar at the Parish Church on Wednesday.

18 March 1950 Nazareth Sisterhood A meeting was held on Thursday last. Miss Edith P. Lewis presided. An address was given by Miss Edna Jones who was thanked by Mrs. E. Lawrence and Miss Gretta Evans. The devotional part was taken by Mrs. Marshallsea.

1 April 1950 Nazareth Sisterhood Mrs. Mattie Lewis presided on Thursday and the address was given by Mrs. S.J. Jones of Bargoed, formerly of Fochriw. Mrs. Jones was thanked by Mrs. T. Lawrence and Mrs. Mantle.

1 April 1950 Special Services Special services were held at Siloah Pentecostal Church last week to mark the eighth year of the ministry of the resident pastor, Mr. W. Griffiths. The speakers were the Rev. F. Evans, Belfast, and Mr. E.H. George, Cwmtwrch, the Welsh singing evangelist.

8 April 1950 Palm Sunday On Sunday, hundreds visited the Old Churchyard. At the Parish Church, the Vicar conducted the service, with Mr. W. Lawrence at the organ.

15 April 1950 Siloh, Penybank At Siloh on Saturday, the members held a tea provided by the female section of the church. The reason for this celebration was as a token of appreciation to the pastor, Mr. W. Griffiths, for eight years of unflinching service. The members expressed their gratitude by presenting the pastor with a gold wrist-watch.

15 April 1950 United Services The united services were held at Nazareth on Good Friday. The morning service was a prayer meeting. The devotions were taken by Mrs. M. Lewis. Nurse

Ballard Davies and Mrs. Dilys Edwards also took part. The organist was Mrs. W.A. Davies. Mr. Tom Thomas presided. The evening service was taken by the Rev. Thomas, Aberfan. Mr. W.A. Davies was the organist, and Mr. T.J. Jones presided.

15 April 1950 Cymanfa Ganu A repetition of the Noddfa and Nazareth Christmas Gymanfa was held at Noddfa Church on Easter Sunday. Under the conductorship of Mr. D.J. Thomas, the singing reached a high standard. Mrs. Katie Walters and Mr. Tom Davies were the organists. Mrs. Phyllis Jones presided over the children's service in the morning, when Muriel Lewis read a portion of scripture, and Margaret Morris led in prayer. Herbert Jones recited and a hymn was sung by a party which consisted of Karie & Phyllis Hughes, Muriel Lewis, Margaret Edwards and Jessie Ann Davies. Mr. T.J. Jones was the president at the afternoon service, when Mrs. S.G. Parry took the devotional part. Mrs. Irene Jones gave a recitation and Mrs. Phyllis Jones and Mrs. Dilys Edwards sang a duet. Miss Edna E. Jones presided over the evening service and Mrs. Mattie Lewis took the devotions. A quartette - Mrs. M. Lewis, Mrs. D. Edwards, Mr. W.A. Davies and Mr. Crad Shankland - sang "The Old Rugged Cross."

15 April 1950 Easter Awards An eisteddfod was held at Noddfa Vestry on Wednesday, when Mr. Bryn Davies and Mr. W.A. Davies were the adjudicators. Miss Edna E. Jones presided; accompanist Mr. D.J. Thomas. The following were the winners: Recitation, 7 and under: 1. Rosemary Jones, 2. Phyllis Jones. Solo, 7 and under: 1&2 shared between Phyllis Jones, Ann Ballard and Willie Edwards. Solo 8 - 10: 1. Irene Games, 2. Edna Hughes, 3. Margaret Morris. Sol 8 - 10 boys: 1. Herbert Jones, 2. Keith Walters. Recitation 8 - 10: 1. Herbert Jones. Solo 10 -14: 1. Phyllis Hughes, 2. Brian Pearce. Recitation 10 - 14: 1. K. Hughes, 2. Dd. Ballard. Whistling: 1. Howard Pearce, 2. Brian Pearce. Whistling Party: 1. Rosemary's Party. Party of six under 11: Phyllis Jones' party. Party of four under 11: Nazareth party. Impromptu speech: Brian Jones and Morfydd Owen (divided). Essay under 11: Margaret Harris. Essay over 11: Margaret Morgan. Soprano solo: Mrs. S.G. Parry. Contralto solo: Mrs. Dilys Edwards. Duet: Mrs. Gwenda Pearce and Miss Edna E. Jones. Ladies Choir: Noddfa Party.

22 April 1950 Noddfa Sisterhood Mrs. Phyllis Jones presided and also gave an address on Thursday. Mrs. G. Edwards read the Scripture, and Mrs. P. Jones offered prayer. Thanks were given by Mrs. Edna Jones and Miss G. Evans. Mrs. D. Edwards was the organist.

29 April 1950 Easter Vestry The annual Easter Vestry of the Parish Church took place on Wednesday. The Vicar presided, supported by Mr. W.J. Payne, churchwarden, and Mr. John Palmer, parochial secretary. The Vicar thanked all who had worked to carry on the work of the church in the parish. Mr. Payne presented the accounts, stating that this was the 34th year for him to do so. All liabilities had been met, with a balance on the right side. The accounts were accepted. Elections: Mr. Payne was re-elected people's warden; Mr. John Owen was re-elected Vicar's warden; Mr. John Palmer was re-elected parochial secretary; Mr. A. Palmer, envelope secretary; Miss R. Davies, auditor; Mr. W. Lawrence, organist. The Parochial Council and sidesmen were re-elected.

6 May 1950 Deacon's Death The death has taken place of one of Fochriw's oldest residents, Mr. John Lawrence, 2, Glyn Terrace, at the age of 71. He was senior deacon and secretary of Nazareth C.M. Church.

6 May 1950 Noddfa Sisterhood Mrs. P. Jones presided on Thursday. Mrs. M. Sheeen read the Scripture, and Mrs. Irene Jones offered prayer. An address was given by Mrs. Aneurin Jones of Zoar, Pontlottyn, on "The Lord's Prayer." She was thanked by Mrs. D. Jones and Mrs. I. Jones. Nurse Ballard-Davies also spoke. Mrs. D. Edwards was organist.

20 May 1950 Noddfa Sisterhood The meeting was held on Thursday presided over by Mrs. Phyllis Jones. The devotions were taken by Mrs. Irene Jones. An address was given by Mrs. M.A. Lewis, Glyn-terrace, on "Samson." Mrs. Lewis was thanked for her excellent address by Miss Edna Jones and Miss G. Evans. Mrs. Dilys Edwards was the organist.

27 May 1950 Nazareth Sisterhood On Thursday, Miss Ann Davies gave an address, and also, sang a solo. Mrs. Mattie Lewis presided and the devotional part was taken by Mesdames G. Edwards and I. Jones. Thanks were given to Miss Davies by Mrs. Eluned Lawrence and Miss Gretta Evans. Mrs. D. Edwards was the organist.

27 May 1950 Bible Society The British and Foreign Bible Society Fochriw Auxiliary's annual meeting was held at Nazareth on Wednesday, when the Rev. D.H. Morgan, Ton Pentre, spoke on "The World's New Bible's Answer." The meeting was convened by Mr. T.J. Jones. The Scripture was read by Mrs. Mattie Lewis, and prayer was offered by Miss Gretta Evans. The financial report given by Mr. Samuel Lewis, treasurer, was: Penybank £2 2s 4d; Aelybryn £2 12s 4d; Cae Glas £2 10s 9d; Brynteg £8 2s; Nazareth S.S. £1 7s 1d; Noddfa Church £3 5s; Mission Hall £1; Noddfa Sisterhood 10/6; total £17 8s 5d. Thanks were accorded by Mr. D. Thomas and Mr. T. Ballard. Mr. W.A. Davies was the organist.

3 June 1950 Son Succeeds Father Mr. Trevor Lawrence has been appointed secretary of Nazareth C.M. Church, in succession to his father, the late Mr. John Lawrence, who held the post for 46 years. On Sunday, the preacher was Mrs. M.A. Lewis, Glyn-terrace. The organist was Mr. T. Davies, and the conductor was Mr. W.A. Davies.

3 June 1950 Parish Church Whit Sunday was observed at the Parish Church with celebrations of Holy Communion in the morning. The celebrant and preacher was the Rev. E. Adams Evans, vicar. The children's service in the afternoon was taken by Coun. W.J. Payne, churchwarden, and in the evening, the service was conducted by the Vicar. The organist was Mr. Norman Palmer.

17 June 1950 Noddfa Sisterhood The meeting was held on Thursday last. Miss Edna E. Jones, the newly-elected president, presided. An address was given by Miss G. Evans, who was thanked by Mrs. D. Lewis. Mrs. M. Mantle read a portion of Scripture, and Miss Evans offered prayer. Mrs. D. Edwards was the organist.

24 June 1950 Sisterhood Outings The combined Sisterhoods of Noddfa and Nazareth held their annual outings on Saturday, when they visited the Vale of Glamorgan. The arrangements were carried out by Mrs. Edith P. Lewis and Mrs. Gwenda Pearce, The members of the Carmel Sewing Class also held their outing to the Vale of Glamorgan on Saturday. Mrs. A. Davies and Mrs. D. Brown were responsible for the trip.

24 June 1950 Carmel Chapel The yearly meetings were held on Sunday, when Rev. D.J. Davies, Brecon College, preached. Mr. Thomas Walters was the organist, and the choirmaster was Mr. M. Shankland. The afternoon service was introduced by Mr. Gwyn Evans of Trefecca. The services were well attended.

1 July 1950 Noddfa Sisterhood Miss Edna E. Jones presided over the Sisterhood meeting on Thursday last. The Scripture was read by Mrs. E. Lawrence and the prayer was offered by Mrs. S.G. Parry. The speaker was Mrs. I. Trollope of Pontlottyn who gave a paper on the 103rd Psalm. She was thanked by Mrs. Mantle and Mrs. Lawrence. A vote of sympathy was extended to Mrs. A. Ballard on the death of Mr. A. Ballard. Mrs. D. Edwards was the organist.

1 July 1950 Noddfa Sunday School Anniversary A children's Sunday School anniversary service was held at Noddfa on Sunday evening. Mr. D.J. Thomas was the organist. The following children took part: Howard Pearce, Margaret Morris, Irene Games, Herbert Jones, Rosemary Jones, Willie Edwards, Phyllis Jones, Delphine Chapman, Ann Morris, Peter Morgan, Lyn Williams, Philip Jones, Jennette Burrows, Margaret Morgan, Lorna Williams, Jill Parry, Joyce Evans, Ann Ballard, Keith Walters, Windsor Ballard, Shirley Thomas, Dawn Games, Eunice Jones and Margaret Jones.

15 July 1950 "Jacob's Well" Miss Edna E. Jones presided at the Sisterhood on Thursday. The reading was taken by Mrs. Dilys Edwards, and prayer was offered by Miss G. Evans. The speaker for the evening was Mrs. M. Hancock of Pontlottyn, who gave a paper on "Jacob's Well." Thanks were accorded by Mrs. M. Lewis and Miss Evans. Mrs. I. Jones closed the meeting in prayer. Sympathy was extended to Mrs. K. Shankland in her bereavement.

Noddfa Activities Mrs. Tyrrel, Rhymney, was the speaker at the Sisterhood last Thursday, when Miss E. E. Jones presided and read a portion of Scripture. Mrs. I. Jones led in prayer. A duet was rendered by Mrs. M. Lewis and Mrs. T. Lawrence. The speaker was thanked by Miss Gretta Evans. Mrs. D. Edwards was the organist. Sisterhood Sunday was held at Noddfa on Sunday. Miss A. Meredith, Treorchy, was the visiting preacher. A children's service was held in the morning when Margaret Morgan read a portion of Scripture, and Irene Games led in prayer. Ann Morris gave a recitation and hymns were read by Jeanette Burrows, Herbert Jones, Willie Edwards and Philip Jones. An English service was held in the afternoon, when Miss

Gwenda Pearce and Miss Gretta Evans took the devotions. A duet was sung by Mrs. H. Lewis and Mrs. T. Lawrence. In the evening a Welsh service was held and Mrs. Dilys Edwards and Mrs. Irene Jones led the devotions. The president at each service was Miss Edna E. Jones and the organist was Mrs. D. Edwards.

19 August 1950 Dedication of Book In memory of the late Mr. Hugh Mantle, the Rev. E. Adams Evans, dedicated a beautiful book for the Communion table, at the Parish Church, on Sunday. Mr. Hugh Mantle, son of Mr. George and Mrs. Mantle, Aelybryn, was killed in action on H.M.S. Hardy during the last war. The book was the gift of his parents in memory of a brave son.

19 August 1950 Silver Communion Service On Sunday evening, at Nazareth Church, a further tribute was paid to the memory of the late Mr. John Lawrence. Before the celebration of Holy Communion, a silver Communion service (inscribed) was dedicated to his memory for faithful service as deacon and secretary for over 45 years. The Communion service was presented by members of the church, and dedicated by the Rev. G. Davies, Ynysybwl, who said that the gift showed how great was the respect in which Mr. Lawrence was held by the church that its members should wish to perpetuate his memory in such a lovely way.

9 September 1950 Noddfa Sisterhood Miss Edna E. Jones presided over a meeting on Thursday last. A portion of Scripture was read by Mrs. M. Mantle and prayer was offered by Miss G. Evans. An address was given by Mrs. Whiteford of Dowlais. Thanks were accorded the speaker by Mrs. D. Jones. The organist was Mrs. Dilys Edwards.

9 September 1950 Noddfa The annual church services were held on Sunday, when the special preacher was Principal Edward Roberts, M.A., of Cardiff Baptist College. Mr. D.J. Thomas was the precentor and organist.

23 September 1950 Noddfa Sisterhood Miss E. E. Jones presided at the meeting on Thursday. Mrs. E. Uzzle, Deri read the Scripture, and Miss G. Evans led in prayer. The speaker was Mrs. Carter, Deri, who gave a paper on "Witnesses and Spectators." She was thanked by Miss Evans and Mrs. I. Jones. Mrs. Uzzle gave a solo. Mrs. D. Edwards was the organist. A vote of condolence was passed with Mr. David Lewis in his recent bereavement.

30 September 1950 Harvest Festival Services were held at the Parish Church on Sunday and Monday. The preachers were: Sunday morning - the Vicar; afternoon - Coun. W. J. Payne; evening - Rev. T. J. Goodwin, Rector of Dowlais; Monday - Rev. Clements of Eglwysilan.

7 October 1950 Noddfa Sisterhood Miss Edna Jones presided at a meeting on Thursday last. The Scripture was taken by Mrs. M. Sheen who also gave a paper on "The Sabbath Day." Thanks were accorded by Mrs. T. Lawrence and Mrs. M. Lewis. Mrs. D. Edwards was at the organ.

7 October 1950 Harvest Festival Services were held at St. David's, Pantywaun, on Sunday and Monday. The celebrant was the Vicar, and the preachers on Sunday and Monday were Coun. W. J. Payne and Mr. C. M. Ralph. The organist was Miss M. Ralph.

21 October 1950 Nazareth Annual Meetings The annual meetings of Nazareth were held on Sunday, when the Rev. H.G. Davies, Ynysybwl, preached. The singing was conducted by Mr. Willie A. Davies, with Mr. David J. Davies at the organ.

21 October 1950 "Sheaf of Corn" A harvest thanksgiving service was held at Noddfa Sisterhood on Thursday. Miss Edna E. Jones presided, and took the reading. Mrs. Irene Jones offered prayer. A solo was rendered by Miss G. Evans and a recitation was given by Mrs. I. Jones. A paper was given by Mrs. Dilys Edwards entitled "A Sheaf of Corn." Mrs. Edwards also gave a solo after her paper. Thanks were accorded by Miss M. Sheen and Miss Evans. Mrs. A. Davies was the organist.

28 October 1950 Nazareth On Sunday the pulpit was occupied by Mr. W. Adams Jones, headteacher of Trelewis School, and an old Fochriw boy.

28 October 1950 Bible Society Thanks The secretary, Mr. T.J. James, and treasurer, Mr. S. Lewis, wish to thank the contributors and collectors for their help to the British and Foreign Bible Society, in the recent house-to-house collection, which were as follows: Penybanc and Pentwyn: Mr. Dd. Love, £1 11s 8d; Cae Glas: Mrs. Pugh and Mrs. Morris, £2 13s 8d; Aelybryn: Mrs. Pearce and Mrs. E. Thomas, £2 1s 7d; Brynteg: Mrs. E. Rees and Mrs. Walters, £3 10s 4d; total £9 17s 3d.

4 November 1950 Noddfa Sisterhood Miss Edna E. Jones presided at a meeting on Thursday. Mrs. Gwenda Pearce took the reading and Miss G. Evans offered prayer. A paper was given by Mrs. Edith P. Lewis of Nazareth on "Sacrifices." She was thanked by Mrs. K. Walters and Miss Evans. The organist was Mrs. Dilys Edwards.

18 November 1950 Noddfa Sisterhood Mrs. Gwenda Pearce, vice-president, presided over the meeting on Thursday, when the devotional part was taken by Mesdames M. Sheen and S.G. Parry. A paper was given on "Power of Prayer" by Mrs. D. Edwards. Thanks were accorded by Mrs. I. Jones, who also closed the meeting in prayer.

18 November 1950 Remembrance Service A remembrance service was held at the Parish Church on Sunday, conducted by the Vicar, Rev. E. Adams Evans, with Mr. W.P. Lawrence at the organ. Wreaths were laid at the Memorial Window on behalf of the men's and women's sections of the British Legion, and the Mothers' Union. Flowers and poppies were also placed on the altar in memory of the fallen.

2 December 1950 Sisterhood Mrs. G. Pearce, vice president, presided at the Sisterhood on Thursday last. The reading was taken by Mrs. I. Jones and Miss G. Evans offered prayer. The speaker was Mrs. Sam Lewis, Glyn Terrace, who gave a paper on "Blessings." Mrs. Pearce and Mrs. T. Evans, Deri, gave solos. Thanks to the speaker were given by Mrs. T. Lawrence and Mrs. S. G. Parry, and Mrs. Lewis responded. Mrs. D. Edwards was the organist.

16 December 1950 Noddfa Sisterhood Mrs. G. Pearce, vice-president, presided over the meeting on Thursday. Mrs. D. Jones read a portion of Scripture, and Mrs. Irene Jones prayed. An address was given by Mrs. M. Lewis of Tredegar, who also rendered a solo. Thanks were accorded Mrs. Lewis by Mrs. S.G. Parry and Mrs. Jones. Mrs. D. Edwards was the organist.

6 January 1951 Carmel Gymanfa The annual Christmas Gymanfa was held at Carmel recently, and this year, the 50th anniversary was celebrated. The morning service was devoted to the children, and the following took part: Gill Farley (reading), Brian Davies (prayer), Nesta Russell (poem - "A Christmas Carol"), Delfryn Jones, hymn. In the afternoon, the devotions were taken by Mr. David Lewis and Nurse Mimi Lewis. The conductor throughout the day was Mr. Emllyn Evans, and the organist Mr. Thomas Walters, A.L.C.M. The presidents were Miss Eliza Evans, Mr. David Lewis and Mr. Meirion Shankland.

6 January 1951 Cymanfa Ganu The United Gymanfa Ganu of Nazareth and Noddfa Chapels was held at Noddfa, when the conducting was done by Mr. David J. Davies, and the organists were Mrs. G. Walters and Mr. Tom Davies. The morning session was presided over by Mr. T. J. Jones, and recitations were given by Willie Edwards and Herbert Jones. In the afternoon, a party of six girls from Nazareth sang, and the president was Mr. E. P. Lewis. In the evening Mr. T. J. Jones presided. Miss Mary Cumpstone recited, and Miss Mattie Lewis rendered a solo. The devotional parts were taken by the following: morning - Jessie Ann Davies; afternoon - Mr. Richard Jones; evening - Mrs. Dilys Edwards.

6 January 1951 Noddfa Tea On Tuesday of last week, 60 children of Noddfa Welsh Baptist Sunday School were entertained to a Christmas tea at the vestry. The tray holders were Mesdames E. O. Thomas, E. Thomas, S. G. Parry, E. Jones, G. Pearce. M. Sheen and I. Jones, who were assisted by Misses June Games, Ann Burrows, Linda Prosser, Ismary Jones, Efon Griffiths, G. Dummett, A. Thomas, S. A. Davies, B. Harris and A. Jones. After the tea, the children took part in games supervised by Mr. T. J. Jones. At the close of the evening, every child present was given a Christmas gift given by Mrs. Edwards, and presented by Mrs. E. O. Thomas, Sunday School superintendent. All the children wished their teachers, Miss E. E. Jones and Mr. D. J. Thomas, a speedy recovery.

6 January 1951 Carmel Tea On Thursday week, the scholars of Carmel were entertained to a tea at the vestry by the teachers, Mr. T. Walters, Miss M. Jones and Mrs. E. Rees. Games were played and there was singing. Each child was presented with a Christmas gift.

13 January 1951 Noddfa Sisterhood Mrs. T. Lawrence presided on Thursday when the devotional part was taken by Mrs. E. P. Lewis. A paper on "Weariness" was given by Miss G. Evans who also rendered a solo. She was thanked by Mrs. E. P. Lewis and Mrs. M. Lewis. Mrs. D. Edwards was the organist. Best wishes of a speedy recovery were extended to Miss Edna E. Jones, president, who is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital.

3 February 1951 Noddfa On Sunday, the following children of the Sunday School were presented with a gift of a book each for their good work in collecting for the Baptist Missionary Society: Willie Edwards, Philip Jones, Peter Morgan, Phyllis M. Jones, Win Morris, Delphine Chapman, Eunice Jones, Ann Ballard, Shirley Thomas, Elizabeth Evans, Yvonne Davies, Irene Games. Mr. T. Thomas made the presentations. During the evening, a paper was read by Mrs. S. G. Parry.

10 February 1951 President Welcomed Miss Edna E. Jones presided over the Sisterhood meeting on Thursday, a warm welcome being extended after her recent illness. The reading was taken by Mrs. T. Lawrence and prayer was offered by Miss G. Evans. The speaker was Mrs. Tyrell, Beulah, Rhymney, who gave a paper on "The Resurrection." She was thanked by Miss Evans and Mrs. Lawrence. Mrs. D. Edwards was organist. The meeting closes with prayer.

24 February 1951 Sisterhood Miss E. E. Jones presided at the meeting on Thursday. The devotions were taken by Mrs. M. Sheen and Miss G. Evans. A paper was given by Sister S. G. Parry. Thanks were accorded by Mrs. I. Jones and Miss Evans. A vote of sympathy was passed with the bereaved families of the district. Mrs. Edwards was the organist.

10 March 1951 Sisterhood Miss Edna E. Jones presided over the meeting on Thursday. Mrs. E. Uzzell, Deri read the portion of Scripture, and Miss G. Evans offered prayer. A paper was given by Mrs. Carter of Tabernacle, Deri, on "Human Sacrifices." She was thanked by Miss Evans and Mrs. T. Lawrence. A duet was rendered by Mrs. Uzzell and Mrs. B. Lee, Deri. Mrs. D. Edwards was the organist. The evening closed with the Benediction.

31 March 1951 Free Church Council The Fochriw Free Churches held their annual Good Friday services at Nazareth. The morning service took the form of a prayer meeting, with Mr. Trevor Lawrence (chairman, Free Church Council) presided. Those taking part were Mr. Richard Jones, Nurse Davies and Mrs. M. Lewis. The organist was Mrs. Annie Davies. The evening service was conducted by the Rev. Latimer Williams, Deri. Mr. T.J. Jones presided, and the organist was Mr. W.A. Davies.

31 March 1951 Gymanfa Ganu A repeat of the Christmas Gymanfa was held at Noddfa on Easter Sunday. The singing reached a high standard under the conductorship of Mr. D.J. Davies. The organists were Mrs. K. Walters, Mr. T. Davies and Mr. D.J. Thomas. The children's service was held in the morning, when Mrs. Doris Jones presided. Taking part were Jessie Ann Davies, Phyllis Hughes, Willie Edwards and Herbert Jones. Mrs. Edith Lewis presided in the afternoon, when Mr. Richard Jones took the devotions. A hymn was sung by a party of girls consisting of Jessie Ann Davies, Phyllis Hughes, Yvonne Davies, Katie Hughes and June Games. The president at the evening meeting was Mr. T.J. Jones. Mrs. Dilys Edwards led the devotions. A recitation was given by Mary Cumpstone, and Mrs. Martin Lewis sang a solo.

21 April 1951 Sisterhood Miss Edna E. Jones presided over the meeting on Thursday. The devotions were taken by Mrs. G. Pearce and Mrs. S. G. Parry. A paper was given by Mrs. Sheen on "God Answers Prayers," and she was thanked by Mrs. Edith Lewis and Mrs. Parry. A duet was rendered by Mrs. Uzzell and Mrs. B. Lee, Deri. Mrs. D. Edwards was the organist. The evening closed in prayer.

5 May 1951 Bible Society The annual meeting of the British and Foreign Bible Society was held at Nazareth Church last week. Rev. T. Alban Davies, Ton Pentre, gave the address. The chairman was Mr. T. J. Jones, and the organist, Mr. W. A. Davies. Mr. T. Ballard and Mr. T. Lawrence moved and seconded the vote of thanks.

5 May 1951 Noddfa Sisterhood Mrs. E. E. Jones presided on Thursday. An interesting address was given by Mrs. S. J. Jones of Bargoed, late of Fochriw. Devotions were taken by Mrs. G. Edwards and Miss G. Evans. Miss Evans gave a solo. The speaker was thanked by Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Evans. Mrs. D. Edwards was the organist.

12 May 1951 Nazareth Church The yearly meetings were held on Sunday, when Rev. T. Maddocks, Abertridwr, preached to large congregations. The choirmaster was Mr. W. A. Davies, with Mr. T. Davies at the organ.

12 May 1951 Sisterhood: Guest Speaker Mrs. G. Gittoes, Merthyr, gave an address at the Nazareth Sisterhood on Thursday last. Mrs. E. Lawrence presided and the devotions were led

by Mrs. D. Jones and Miss G. Evans. Thanks to the speaker were given by Miss G. Evans, Mrs. D. Jones and Mrs. I. Jones. The organist was Mrs. A. Davies.

19 May 1951 Noddfa Sisterhood The members met on Thursday, presided over by Miss Edna Jones. Mrs. Salmon of Rhymney gave the address. The devotions were taken by Miss G. Evans and Mrs. Sheen. Miss Evans also thanked Mrs. Salmon for her able address. The organist was Mrs. Dilys Edwards.

2 June 1951 Noddfa Sisterhood Miss E. E. Jones presided over the meeting on Thursday. Mrs. E. Lawrence gave the reading, and Mrs. Irene Jones offered prayers. A paper was given by Mrs. Edith P. Lewis and she was thanked by Miss G. Evans and Mrs. S. G. Parry. The organist was Mrs. D. Edwards.

9 June 1951 Carmel Annual Meetings These were well attended on Sunday last. Rev. A. E. Grant, Rhymney, officiated. The organist was Mr. W. A. Davies and the singing was conducted by Mr. Meirion Shankland.

9 June 1951 Nazareth Sisterhood The members met on Thursday when Mrs. E. P. Lewis presided. Devotions were taken by Mrs. G. Edwards and Miss G. Evans. Mr. T. J. Jones gave a timely address, and was thanked by the President, Miss G. Evans and Mrs. E. Lawrence.

16 June 1951 Noddfa Sisterhood The members met on Thursday, and Miss Edna E. Jones presided. The devotions were taken by Mrs. G. Price and Miss G. Evans. A paper was given by Mrs. S.G. Price on "The Prodigal Son." The speaker was thanked by the president and Miss Evans. Mrs. D. Edwards was the organist.

30 June 1951 Carmel: Student Welcomed On Sunday afternoon, a welcome was extended to Mr. Albert Williams, a student at Brecon Memorial College, who is taking a three months' vacation at Carmel. Mr. T. Ballard presided, and welcomed the new pastor. Greeting and best wishes were extended on behalf of Carmel by Nurse Ballard Davies, on behalf of Nazareth by Mr. W. A. Davies, of Noddfa by the Rev. T. J. Jones, and of the Church in Wales by Coun. W. J. Payne. Mr. Williams suitably responded. Rev. Latimer Williams preached the sermon. Mr. Thomas Walters was the organist, and Mr. Meirion Shankland conducted the singing.

7 July 1951 Sisterhood The members of the Nazareth Sisterhood were entertained last Thursday by members of the Emanuel Sisterhood, Rhymney, who took the evening's programme. Mrs. E. Lawrence, Mrs. D. James and Miss Gretta Evans thanked the visitors.

11 August 1951 Organist's Departure The Vicar was the preacher at the Parish Church on Sunday evening. The lessons were read by Coun. W.J. Payne and the organist was Mr. W.P. Lawrence, Mus.Bac. The vicar said they regretted losing the services of such a distinguished musician and organist as Mr. Lawrence. This was his last night as organist of the Parish Church, as he was getting married and leaving the district. Mr. Payne said he had known Mr. Lawrence from childhood, and he had reached brilliant heights as an accompanist both on piano and organ. He had also reached a very high standard on a number of occasions at Eisteddfodau and first class concerts.

8 September 1951 Noddfa Sisterhood Miss Edna E. Jones presided at the meeting on Thursday when the speaker was Mr. A. Williams, pastor student at Carmel Chapel. Mrs. Irene Jones read a portion of Scripture, and Miss Gretta Evans led in prayer. Thanks were accorded the speaker by Miss Evan and Nurse Ballard-Davies. The meeting was closed with prayer. The organist was Mrs. D. Edwards.

8 September 1951 Sisterhood Sunday The annual Sisterhood Sunday was held at Noddfa Chapel when the preacher was the Rev. D. Jones, New Tredegar. Miss Edna E. Jones presided at each meeting. The children took part at the morning service. Hymns were read by Phillip Jones, Yvonne Davies, Joynce Evans and Irene Games; Willie Edwards read a portion of Scripture and Jeanette Burrows led in prayer. Hymns were sung by two parties consisting of Rosemary Jones, Anne Ballard, Phyllis Jones, Eunice Jones, Irene Games, Shirley Thomas and Annette Jones. Herbert Jones closed the meeting with prayer. At the afternoon service Mrs. M. Sheen and Miss Gretta Evans took the devotional part, and at the evening service Mrs. Dilys Edwards read a portion of Scripture, and Mrs. Irene Jones led in prayer. The organist was Mr. Dd. J. Thomas

22 September 1951 Noddfa Sisterhood The meeting on Thursday was presided over by Miss Edna E. Jones (president), who was re-elected to the office for the coming year, with Mrs.

T. Lawrence as vice-president. The reading was taken by Mrs. Lawrence and Miss G. Evans offered prayer. The speaker was MRs. M. Parsons, New Tredegar, who addressed the meeting on "Broken Things." Thanks were accorded the speaker by Mrs. S.G. Parry and Miss Evans. Mrs. Dilys Edwards was the organist. The meeting was closed with prayer.

6 October 1951 Noddfa Sisterhood Miss Edna E. Jones presided at the meeting on Thursday. The reading was taken by Mrs. M. Sheen and Miss C. Evans offered prayer. A paper was given by Mrs. E. P. Lewis on "Peace," and she was thanked by Mrs. E. Lawrence, Mrs. I. Jones, and Miss Evans. Mrs. Acreman of New Tredegar gave a recitation. A vote of condolence was passed with the family of the late Mr. George Sibley. Mrs. Dilys Edwards was the organist.

6 October 1951 Parish Church Harvest Thanksgiving Harvest festival services were held on Sunday and Monday, when the Church was decorated with flowers, fruit and vegetables. The preacher and celebrant on Sunday morning was the Vicar, and the preacher at the evening service was the Rev. W. R. Hughes, vicar of Pontlottyn. Coun. Payne read the lessons, and the organist was Mr. Octavius Richards. The children's service on Sunday afternoon was conducted by the Vicar and Miss Olive Payne, with the following children taking part: Sheila Lewis, Mair Jones, Valerie Davey, Brenda Small, Pamela Lewis, Gillian Jones, Jean Williams, Gaynor Clarke, Mary Jones, Jessie Ann Davies, Avril Small. On Monday, the preacher was the Rev. J. Washington Jones, Rector of Eglwysilian, with the vicar taking the service. The lessons were read by Mr. J. B. Palmer, with Mr. Norman Palmer at the organ.

20 October 1951 Noddfa Sisterhood A harvest thanksgiving service was held on Thursday last, Miss Edna E. Jones presiding. Miss Jones read the Scripture, and Mrs. Irene Jones led in prayer. The address was given by Miss Gretta Evans. Hymns were read by Mesdames E.P. Lewis, G. Edwards, M. Clark and D. Edwards. Thanks were accorded Miss Evans by Mrs. Sheen and Mrs. Lewis. A recitation was given by Phyllis Jones. Mr. D. Edwards was the organist. The meeting closed with prayer.

27 October 1951 Nazareth Meetings The yearly meetings were held on Sunday and were well attended. The Rev. Watkin Williams, Ferndale, preached the sermons. Mr. Tom Davies was the organist, and Mr. W. Angell Davies conducted.

27 October 1951 United Harvest Festival The united festival meetings of Carmel, Noddfa and Nazareth were held at Nazareth and were well attended. The service on Monday evening took the form of a prayer meeting, Mr. Trevor Lawrence presiding. The devotional parts were taken by Miss Edna E. Jones and Messrs. Tom Thomas and D. James. On Tuesday evening, Mr. T. J. Jones presided, and the Rev. D. Islwyn Jones, Penuel, Rhymney, preached. The organist throughout was Mr. W. A. Davies.

3 November 1951 Noddfa Sisterhood Miss Edna E. Jones presided over the meeting on Thursday. The reading was taken by Mrs. E.P. Lewis and Mrs. S.G. Parry led in prayer. In the absence of the speaker, Miss G. Evans gave a paper, and was thanked by Mrs. E. Lawrence and Mrs. Lewis. Mrs. D. Edwards was the organist.

17 November 1951 Remembrance Sunday This was observed at St. Mary's on Sunday, when various organisations attended. The Vicar was the preacher and the service was taken by Mr. J. Palmer with Mr. N. Palmer at the organ.

17 November 1951 Noddfa Sisterhood Miss E. E. Jones presided at the meeting on Thursday. Mrs. E. Lawrence gave the reading, and Miss G. Evans offered prayer. A paper was given by Mrs. S. G. Parry. Thanks were accorded by Mrs. Evans and Mrs. Jones. A vote of sympathy was passed with the family of Mr. Evan J. Jones, formerly of Fochriw.

1 December 1951 Carmel On Sunday, the preacher was the former minister, Rev. Eurof Jones. The organist was Mr. T. Walters, with Mr. M. Shankland conducting the singing.

1 December 1951 Noddfa Sisterhood Miss E. E. Jones presided on Thursday. Mrs. M. Mantle gave the reading, and Miss G. Evans offered prayer. The speaker was Mrs. Matthews, Abertysswg, who gave a paper on "Friendship." A solo was rendered by Mrs. King and a recitation by Mrs. Rawlings, both of Bargoed. Thanks were accorded the visitors by Mrs. I. Jones, Miss Evans and the president. Mrs. D. Edwards was the organist.

8 December 1951 Churches' Tribute At the monthly meeting of the United Churches of Fochriw on Monday evening, tributes were paid to Mr. Trevor Lawrence, the chairman, on his departure, in the New Year, to take up his new post. Mr. Lawrence has been appointed

headmaster of Elmley Castle Mixed and Infants' Primary School by the Worcestershire Education Committee. Before this, he had served as senior assistant master at the Deri Mixed Primary School, and Headmaster of Penybank Junior and Infants' School. Several speakers congratulated him on his success, and wished him and his family happiness in the future, at the same time regretting the great loss his departure means to the churches in the village.

15 December 1951 Carmel Special Services were held on Sunday, when the Rev. T. Alban Davies was the preacher. Mr. M. Shankland conducted the singing, with Mr. Tom Walters at the organ.

15 December 1951 Sisterhood's Gift Miss Edna E. Jones presided over the meeting on Thursday. Peace and prayer was offered by Miss G. Evans. The speaker was Mrs. E. Lawrence, who was thanked by Miss Jones, Miss Evans and Mrs. E. P. Lewis. A presentation of a silver cake basket was made by Mrs. S. A. Davies, the oldest member of the Sisterhood, to Mrs. Lawrence on her departure from the village. Mrs. D. Edwards was the organist.

5 January 1952 Christmas Party On Tuesday, the scholars of the junior section of Carmel Sunday School, under the supervision of their teachers, held their Christmas party. Each child was presented with a present by Father Christmas with a present from the Christmas tree. Afterwards, games were played.

5 January 1952 Noddfa Sisterhood Miss E. E. Jones presided over the meeting on Thursday, when Mrs. I. Jones' Sunday School class gave the programme. Miss Jill Parry read a portion of Scripture, and Ann Morris offered prayer. Miss Margaret Morris read out the first hymn. A recitation was given by Miss Mary Cumpstone and a party of girls sang. The speaker for the evening was Mrs. Evans of Dowlais. Mrs. Evans and the girls were thanked by Miss Evans and Miss Jones. Mrs. Dilys Edwards was the organist.

5 January 1952 Carmel The annual Christmas Gymanfa in connection was held on Christmas Day. The singing, which reached a high standard, was under the conductorship of Mr. Meirion Shankland, and the accompanists were Mr. Thomas Walters and Mrs. A. Davies. The morning session was devoted to the children, and was presided over by Miss B. Ballard. Taking part were: reading, Delfryn Jones; prayer, Jill Farley; solo, Margaret Shankland; recitations, Wendy Hann & Rosaline Russell. The afternoon session was presided over by Miss Eliza Evans and the reading was taken by Leonard Evans. Miss Evans took the devotional part. In the evening the president was Mr. David Lewis, who led in prayer and readings.

5 January 1952 Cymanfa Ganu The annual Noddfa and Nazareth Gymanfa Ganu was held at Noddfa on Christmas Day, when, under the conductorship of Mr. D. J. Thomas, the singing reached a very high standard. Mrs. K. Walters and Mr. Tom Davies were the organists. The morning session was devoted to the children, when Brian Pearce read a portion of Scripture, and Brain Jones led in prayer. A hymn was sung by a party consisting of Katie Hughes, Jessie Ann Davies, Jene Games and Phyllis Hughes. At the afternoon service, Mrs. S. G. Parry and Mr. Tom Thomas took the devotions and a recitation was given by Mary Cumpstone. Mrs. Doris Jones took the devotional part in the evening service. A quartette was sung by Mrs. G. Pearce, Mrs. Dilys Edwards, Mr. W. A. Davies and Mr. Crad Shankland. The presidents at the Gymanfa were: morning, Miss Edna E. Jones; afternoon, Mrs. Edith P. Lewis; evening, Mr. Thomas J. Jones.

5 January 1952 St. Mary's Christmas Day services were held, the celebrant and preacher being the Vicar.

9 February 1952 Noddfa Sisterhood Miss Edna E. Jones presided at the meeting on Thursday. An address was given by Miss H. Hancock, Pontlottyn, who was thanked by Miss G. Evans and Mrs. I. Jones. The meeting was closed with prayer. Mrs. Dilys Edwards was the organist.

9 February 1952 Children's Service A special Sunday School service took place at Noddfa Chapel on Sunday. A portion of Scripture was read by Herbert Jones and Margaret Morgan led in prayer. A special feature, "The Building of a Clock," was performed by children of the Primary Department. Children who took part individually were Phillip Jones, Willie Edwards, Ann Ballard, Rosemary and Eunice Jones, Peter Morgan, Yvonne Davies, Annette Jones, Dawn Games, Phyllis Jones, Margaret Jones, Elizabeth Evans, John Lyn Gittens, David Pearce, David Price, David Chapman. Mr. Richard Jones, superintendent of the Sunday School, presided and

Mr. D.J. Thomas was the organist. The children had been taught by the primary teachers: Miss Edna E. Jones and Mr. D.J. Thomas.

16 February 1952 Parish Church At the Sunday service, touching references were made to the death of the King. Prayers were offered for Divine blessing on Queen Elizabeth II and the Royal Family. Coun. W.J. Payne officiated at the morning service, and the Rev. E. Adams Evans, vicar, in the evening.

16 February 1952 Mission Hall At the Sunday evening service, Pastor David Thomas paid tribute to the late King George VI. Prayers were offered for the Royal Family. The congregation stood in silent tribute. The Queen Mother's favourite hymn "The Lord's My Shepherd," (to the tune "Crimond") was sung. The organist was Mr. David Saunders.

23 February 1952 Noddfa Sisterhood Miss E. E. Jones presided over the meeting on Thursday. The reading was taken by Mrs. M. Sheen and the prayers were offered by Mrs. T. J. James, who also gave an address. Thanks were accorded the speaker by Miss G. Evans. The organist was Mrs. Dilys Edwards.

8 March 1952 Rev. J. V. Payne Now A Vicar The Rev. J. V. Payne, son of the Rev. J. C. Payne, and the late Mrs. Payne, was instituted on Thursday week to the Vicarage of Llanharan with Peterston-super-Montem (or Brynna) by the Archbishop of Wales. Rev. Payne was formerly the curate of Aberdare with Cwmbach. The new vicar had lived at Fochriw when his father was the vicar of the parish, before going to university to pursue his studies for the church.

8 March 1952 Noddfa Sisterhood Miss E. E. Jones presided on Thursday evening when the service on the Bible was conducted by Mrs. Edith P. Lewis. Mrs. S. G. Parry and Mrs. I. Jones thanked Mrs. Lewis. Mrs. D. Edwards was the organist.

12 April 1952 Palm Sunday Hundreds of people visited the old church on the hill on Sunday afternoon, where flowers were placed on the graves of loved ones.

19 April 1952 Parish Church Easter Day was celebrated with celebrations of Holy Communion in the morning conducted by the Vicar. In the evening, the preacher was Mr. J.B. Palmer. The church had been nicely decorated with Easter lilies and spring flowers.

19 April 1952 Easter Gymanfa The annual Noddfa and Nazareth Gymanfa was held at Noddfa Chapel on Easter Day. The singing reached a very high standard under the conductorship of Mr. D.J. Thomas. The organists were Mrs. K. Walters and Mr. Tom Davies. The morning service was devoted to the children, when Brian Pearce read a portion of Scripture, and Brain Jones led in prayer. Recitations were given by Annette Jones and Edna Hughes and Irene Games gave a solo. In the afternoon service, the devotions were led by Mrs. Gwenda Pearce and Mr. Tom Thomas. Herbert Jones gave a recitation. Mrs. Doris Jones led prayers in the evening service and a solo was rendered by Phyllis Hughes. The presidents for the day were: morning, Miss Edna E. Jones; afternoon, Mrs. E. Lewis; evening, Mr. T.T. Jones.

26 April 1952 Easter Vestry The annual vestry meeting of the Parish Church took place on Monday. The Vicar thanked all who had helped during the year. The Churchwarden presented the accounts. As the parish had no curate, parish work was carried out with the aid of the lay reader and college student. It was decided to mark in a tangible form the work of their former organist, Mr. W. P. Lawrence, Mus. Bac., who had left the district after his marriage. The members stood in tribute to those who had died during the year. The following officers were elected: churchwardens, Coun. W. J. Payne and Mr. John Owen; parochial secretary, Mr. J. B. Palmer; auditor, Miss R. Davies; envelope secretary, Mr. A. Palmer; parochial council, Mesdames E. A. Evans, S. A. Payne, E. J. Lawrence, R. Davies, A. Palmer, G. Llewellyn, Messrs. J. Lawrence, E. T. Pritchard, A. Palmer, B. Rees, W. James, G. Lawrence, G. Evans, G. Baldwin and D. Williams. The sidesmen were re-elected.

17 May 1952 Noddfa Sisterhood Miss Edna E. Jones presided at the meeting on Thursday evening last. The devotions were taken by Mrs. E. P. Lewis. The speaker was Mrs. M. A. Lewis, Glyn-terrace, who was thanked by Mrs. I. Jones and Mrs. Lewis. Mrs. D. Edwards was the organist. A vote of condolence was passed with the family of the late Mrs. S. J. Jones of Bargoed, late of Fochriw.

14 June 1952 Noddfa Sisterhood Miss Edna Jones presided at the Sisterhood meeting on Thursday. The devotional part was taken by Mrs. D. Edwards. Miss G. Evans gave an address.

Thanks were accorded by Mesdames E.P. Lewis and G. Pearce. The organist was Mrs. D. Edwards.

14 June 1952 Outings On Monday, the scholars of Noddfa Sunday School, accompanied by their teachers and parents, visited Porthcawl. On Saturday, members of the Sewing Class, accompanied by their instructress, Mrs. F. Evans, Deri, visited Barmouth.

14 June 1952 Carmel Services Special services were held at Carmel on Sunday. The Rev. B.M. Davies, Cardiff, officiated. Mr. M. Shankland conducted the singing, and Mr. T. Walters was the organist. During the evening service, a vote of sympathy was passed with the relatives of Mrs. S. Davies, widow of the late Mr. W.G. Davies. Members stood in silence while Mr. T. Walters played "The Dead March."

5 July 1952 Noddfa Sisterhood The annual meetings were held on Sunday, the speaker being Mr. John, Cardiff. The morning service was devoted to the children, when the following took part: Philip Jones, Ann Ballard, Eunice Jones, Willie Edwards, Annette Jones, Jeanette Burrows, Rosemary Jones, Phyllis Jones, Herbert Jones. The devotions in the afternoon were taken by Mrs. E.P. Lewis and Miss G. Evans, and in the evening service by Mrs. M. Sheen and Mrs. I. Jones. Miss Edna E. Jones presided at each meeting, and the organist was Mr. D.J. Thomas.

12 July 1952 Noddfa Sisterhood The meeting was held at the vestry on Thursday, when the president, Miss E. E. Jones presided and also read the Scripture. Miss G. Evans offered prayer. The speaker was Mrs. Evans, Bargoed, who was thanked by Mrs. E. P. Lewis and Miss Evans, Mrs. D. Edwards was the organist.

19 July 1952 Carmel Annual Service On Sunday evening, the sisters held their annual service. Mrs. A. Evans-Davies presided. Those who took part were Mesdames May Davies, Mary Evans, A. Davies, Eliza Evans, Nurse Mimi Lewis and C. Shaw. The address was given by Mrs. Lewis, Glyn-terrace. At the close of the service, a cheque was handed to the treasurer, Mr. S. Lewis, by Mrs. Doreen Brown, for which she was thanked. The precentor and organist was Mr. Thomas Walters.

26 July 1952 Noddfa Sisterhood Miss Edna E. Jones presided at the meeting on Thursday when the devotions were taken by Mrs. E.P. Lewis. Miss Betty Carter, Deri, was the speaker. Thanks were accorded by Miss G. Evans. Mrs. D. Edwards was the organist.

2 August 1952 Service of Song Noddfa Sunday School anniversary was held on Sunday evening. It took the form of a service of song. Mr. Richard Jones, superintendent of the Sunday School, presided, and Mr. D.J. Thomas was the organist. Children taking part were Jill Parry, Joyce Evans, Margaret Morris, Mary Cumpstone, Ann Morris, Annette Jones, Pat Morgan, Eunice Jones, Shirley Thomas, Margaret Jones, Rosemary Jones, Ann Ballard, Yvonne Davies, Phyllis Jones, Jeanette Burrows, Elizabeth Evans, Margaret Evans, Susan Thomas, Megan Jones, Jennifer Chapman, Gary Llewellyn, Herbert Jones, Willie Edwards, Philip Jones, Peter Morgan, David Price, Lyn Morgan, David Chapman, Michael Jenkins, John Lyn Gittens, David Pearce, Peter Price. The children were taught by the teachers of the Primary Department – Miss Edna E. Jones and Mr. D. Joshua Thomas.

9 August 1952 Mission Hall Annual Convention The 21st Annual Convention was held at the Mission Hall on Saturday, Monday and Tuesday, and there was a large attendance. The speaker was Mrs. Roxana Carter of Luton.

20 September 1952 Sisterhood Miss E. E. Jones presided. Mrs. E. P. Lewis took the devotions and also addressed the meeting. She was thanked by the president and Miss Evans.

4 October 1952 Carmel The preacher on Sunday was the former minister, Rev. Eurof Jones. Cwmaman. Mr. Thomas Walters was the organist, and Mr. Meirion Shankland conducted the singing.

4 October 1952 Sisterhood The Sisterhood met on Thursday, Miss E. E. Jones presiding. The Scripture was read by Mrs. G. Pearce and prayer was offered by Miss G. Evans. The speaker was Mrs. M. A. Lewis, Glyn-terrace, who was thanked by Mrs. S. G. Parry and Miss Evans. The organist was Mrs. D. Edwards.

4 October 1952 Harvest Festival Services These were held at St. David's on Sunday and Monday. Holy Communion was conducted by the Vicar. The Sunday preacher was Mr. Cyril

Jenkins, a student at Lampeter. Mr. John Palmer, lay reader, was the preacher on Monday. The organist was Miss M. Ralph. The church had been decorated with fruit and flowers.

4 October 1952 St. Mary's Harvest Services were held on Sunday and Monday, with the church decorated for the occasion. The celebrant in the morning was the Vicar, and on the evening, the preacher was Rev. Arthur Williams, Pontlottyn. Coun. Payne read the lessons, and the organist was Mr. N. Palmer. On Monday, Rev. J. C. Payne, Llanhilid, a former vicar, was the preacher. Mr. John Palmer read the lessons, and Mr. N. Palmer was the organist.

11 October 1952 Bible Society The annual public meeting of the local branch of the British and Foreign Bible Society was held recently at Nazareth Church. Mr. T. J. Jones presided and led the devotions. The address was given by Rev. W. D. Morgan, Ton Pentre. Mr. S. Lewis gave the financial report. The speaker was thanked by Mr. T. Ballard and Mr. W. A. Davies, who was also the organist.

25 October 1952 Fifty Years As Organist: Mr. Thomas Walters The Rev. R. W. Jones, Dowlais, officiated at Carmel on Sunday. Mr. S. Lewis, treasurer, congratulated Mr. Thomas Walters, A.L.C.M., who had attained 50 years as organist of the church. Reference was made to his faithful service, and on behalf of the officers and members, Mr. Lewis tendered him and Mrs. Lewis best wishes, and hoped they would have many years again to serve the church. Mr. Walters responded. The Rev. Jones also spoke in appreciation of Mr. Walters' services.

1 November 1952 Noddfa Sisterhood Miss Edna E. Jones presided at the meeting on Thursday. Miss M. Lewis read a portion of Scripture, and Miss G. Evans offered prayer. The speaker was Miss M. Hancock, Pontlottyn, who gave a paper on the 103rd Psalm. Thanks were accorded by Mrs. M.A. Lewis and Miss Evans. Mrs. D. Edwards was the organist.

15 November 1952 Sisterhood Miss Edna Jones presided at the meeting on Thursday. Miss E. Price read the Scripture and Miss G. Evans offered prayer. Rev. Howell Jones, Tabernacle, Deri, accompanied by his wife, was the speaker, his title of his address being "Mountains of the Bible." He was thanked by Miss Evans and Mrs. I. Jones. Mrs. D. Edwards was the organist. The meeting closed with prayer.

22 November 1952 Nazareth The yearly meetings were held on Sunday when the Rev. J. I. Jones, Troedyrhiw, officiated. Mrs. T. Davies was the organist and Mr. W. A. Davies conducted.

29 November 1952 Noddfa Sisterhood Mrs. Evans, Bargoed, was the speaker at the meeting on Thursday evening, when Miss Edna Jones presided. Mrs. Doris Jones gave a portion of Scripture, and Miss G. Evans offered prayer. Thanks were accorded by Mrs. Jones and Miss Evans. Mrs. D. Edwards was the organist. The meeting closed with prayer.

13 December 1952 Sisterhood Miss Edna Jones presided at the meeting on Thursday. Mrs. E. P. Lewis led the devotions and the speaker was Nurse M. Lewis, Fochriw, who gave a paper on the 137th Psalm. She was thanked Miss Evans and Mrs. A. Davies. Mrs. D. Edwards was the organist. Sympathy was extended to Mrs. J. Richards on the death of her father. The meeting closed with prayer.

13 December 1952 Carmel The half yearly meetings were held on Sunday last, when the Rev. Dr. R. L. Hugh was the preacher. Mr. M. Shankland conducted and Mr. T. Walters was the organist.

3 January 1953 Singing Festivals The annual Noddfa and Nazareth gymanfa was held at Noddfa on Christmas Day. The singing reached a high standard under the conductorship of Mr. W.A. Davies, who took the place of Mr. D.J. Thomas, who was unable to attend through illness. The organists were Mrs. K. Walters and Mr. Tom Davies. A hymn tune was sung composed by Mr. Sam Evans, A.C., a former deacon of Noddfa. The morning service was taken by the children when Edna Hughes read a portion of Scripture and Michael Shankland took part in prayer. A solo was sung by Phyllis Jones. "The Christmas Story" was related by Annette Jones, Ann Ballard, Rosemary Jones, Herbert Jones, Willie Edwards and Phillip Jones. The devotions in the afternoon service were taken by Miss Katie Hughes and Mr. Tom Thomas. The following Nazareth children took part: Michael Shankland, M. Matthews, E. & A. Shankland, May Morris, Edna Hughes, Gwyn Hughes. In the evening service, the devotions were taken by Mrs. G. Pearce and Mr. R. Jones. A solo was sung by Jeanette Burrows. The

presidents for the day were: Morning: Mr. R. Jones; Afternoon: Mr. Hugh Jones; Evening: Mr. T.J. Jones.

3 January 1953 Carmel annual gymanfa was also held. Although the number was small, the singing was of a high standard. The morning service was for children, and Nurse Mimi Lewis presided. The devotions were taken by Islwyn and Margaret Shankland. Recitations were given by Rosalind Russell and Morfydd Owen; solo, Margaret Shankland. The afternoon service was presided over by Mr. Daniel James. A portion of Scripture was read by Mr. James Davies. The evening service was presided over by Miss E. Evans. The devotions were taken by Miss M. Owen and Mr. Sam Lewis. A portion of the play, "Man Born to be King," was performed by Rosalind Russell, James Davies, Leonard Evans and Islwyn Shankland. The accompanists were Mrs. A. Evans-Davies and Mrs. E. Rees. Mr. Meirion Shankland was the conductor throughout the day.

10 January 1953 Noddfa Sisterhood Miss Edna Jones presided at the meeting on Thursday evening. She read a portion of Scripture, and Mrs. Irene Jones offered prayer. The speaker was Mrs. T. Evans of Deri, who gave a paper on "The Lonely Jesus." Mrs. Evans also gave a solo. Thanks were accorded by Mrs. E.P. Lewis and Nurse M. Lewis. Mrs. Dilys Edwards was the organist. The meeting was closed with the Benediction.

24 January 1953 Sisterhood Miss Edna Jones presided at the meeting on Thursday. The meeting was taken by Mrs. A. Davies, Railway-terrace, who led the devotions and gave a paper on "The Birth of Christ." She was thanked by Miss Evans and Mrs. I. Jones. The organist was Mrs. D. Edwards.

7 February 1953 Sisterhood Mrs. S. G. Parry, vice-president, presided over the meeting on Thursday. Nurse M. Lewis took the reading; Miss G. Evans offered prayer and gave a paper on "Life-building." She was thanked by Mrs. A. Davies and Mrs. I. Jones. Mrs. Dilys Edwards was the organist.

21 February 1953 Dr Barnado's Homes Film Lecture A film lecture in connection with Dr. Barnado's Homes was given at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening by Rev. J. O. James.

21 February 1953 Noddfa Sisterhood Miss Edna Jones presided at the meeting on Thursday. The meeting was taken by Mr. W. A. Davies, Railway-terrace, who gave a paper on "The Christian Race." He was thanked by Nurse M. Lewis and Mrs. S. G. Parry. Mrs. D. Edwards was the organist. The meeting was closed by the Benediction.

14 March 1953 Noddfa Sisterhood Miss Edna Jones presided at the meeting last Thursday. Mrs. M. Sheen read a portion of Scripture, and Miss G. Evans offered prayer. A paper was given by Nurse M. Lewis, Guest-street. Thanks were accorded by the president. Mrs. A. Davies and Mrs. H. Farley also spoke. Mrs. Dilys Edwards was the organist.

11 April 1953 The Gymanfa The annual Noddfa and Nazareth Gymanfa was held at Noddfa on Easter Day. The singing reached a very high standard under the conductorship of Mr. D.J. Thomas. The organists were Mrs. K. Walters and Mr. Tom Davies. The morning service was devoted to the children when a portion of Scripture was read by Willie Edwards and solos were sung by Phyllis Jones and David Price. At the afternoon service, Miss Edna E. Jones and Mr. Tom Thomas prayed. A solo was sung by Michael Shankland. At the evening service, the devotions were taken by Mrs. Gwenda Pearce and Mr. T.J. Jones. Solos were sung by Herbert Jones and Mr. Griff Morris of Colwyn Bay, late of Fochriw. The presidents for the day were: morning, Mr. Richard Jones; afternoon, Mrs. Edith P. Lewis; evening, Mr. T.J. Jones.

11 April 1953 Easter Services Special services were held at Nazareth on Good Friday morning and evening, when the Speaker was the Rev. Stanley G. Lewis, B.A., B.D., of Treherbert. The services were well attended. The organists were Mr. W.A. Davies and Mr. D.J. Davies, and the precentor Mr. W.A. Davies.

Good Friday was observed at the Parish Church with a three hours' service conducted by the Rev. E. Adams Evans, Vicar. On Easter Day, the celebrant and preacher was the Vicar, and at Evensong, Coun. W.J. Payne was the preacher.

25 April 1953 Vestry Meeting The Easter vestry of the Parish Church took place on Wednesday, the Vicar presiding. The vicar thanked all at Deri, Fochriw and Pantywaun who had helped in the passed year to carry on the work of the Church, particularly the churchwardens, and the lay readers, Messrs. W. J. Payne, and Mr. John Palmer. Mr. Payne gave

the financial report and this was accepted. Officers appointed were: churchwardens, Coun. Payne and Mr. John Owen (Deri); parochial secretary, Mr. John Palmer; auditor, Miss R. Davies; Parochial Council and sidesmen, re-elected.

25 April 1953 Quarterly Meetings The quarterly meetings of the North Glamorgan Congregational Churches were held at Carmel on Wednesday evening and Thursday last. Inspiring sermons were preached by Revs. Wilfred Price (Penywern), H. Williams, (Rhigos), & J. T. Rogers (Merthyr). A notable feature of Thursday morning's conference was a paper read by Mrs. M. A. Lewis, wife of Coun. Sam Lewis, entitled "The history of Carmel Church from its inception to the present day." The devotions were taken by Revs. S. D. Davies, E. M. Isaac and S. Lloyd, Aberfan. Rev. Haydn Davies gave a report on the Easter Missionary Conference at Barry. Mrs. Martha James also took part. The ladies were thanked for their splendid efforts with refreshments. The tray holders were Mesdames L. Parry, W. Lewis, M. Evans, M. A. Ballard, C. Walters, H. Thomas, H. Evans-Davies, E. Evans, Nurse M. Lewis, M. Watkins, A. Davies, D. Brown, R. Fox, M. Jones, G. Davies, B. Morgan, B. Evans, M. Davies. Mrs. M. Evans and Nurse B. Davies acted as president and secretary. The organist was Mr. T. Walters, and the precentor, Mr. M. Shankland. The chairman for the whole day was Mr. J. C. Evans, Bargoed.

2 May 1953 Noddfa Sisterhood On Thursday, the Sisterhood met at the Vestry, when they were entertained by Glanynant Sisterhood, Pengam. A vote of condolence was passed with the family of the late Mrs. T. Smith, who was a faithful member of the Sisterhood, in their bereavement.

16 May 1953 Noddfa Sisterhood The Sisterhood met on Thursday. Nurse M. Lewis read a portion of Scripture, and Miss G. Evans offered prayer. A paper was given by the president, Miss Edna Jones. Thanks were accorded by Miss Evans. Mrs. D. Edwards was the organist.

6 June 1953 Noddfa The special preacher on Sunday was the Rev. W. Rowland Jones of Cardiff.

6 June 1953 St. Mary's The preacher and celebrant on Whit Sunday was the Vicar. In the evening, Coun. W. J. Payne preached.

20 June 1953 Outing to Barry Island Members of all Churches held their annual outing on Saturday last when they visited Barry Island.

20 June 1953 Carmel The annual preaching services were held on Sunday last, when the Rev. Emrys Jones, Carmarthen, was the preacher. Mr. M. Shankland conducted the singing, and Mr. T. Walters was the organist.

27 June 1953 Noddfa Sisterhood On Thursday, Miss Edna Jones presided. Scripture was read by Mrs. Irene Jones and Miss Greta Evans offered prayer. An address was given by Mrs. M. A. Lewis, Glyn-terrace, and thanks were accorded by Miss Evans and Mrs. D. Jones. The meeting was closed in prayer. Mrs. A. Davies was the pianist.

4 July 1953 Carmel Guild The members held their annual outing on Saturday and travelled by coach to Bourton-on-the-Water.

4 July 1953 Noddfa Sisterhood The members went on their annual outing on Saturday to the Elan Valley. Arrangements were made by Mrs. G. Pearce and Mrs. E. Lewis.

5 September 1953 St. Mary's At the morning service, the preacher and celebrant was the Vicar. In the evening Coun. Payne preached

5 September 1953 Noddfa The annual services were held at Noddfa on Sunday, the preacher being Rev. W. D. Morgan, Hebron, Ton, who gave a very fine sermon. Mr. D. J. Thomas was the organist.

5 September 1953 Carmel The preacher at Carmel on Sunday was the Rev. Latimer Williams, Deri, who is leaving this week to take up his new appointment. Mr. T. Walters was the organist.

19 September 1953 Noddfa Sisterhood The weekly meeting was held on Thursday, Miss Edna E. Jones presiding. Miss Jones also led the devotions. The speaker was Mrs. Evans, Bargoed, who was thanked by Miss Jones and Mrs. J.M. Lawrence. Mrs. D. Edwards was the organist. The meeting was closed with prayer.

26 September 1953 Harvest Festival Services were held at St. David's Church, Pantywaun, on Sunday and Monday. The celebrant on Sunday afternoon was the Vicar, and the preacher in

the evening was Coun. Payne, lay-reader. The organist was Miss Maureen Ralph. On Monday evening, the preacher was Mr. W. Williams, lay reader, Troedyrhiw.

3 October 1953 Noddfa Sisterhood Miss E. Jones presided at the meeting on Thursday. Nurse M. Lewis read the lesson, and Miss G. Evans offered prayer. The speaker was Mrs. T. Evans, Deri, who also rendered a solo. Thanks were offered by the president. Mrs. D. Edwards was the pianist. The meeting closed in prayer.

3 October 1953 St. Mary's Harvest Festival Services Services were held on Sunday and Monday. The church was decorated with fruits, flowers and vegetables. The preacher was the Vicar. On Monday, Canon A. Lloyd Jones, Rector and Rural Dean of Merthyr Tydfil, was the preacher. The organist was Mr. N. Palmer.

24 October 1953 Noddfa A Sunday School anniversary service was held at Noddfa on Sunday evening. The president was Mr. Richard Jones, superintendent of the Sunday School. Willie Edwards read a portion of Scripture, and Philip Jones led in prayer. A solo was sung by Hubert Jones. The book, "The Wall Builders" was performed by the children of the primary department. Those taking part were: Phyllis Jones, Megan Jones, Susan Thomas, Michael Jenkins, Peter Price, Clive Gittoes, David Price, David Pearce, Lyn Morgan, Margaret Mantle, John Lyn Gittens, Rosemarie Jones, Elizabeth Evans, Margaret Jones, Margaret Evans. Also taking part in the service were: Keith Williams, Christine Tyler, Charlotte Lewis, Jennifer Chapman, Susan Hill, Kenneth Jones, Donna Lewis. The accompanist was Mr. D. J. Thomas. The children were taught by Miss Edna E. Jones and Mr. D. J. Thomas.

14 November 1953 Sisterhood Miss E. Jones presided. The speaker was Mrs. Jones, wife of the Rev. Hywel Jones, Deri. Thanks were accorded by Miss Edna Jones and Mrs. M. A. Lewis. Mrs. D. Edwards was the pianist. Mrs. J. M. Lawrence and Miss G. Evans also took part.

28 November 1953 Sisterhood Miss Edna Jones presided at the Thursday meeting. Devotions were taken by Mrs. G. Edwards and Miss G. Evans. The speaker was Mrs. M. A. Lewis, who was thanked by Mrs. Lawrence and Miss Evans. Mrs. D. Edwards was the pianist. A vote of condolence was passed with the family of Mrs. Kate Price, who was a faithful member of the Sisterhood.

12 December 1953 Noddfa Miss Edna Evans presided over the meeting on Thursday. Mrs. E.P. Lewis led the devotions. Nurse Ballard Davies addressed the meeting. Thanks were given by Miss G. Evans and Mrs. A. Davies. Mrs. D. Edwards was the organist.

12 December 1953 Carmel The anniversary meetings were held on Sunday. Rev. T. Pugh Jarman, B.A., New Quay, preached. The organist was Mr. T. Walters, and the precentor was Mr. Meirion Shankland.

26 December 1953 Noddfa Sisterhood Miss E. Jones presided at the meeting on Thursday. Others taking part were: Nurse M. Lewis, Miss G. Evans, Mrs. A. Davies, Mrs. E. Lewis, Miss E. Jones, Mrs. O. Thomas, Mrs. S. Parry, Mrs. L. Jones, Mrs. D. Edwards, Mrs. E. Thomas, Mrs. G. Pearce, Miss E. A. Evans, Mrs. I. Jones. The accompanists were Mrs. D. Edwards and Mrs. A. Davies.

2 January 1954 Parish Church Christmas Day was observed with celebrations of Holy Communion, the preacher and celebrant being the Vicar.

2 January 1954 Carmel The annual Christmas Gymanfa Ganu was held on Christmas Day. The singing was of a high standard under the conductorship of Mr. Meirion Shankland. Mr. Thomas Walters was the organist. The morning service was presided over by Mr. W.A. Davies. In the afternoon, Nurse Mimi Lewis presided, and in the evening, Mr. D. James.

2 January 1954 Singing Festival The annual Noddfa and Nazareth Gymanfa was held at Noddfa on Christmas Day. The singing reached a very high standard under the conductorship of Mr. W.A. Davies. The organists were Mr. D.J. Thomas, Mr. Tom Davies and Willie Edwards. A children's service was held in the morning when Mr. Richard Jones presided. Rosemary Jones read a portion of Scripture, and Margaret Jones led in prayer. A solo was sung by Jean Owen and Linda Pugh gave a recitation. Mr. T.J. Jones was president in the afternoon. The devotions were taken by Herbert Jones and Mr. Tom Thomas. A solo was sung by Miss Phyllis Hughes. The president in the evening was Miss Edna E. Jones. Miss Muriel Lewis and Mr. T.J. Jones took the devotional part. Miss Phyllis Jones gave a solo. A quartette was sung by Mrs. E. Thomas, Mrs. G. Pearce, Misses E.A. Evans and E.E. Jones.

9 January 1954 Noddfa Sisterhood A meeting was held on Thursday last, when Miss Edna E. Jones presided, and also gave an address. The devotions were taken by Mrs. G. Pearce and Nurse M. Lewis. Thanks were accorded the president by Mrs. S.G. Parry and Nurse Lewis. The organist was Mrs. D. Edwards.

23 January 1954 Noddfa Sisterhood The meeting on Thursday last was presided over by Miss Edna E. Jones. Devotions were taken by Nurse M. Lewis and Miss G. Evans. The meeting took the form of a Bible Class led by Mrs. M. A. Lewis, Glyn-terrace. The fourth chapter of Luke was taken. Thanks were accorded by the president and Nurse Lewis. Mrs. D. Edwards was the organist.

6 February 1954 Sisterhood Miss E. E. Jones presided on Thursday. The devotions were taken by Mrs. G. Edwards & Nurse M. Lewis. An address was given by Miss G. Evans, who was thanked by the president. Mrs. D. Edwards accompanied.

13 March 1954 Noddfa Sisterhood Miss Edna Jones presided and gave an address on "Home." She was thanked by Mrs. J. M. Lawrence & Miss Evans. Mrs. I. Jones & Miss G. Evans took part. Mrs. D. Edwards was the organist.

3 April 1954 Siloh The twelfth anniversary services were held recently at Siloh Assembly of God Church, Penybanc. The speaker was Pastor Albert Cunter of Nottingham and the convenor was Mr. Wm. Griffiths, pastor.

24 April 1954 Nazareth On Good Friday, united services were held at Nazareth, and were well attended. The preacher was the Rev. A.E. Grant, Rhymney, and the organist was Mr. W.A. Davies.

24 April 1954 St. David's Church On Easter Day, the preacher in the afternoon was the Vicar, Rev. E. Adams Evans. The preacher in the evening was Mr. John Palmer. The organist was Miss M. Ralph.

24 April 1954 Prayer Meeting A united prayer meeting was held on Good Friday morning at Nazareth Chapel. Nurse Ballard Davies presided. Others who took part were Misses Edna E. Jones, Mattie Lewis and G. Evans. The organist was Mr. D.J. Thomas.

24 April 1954 Parish Church On Good Friday, a three-hour service was conducted by the Vicar. Coun. Payne preached at the evening service. The organist was Mr. Norman Palmer.

24 April 1954 Gymanfa A repeat of the Noddfa and Nazareth Christmas Gymanfa was held at Noddfa on Easter Day. The singing reached a high standard under the conductorship of Mr. W.A. Davies. The organists were Mr. D.J. Thomas, Mr. Tom Davies and Master Willie Edwards. The morning service was devoted to the children. Mr. Richard Jones presided. Rosemary Jones read the Scripture, and Margaret Jones led in prayer. A solo was sung by Jean Owen and Linda Pugh gave a recitation. Mrs. E.P. Lewis presided at the afternoon service, when Mrs. G. Pearce led the devotions. A solo was sung by Miss Phyllis Hughes. Miss Edna E. Jones was the president at the evening service. The devotions were taken by Miss Muriel Lewis and Mr. Tom Thomas. A solo was given by Mr. Griff Morris of Colwyn Bay (late of Fochriw). A quartette was sung by Mrs. E. Thomas, Mrs. G. Pearce, Miss E.A. Evans and Miss E.E. Evans.

1 May 1954 Noddfa Sisterhood Miss Edna E. Jones presided at the weekly meeting on Thursday. The devotions were led by Mrs. J.M. Lawrence and Miss G. Evans. An address was given by Miss Jean Walters of Deri on "Hymns." A solo was given by Mrs. D. Edwards. Thanks were accorded the speaker by Mrs. Lawrence and Miss Evans. The pianists were Mrs. D. Edwards and Mrs. A. Davies.

1 May 1954 Festival The annual children's singing festival of Dowlais and Fochriw Methodist Churches, was held at Noddfa, Fochriw, recently. The conductor was Mr. W. Lewis, Hermon. Mr. E. Jones of Hermon presided and the lesson was read by Miss Ann Roach, Libanus. Prayers were led by Miss Aeronwy Jones of Libanus. Miss E. Havard, B.A., questioned the children on the "Holwyddoreg." The organist was Mr. W.A. Davies, Nazareth. Tea was provided by the ladies of Nazareth Chapel. The officers of the gymanfa were: chairman, Mr. W. Lewis, Hermon; treasurer, Mr. T. Harris, Calfaria; secretary, Mr. E. Davies, Libanus.

8 May 1954 Easter Vestry The Vicar presided over the Parish Church Vestry on Wednesday. The Vicar thanked all who worked so hard for the Church in the parish. Officers and parochial council were re-elected.

15 May 1954 Sisterhood Miss Edna E. Jones presided at the meeting on Thursday. Miss G. Evans led the devotions and an address was given by Miss B. Ballard whose subject was "Francis of Assisi." Thanks were expressed by Miss Jones and Mrs. E.P. Lewis. A vote of sympathy was extended to the family of the late Mr. J.J. Lewis.

29 May 1954 Noddfa Sisterhood Miss E. Jones presided on Thursday, and also read the lesson. Miss G. Evans led in prayer. A paper was given by Mr. W. A. Davies, Railway Terrace. The president and Miss Evans accorded thanks.

12 June 1954 Sisterhood Miss Edna E. Jones presided at the meeting on Thursday. The devotions were taken by Miss G. Evans and Mrs. D. Edwards. The speaker was Mrs. M. Marshallsea of Abertysswg. Thanks were accorded by Miss Jones and Miss Evans. Mrs. D. Edwards was the pianist.

18 September 1954 Noddfa Sisterhood Miss E. Jones presided and led the devotions. The speaker was Nurse Mimi Lewis who gave a paper on "Trust and Obey." All officers were re-elected: president, Miss E. Jones; secretary, Mrs. G. Pearce; treasurer, Mrs. E. P. Lewis.

25 September 1954 Harvest Festival Services took place at St. Peter's, Pantywaun, on Sunday and Monday, and were well attended. The preacher and celebrant on Sunday afternoon was Rev. E. Adams Evans, and in the evening, the preacher was Mr. John Palmer, lay reader. The organist was Mr. A.E. Kings. On Monday, the church was again full. The preacher was Coun. W.J. Payne, and the organist was Mr. E. Cumpstone.

2 October 1954 Harvest Festival Services were held at St. Mary's on Sunday and Tuesday. The church was decorated with fruit, vegetables and flowers. The Vicar conducted the morning service. Mr. J. Palmer, lay reader, took the children's service in the afternoon. The preacher in the evening was the Rev. S. J. Beynon, Vicar of Bedlinog. Coun. W. J. Payne read the lessons. The Rev. J. D. Dennis, Vicar of New Tredegar, conducted the service on Tuesday.

30 October 1954 Noddfa Sisterhood A special harvest thanksgiving service was held on Thursday, Miss Edna E. Jones presiding. Nurse M. Lewis read the Scripture, and Miss Greta Evans led in prayer. Readings were given by Mrs. E. P. Lewis, Mrs. M. Sheen, Mrs. A. Davies, Mrs. T. Thomas and Mrs. G. Edwards. Mrs. Dilys Edwards sang a solo, and gave a duet with Nurse Lewis. Duets were also sung by Mrs. S. G. Parry, Mrs. L. Jones, Mrs. G. Pearce and Miss E. K. Jones. The meeting closed with prayer. The accompanists were Mrs. D. Edwards and Mrs. A. Davies.

6 November 1954 Baptismal Service Members of the Siloh Assembly of God Church, Penybank, travelled by coach to Bedlinog to hold a baptismal service when eight people were baptised. The officiating minister was Mr. W. Griffiths, Penybank.

20 November 1954 Noddfa Sisterhood At the meeting on Thursday, Miss Edna E. Jones presided. Devotions were led by Nurse M. Lewis and Miss G. Evans. The speaker was Mrs. M.A. Lewis, Glyn-terrace. Thanks were accorded by Mrs. Farley, Miss Lewis and Miss Evans. Mrs. Dilys Edwards was the pianist.

1 January 1955 Carmel Chapel Singing festivals were held on Christmas Day. Mr. W. A. Davies presided at the morning service for children. Miss Maria Jones conducted the singing. Recitations were given by Gwendy Ham, Joyce Lewis, Derek Ham, Jennifer Thomas & Lawrence Blunt. Margaret Shankland read a portion of Scripture, and Carl Blunt took part in prayer. Mr. T. Walters was the organist. In the evening, the adults had their gymanfa ganu. Mr. S. Lewis presided and Mr. T. Walters was the organist. The singing was of a high standard.

1 January 1955 Gymanfa The annual Noddfa and Nazareth gymanfa was held on Christmas Day at Noddfa Chapel. The singing reached a high standard under the conductorship of Mr. D. J. Thomas. The organists were Mr. Tom Davies and Master Willie Edwards. The morning was devoted to the children, when Mr. W. A. Davies presided. Angela Owen read a portion of Scripture, and Ann Hughes led in prayer. A solo was sung by Susan Thomas. Mrs. E. P. Lewis was the president at the afternoon session. The devotions were taken by Miss Margaret Morris. Mr. T. J. Jones presided at the evening meeting. Miss Muriel Lewis read the Scriptures, and Mr.

Tom Thomas led in prayer. "The Christmas Story" was related by a party consisting of Eunice Jones, Ann Hughes, Angela Owen, Rosemary Jones, Jean Owen and Yvonne Davies.

9 April 1955 Palm Sunday Throughout the week, many people visited the old churchyard at Pentwyn to lay flowers on the graves of loved ones. Services were held throughout the day at the Parish Church.

18 June 1955 Carmel A children's service was held on Sunday last, when the book entitled "On the Wings of Faith" was performed. The soloists were Nurse M. Lewis, Miss Margaret Shankland and Neville Hann. Mrs. Lewis presided. Readings were given by Mr. T. Walters, Nurse Lewis, Miss M. Jones and Nan Jones. The producer was Miss Maria Jones assisted by Mesdames Glyn Thomas, Graham Jones and Miss Nan Jones. The organist was Mr. T. Walters. The offerings were taken by Margaret Shankland and Delfryn Jones. During the service, a vote of sympathy was passed with the family of Mr. T. Ballard, whose death occurred on Thursday last. He was the senior deacon, and had been for years, the corresponding secretary of the Chapel. Mr. T. Walters played "O Rest in the Lord," whilst the congregation stood in silence. Congratulations were tendered to Mr. Huw Ballard Thomas, grandson of Mr. T. Ballard, and son of Mr. & Mrs. G. Thomas, Aelybryn, on his obtaining the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at Louvain, Belgium. He also attended Carmel when a young lad at home.

24 September 1955 Harvest Festival Services were held at St. Peter's, Panrywaun, on Sunday and Monday. The church had been decorated with flowers and fruit. The celebrant and preacher was Rev. E. Adams Evans. On Monday the service was taken by the Vicar, with Coun. Payne preaching. The organist was Mr. Ernest Cumpstone.

1 October 1955 Harvest Festival Services were held at the Parish Church on Sunday and Tuesday. The church had been decorated with an array of flowers, fruit and vegetables. On Sunday morning the preacher and celebrant was the Vicar. The evening service was taken by Coun. W. J. Payne, and the preacher was the Rev. W. H. Hughes, Vicar of Pontlottyn. The organist was Mr. N. Palmer. On Tuesday, the preacher was the Rev. Arthur Williams, Caerphilly. Mr. John Palmer, lay reader, read the lessons, and Miss M. Ralph, Pantywaun, was the organist. The Vicar took the service.

31 December 1955 Carmel Yearly Services These were held on Sunday week, when the preacher was the Rev. Wilfred Price, Llanelly. The organist was Mr. T. Walters, and the precentor, Mr. Meirion Shankland.

31 December 1955 Parish Church On Christmas Day, the celebrant and preacher was the Vicar.

31 December 1955 Gymanfa Ganu Large congregations attended the annual Baptist - Methodist United Gymanfa which was held at Noddfa on Christmas Day. The singing, conducted by Mr. Dd. J. Davies, reached the usual high standard. The morning session was devoted to the children. The devotions were taken by Angela Owen and Ann Hughes. Susan Thomas sang a solo, and Michael Jenkins recited, as did Mr. W. A. Davies. In the afternoon the devotions were taken by Miss Muriel Lewis and Mr. T. J. Jones. The president was Mr. D. J. Thomas. The organists were Mr. Tom Davies and Master Willie Edwards.

7 April 1956 Parish Church The Church was nicely decorated for Easter Day. The preacher and celebrant was the Vicar. In the evening, Mr. John Palmer preached.

7 April 1956 Nazareth United services were held on Good Friday. The preacher was the Rev. J.W. Maddocks, Abertridwr. The organist was Mr. D.J. Davies.

7 April 1956 Convention The annual convention was held on Saturday, Sunday and Monday at the Assemblies of God Mission Hall. The preacher was the Rev. Garfield Vale, Maidstone, Kent. The organist was Miss Mary Lewis.

7 April 1956 Palm Sunday Large numbers of people went to the old churchyard at Pentwyn on Sunday to place flowers on the graves of relatives and friends.

21 April 1956 Easter Vestry The Vicar presided at the Easter Vestry on Wednesday week. The Parochial Secretary, Mr. John Palmer, read the minutes of the last meeting. The Vicar thanked all for their devoted services during the past year. The churchwarden, Coun. Payne, gave the financial report. Officers elected were: Churchwardens, Messrs. W. J. Payne and John Owen; Parochial Secretary, Mr. John Palmer; Auditor, Miss Rosie Davies; Envelope Secretary,

Mr. Arthur Palmer. The Parochial Council and Sidesmen were re-elected. A silent tribute was paid to all who had died in the past year.

2 June 1956 Centenary The Centenary of Bethlehem Baptist Chapel, Pantywaun, will be celebrated on Saturday, June 2, Sunday June 3, and Tuesday June 5. The special preachers are Revs. E. Dulais Jones, Dowlais, B.M. Davies, Troedyrhiw, and T.J. Jones, Fochriw.

5 January 1957 Gymanfa Ganu The annual Noddfa and Nazareth Gymanfa took place at Nazareth Chapel. The children's service took place on Christmas morning, but owing to bad weather the adult service was postponed until Sunday. Mr. D. J. Davies was the conductor, assisted by Miss Edna E. Jones who conducted the children. The organists were Willie Edwards, Mr. Tom Davies and Mrs. K. Walters. Miss Edna E. Jones presided at the morning service, when the devotions were taken by David and Peter Price. Marilyn Holifield gave a recitation and a carol was sung by a party of little girls from Nazareth. The president at the afternoon session was Mrs. K. Walters. Miss Mary Morris read the lesson and Mr. Tom Thomas led in prayer. A solo was sung by Susan Thomas and Angela Owen gave a recitation. Mr. T. J. Jones presided at the evening meeting. The lesson was read by Eunice Jones and Mr. T. J. Jones took part in prayer. Miss Mary Cumpstone gave a recitation and a solo was sung by Miss Rosemary Jones. Best wishes for a speedy recovery were extended to Mr. D. J. Thomas who has been a conductor of the Gymanfa for many years.

5 January 1957 Parish Church Services were held on Christmas Day, the celebrant and preacher being the Vicar.

12 January 1957 Parish Church The services on Sunday included a carol service, the producer being Miss Anthea Watkins. Carols were sung by Paul Jenkins, Allison Watkins, Gaynor Harding, Janice Lawrence, Avril Small, Gillian Jones and Carol Jenkins.

6 April 1957 Carmel A former minister of the Church, Rev. Eurof Jones, preached at Carmel on Sunday. Mr. Thomas Walters was the organist.

6 April 1957 Parish Church On Mothering Sunday the celebrant was the Vicar. The preacher at the morning service was Coun. W. J. Payne. The Sunday School was conducted by Mr. John Palmer and the evening service by the vicar.

27 April 1957 Easter Services Services were held on Good Friday conducted by the Vicar. On Easter Sunday, the preacher in the morning was the Vicar, and in the evening Coun. W. J. Payne. The service was taken by Mr. John Palmer, and the lesson was read by David Rouse. The organist was Mr. Norman Palmer.

18 May 1957 Easter Vestry The Vestry meeting of the Parish Church took place on Wednesday last, the Vicar presiding. The Parochial Secretary and Churchwarden gave their reports. The Vestry was reminded that it was 50 years this month that the foundation stone of the church was laid. Officers elected were: Churchwardens - Coun. W. J. Payne & Mr. J. Owen; auditor - Miss K. Davies; envelope secretary - Mr. A. Palmer; parochial secretary - Mr. J. Palmer. The Parochial Council was re-elected with some names added. The sidesmen were re-elected.

3 August 1957 Parish Church On Sunday morning, the preacher and celebrant was the Rev. E. Adams Evans. In the evening, the preacher was Mr. John Palmer, licensed lay reader. The lessons were read by Coun. W.J. Payne and Mr. David Rouse. The organist was Mr. Archie Adams, who is back home for a holiday.

28 September 1957 Parish Church Harvest services were held on Sunday and Tuesday. The celebrant and preacher on Sunday morning was the Vicar, Rev. E. Adams Evans, and on Sunday afternoon, Mr. John Palmer, lay reader. The preacher on Sunday evening was Rev. R.W.D. Collings, St. Margaret's, Gilfach. The organist was Mr. Norman Palmer. On Tuesday, the preacher was the Rev. Dewi Bridges, Rhymney.

12 October 1957 Nazareth Harvest Services were held on Monday and Tuesday. Those who took part were Rev. T. J. Jones, Mr. W. A. Davies, Mrs. Lewis and Mrs. Mitchell. The preacher on Tuesday evening was Rev. J. A. Thomas, Pontllynn. Mr. W. A. Davies was the organist.

28 December 1957 Carol Service On Sunday evening, the service took the form of a carol service led by Mr. W.J. Payne, who also gave a short address. The lessons were read by Mr. John Palmer, lay reader. The children had been taught by Miss Betty Fox, and did their parts well. Carols were sung by Allison Watkins, Avril Morgan, Susan Bills, Janice Lawrence, Carol

Jenkins, Gillian Jones, Nanette Tyler, Sandra & Jenny Davey. Carols were also sung by the congregation.

4 January 1958 Christmas Service The annual Christmas service of the Noddfa and Nazareth Chapels was held at Nazareth Chapel on Christmas morning and evening. The morning service took the form of a carol service and the singing of the children was really excellent. Mr. W. A. Davies was the conductor in the absence of Miss Edna Jones. The devotions were led by Miss Rita Jones and Master Lyn James. A recitation was given by Marilyn Hollifield. Mr. W. A. Davies again conducted in the evening. Mr. T. J. Jones presided. A duet was sung by Miss Jean Owen and Miss Ann Hughes and a solo was given by Miss Rosemary Jones. The devotions were led by Terrence Chanklans and Miss Eunice Jones. Mr. Willie Edwards was organist at both services.

4 January 1958 Carmel On Christmas evening at Carmel, the service took the form of hymn singing. The conductor was Mr. Meirion Shankland and the devotions were led by Miss M. Jones and Mrs. Lewis. A solo was sung by Nurse Mimi Lewis. The organist was Mr. T. Walters. On Sunday evening the service was conducted by Nurse Mimi Lewis. The theme of her address was Mary Jones and her Bible. She was thanked by Mr. T. Walters.

4 January 1958 Nativity Play A service in which the story of Christmas was presented as a play was held at Carmel. An address was given by Nurse B. Davies. Taking part were: Nurse M. Lewis, Allison Davies, Delphine Chapman and Neville Hann. Mr. T. Walters was the organist. Others taking part were: Jennifer Thomas, Barnara Robertson, Jeannette Kolaskinski, Robert Thomas, Diane Robertson, Wendy Hann, Carol Powell, David Osborne, Ralph Cochrane, Carl Blunt, Derrick Hann, Malcolm Lewis, Lawrence Blunt, Tony Martin, Ian Lewis, Paul Challenger, Robert Powell, Ian Robertson, Lily Lewis, Maldwyn Gittens, Emrys Parry, Jean Davies, Ann Challenger, Neville Hann, Margaret Shankland, Sonia Dummett, Martin Williams, Gwenda Richards, Christine Tyler, Joyce Lewis, Lynn Martin, Brian Cochrane, Alvin Kolaskinski, Christopher Powell, Terasa Kolaskinski. The play was produced by Miss Maria Jones assisted by Mrs. E. Rees.

5 April 1958 Anniversary The 16th anniversary services were held recently at the Pentecostal Church, Penybank. The special preachers were Mr. Wallace and Mr. Locke, both of Bristol. Many district assemblies were represented.

12 April 1958 Nazareth On Good Friday, united services were held at Nazareth. Prayer meetings were held in the morning and evening. The preacher was Mr. Haydn Jones. Rev. T. J. Jones presided. The organists were Mr. T. Walters & Mr. W. A. Davies.

12 April 1958 Parish Church Services were held on Good Friday and Easter Day. The Church was decorated with Easter lilies and other flowers. The preacher was the Vicar, and at the Sunday evening service, Mr. John Palmer. The organist was Mr. Norman Palmer.

3 May 1958 Easter Vestry The annual Vestry meeting was held at St. Mary's on Wednesday, the Vicar presiding. Mr. J. Palmer, parochial secretary read the minutes of the last meeting, which were accepted. Coun. W. J. Payne submitted a detailed account of the church's financial position and this was accepted. He stated that a considerable amount of money was needed to put the church in order. All officers were re-elected.

21 June 1958 Noddfa Sisterhood On Saturday, the members journeyed by motor coach to the Elan Valley, and spent a happy day. The secretary is Mrs. Gwenda Pearce and the treasurer, Miss Edith Lewis.

21 June 1958 Carmel Chapel The yearly meetings were held on Sunday and Monday and large congregations were present. The preacher was the Rev. W. T. Pennar Davies. The organist and conductor was Mr. T. Walters, A.L.C.M.

13 September 1958 Noddfa A baptismal service was held at the Chapel on Sunday morning. Four young people were baptised by Mr. T.J. Jones. The service was conducted by Mr. Gwylfa Davies, B.A., Rhymney, who also received them into the church at the communion service held in the evening. The organist was Willie Edwards.

13 September 1958 Sisterhood A meeting was held at the Vestry on Thursday evening. Miss Edna E. Jones was the president. Taking part were Mrs. Dilys Edwards, Miss Gretta Evans, and Mrs. Richards, Heolgerrig, Merthyr Tydfil. Thanks were accorded by Nurse Lewis and Mrs. Mitchell. Mrs. D. Edwards was the organist. Election of officers: president, Miss Edna

E. Jones; vice president, Nurse M. Lewis; secretary, Mrs. G. Pearce; treasurer, Mrs. Edith P. Lewis.

20 September 1958 Sisterhood A meeting was held at Noddfa on Thursday. The reading was taken by Mrs. F. Wright and Nurse M. Lewis led in prayer. Mrs. D. Edwards was the organist.

11 October 1958 Noddfa Sisterhood A meeting was held on Thursday, and was a harvest service. Miss E. E. Jones was president. The reading was taken by Nurse M. Lewis, and Miss G. Evans led in prayer. An inspiring address was given by Mrs. Matthews of Abertysswg, and she was thanked by Nurse Lewis and Miss Evans. A vote of sympathy was passed with the bereaved families of the village.

18 October 1958 Harvest A harvest thanksgiving service was held with the Free Church Council at Nazareth C. M. Chapel on Monday, October 6. The guest preacher was the Rev. Glanffrwd Edwards. President and organist was Mr.. W. A. Davies.

18 October 1958 Community Hymn Singing On Sunday evening at Noddfa Baptist Chapel, a successful community hymn singing was held, and reached a very high standard. Coun. W. J. Payne presided, and referred to the loss the village had received by the sudden death of the Vicar, Rev. E. Adams Evans, and the three miners. The congregation stood in silent tribute. Rev. T. J. Jones opened the service in prayer. Mr. Thomas Walters was the conductor, and Mr. Willie Edwards was at the organ. The choir responded in excellent style. All the hymns on the hymn sheet were sung. The chairman thanked all for making the evening such a memorable one. Rev. Jones closed in prayer.

25 October 1958 Noddfa Sisterhood Miss Edna Jones presided over the meeting on Thursday. Mrs.. A. Davies took the reading, and Miss Greta Evans led in prayer. An address was given by Mrs. M. A. Lewis, Glyn Terrace and she was thanked by Nurse Lewis and Miss Evans. Mrs. D. Edwards was the organist.

8 November 1958 Carmel The half-yearly meeting was held last Sunday when the preacher was the Rev. D. J. Thomas, Machynlleth. The organist and precentor was Mr. Thomas Walters.

8 November 1958 Parish Church The preacher on Sunday morning was Mr. Jenkins, Tirphil, and in the evening, Coun. W. J. Payne. Mr. John Palmer read the lessons, and Mr. N. Palmer was at the organ.

15 November 1958 Remembrance Day Remembrance Day services were conducted at the Parish Church on Sunday by the Vicar. Mr.. John Palmer preached in the evening, and Coun. Payne read the lessons. Mr.. N. Palmer was the organist.

29 November 1958 Noddfa Sisterhood A meeting was held last Thursday week. The reading was taken by Mrs. Doris Jones, and Miss Edna E. Jones led in prayer. An address was given by Miss Hancock of Pontlloyn and he was thanked by Miss M. Lewis and Mrs. Mitchell. Mrs. D. Edwards was the organist.

6 December 1958 Noddfa Sisterhood At the weekly meeting, Miss Mitchell took the reading, and Nurse Lewis led in prayer. Mrs. E. Thomas, Pontlloyn, gave an address. Mrs. D. Edwards was the organist.

10 January 1959 Parish Church The preacher and celebrant on Sunday morning was the Archdeacon of Llandaff, the Venerable J.G. James. The preacher in the evening was Mr. John Palmer, lay reader. The organist was Mr. Norman Palmer.

10 January 1959 Parish Church The name of Mr. Clifford Everett, who took part in the Nativity play, was omitted last week.

10 January 1959 Noddfa Sisterhood A meeting took place on Thursday, and was conducted by the young people of Noddfa. Ann Morris presided, and taking part were Jennifer Chapman, David Price, Eunice Jones, Margaret Jones, Rosemary Jones, Margaret Morris, Mary Cumpstone, Susan Thomas, Rosemary Jones and Rita Jones. The young people sang the chorus, "Speak just a word for Jesus." The organist was Willie Edwards. Thanks were accorded the young people by the sisterhood's president, Miss Edna E. Jones, Nurse M. Lewis and Mrs. Mitchell. The meeting closed in prayer led by Margaret Morris.

10 January 1959 Carmel On New Year's Eve, the children were entertained to tea by the teachers. After tea, they played games, sang and recited. Each child received a gift from the Christmas tree.

10 January 1959 Carmel A children's service was held at Carmel last Sunday. The theme of the service was "The Nativity." The following children took part in the service: Carl Blunt, Emrys Parry, Lawrence Blunt, Robert Powell, Maldwyn Gittins, Robert Thomas, Derrick Hann, Ralph & Brian Cockram, Ian Robertson, Christopher Powell, David Jones, Margaret Shankland, Joyce Lewis, Wendy Hann, Jean Davies, Sandra Gardener, Gaynor Harding, Allison Davies, Jennifer Thomas, Barbara Robertson, Dian Robertson, Jeanette, Elaine & Teresa Kolasinski, Olive May Titcombe, Suan Kent, Mary Walding, Ann Davies, Lily Lewis, Allison Evans, Sonia Dummett, Janet Hann, Carol Powell, Lynne Gadsby, Marilyn Jones, Elaine Dallimore, Audrey Davies, Nurse Mimi Lewis, Miss Margaret Shankland, Miss Wendy Hann, Sandra Gardener, Master Ralph Cockram. The conductor and producer was Miss Maria Jones. The accompanist was Miss Jean Davies, aged 12. On Christmas morning there was a Carol Service for children. Miss M. Jones gave a suitable reading, and Miss Margaret Shankland led in prayer. The choir sang carols and the following also took part: Anne Davies, Chris Powell, Carol Powell, Lynne Gadsby, Lily Lewis, Allison Evans, Marilyn Walding, Jeanette Hann, Mary Walding, Robert Thomas, Ralph Cockram, Diane Robertson, Sonia Dummett, Alvine Kolasinski. The conductor was Miss Maria Jones. The accompanist was Miss Jean Davies.

24 January 1959 Parish Church At the morning service on Sunday, the preacher was the Vicar of Pontlottyn, and at the evening service, Coun. W.J. Payne. The organist was Mr. Norman Palmer.

24 January 1959 Noddfa Sisterhood A meeting was held on Thursday. The president, Miss Edna Jones, read a lesson, and Nurse M. Jones led in prayer. The address was given by

7 February 1959 Parish Church On Sunday morning, the preacher was the Venerable Archdeacon of Llandaff. In the evening Coun. Payne was the preacher.

7 February 1959 Noddfa Sisterhood A meeting was held on Thursday, Miss E. E. Jones presiding. Mrs. E. P. Lewis took the reading, and Miss G. Evans led in prayer. Mrs. E. P. Lewis gave the address and she was thanked by Mrs. D. Jones and Nurse Lewis. Mrs. D. Edwards was the organist.

14 February 1959 Parish Church On Sunday morning, the preacher was the Rev. Jenkins, Cardiff. At the evening service the preacher was the Rev. Arthur Williams, Caerphilly. The organist was Mr. Norman Palmer.

21 February 1959 Parish Church The Ven. Archdeacon of Llandaff was the preacher on Sunday morning. In the evening, Mr. John Palmer preached, and Coun. Payne read the lessons.

7 March 1959 Noddfa Sisterhood The weekly meeting was held on Thursday when Nurse Mimi Lewis presided, and led in prayer. Mrs. Lena Wright read a portion of Scripture. An address was given by Miss Gretta Evans. She was thanked by Mrs. Mitchell. The organist was Mrs. D. Edwards.

7 March 1959 New Vicar The Rev. Evan Sedgemore, Blaengarw, has been appointed Vicar of Fochriw and Deri. The Institution and Induction will take place at the Parish Church on March 19th at 3.30 p.m..

14 March 1959 Parish Church The preacher at the morning service on Sunday was the Rev. A. Williams, Caerphilly. In the evening, Coun. Payne preached.

28 March 1959 New Vicar of Fochriw The institution and induction of the Rev. Evan Sedgemore as Vicar of Fochriw and Deri took place at the Parish Church of St. Mary on Thursday. The church was crowded. Many had come from his old parish of Blaengarw. Present was the Lord Bishop of Llandaff, the Archdeacon of Llandaff, the Rural Dean of Caerphilly Deanery, with the Registrar, and 30 clergymen, robed, from the Deanery and other places, along with the churchwardens, Coun. W. J. Payne and Mr. John Owen, and Mr. Hopkin Lewis, J.P., chairman of the Council. The organist was Mr. Frank Jones, Pontlottyn. The new incumbent was presented to the Bishop by churchwarden W. J. Payne, after which the service of Institution was performed by the Bishop. The service of induction was performed by the Archdeacon. The address by the Lord Bishop was most inspiring. After the service, tea was provided at the New Hall by the ladies of the church. The Rev. Evan Sedgemore, his wife and children, received the good wishes of the parishioners for a very happy ministry.

4 April 1959 Parish Church Services were held on Good Friday and Easter Day. On Sunday morning, the preacher and celebrant was the Vicar, the Rev. Evan Sedgemore, who also preached in the evening. The evening lessons were read by Coun. W.J. Payne and the organist was Miss Maureen Ralph, Pantywaun.

4 April 1959 United Free Churches Meetings were held at Nazareth C.M. Chapel on Good Friday. A prayer meeting was held in the morning, presided over by Rev. T.J. Jones, Noddfa, when the organist was Mr. T. Walters, Carmel. In the evening, a sermon was given by a guest preacher, Rev. H. Godfrey Jones, B.A., B.D., Ystrad Mynach. The president and organist was Mr. W.A. Davies, Nazareth.

4 April 1959 Easter Services The members of Noddfa and Nazareth Chapels held united singing services at Nazareth in Sunday. The morning service was for children and they sang hymns which were conducted by Miss Edna E. Jones. Mr. W.A. Davies presided. Lorraine Davies read a portion of Scripture and Gwyneira Gittoes led in prayer. A solo by Susan Thomas followed, and a recitation was given by Rita Jones. At the evening service, Mr. T.J. Jones was the president, and he also led in prayer. Scripture was read by Mrs. Doris Jones and the conductor was Mr. W.A. Davies. Miss Mary Cumpstone gave a recitation, and solos were sung by Miss Rosemary Jones, and Mr. Griff Morris of Colwyn Bay, a former member of Nazareth Chapel. Mr. Davies presented a bouquet to Mrs. Annie Pugh, a faithful member of Nazareth, on the occasion of her eighty-first birthday. The organist at both services was Mr. W. Edwards.

18 April 1959 Mothers' Union The first meeting since the coming of the new Vicar, Rev. Evan Sedgemore to the Parish, was held at St. Mary's on Monday evening. The Vicar addressed the well-attended meeting. Officers appointed were: enrolling member, Mrs. Sedgemore; secretary, Mrs. L. Lawrence; treasurer, Mrs. Palmer. It was decided to attend the Deanery Festival at Llandaff Cathedral.

18 April 1959 Noddfa Sisterhood A meeting was held on Thursday last, Miss Edna E. Jones presiding. The reading was taken by Mrs. J. Sheen and Nurse M. Lewis led in prayer. An address was given by Miss Turner of Trelewis. Thanks were accorded by Nurse Lewis and Mrs. Mitchell. The organist was Mrs. Dilys Edwards.

2 May 1959 Noddfa Sisterhood Miss Edna Jones presided at the meeting on Thursday. The reading was given by Mrs. W. Pope of Dowlais, who also gave the address. Mrs. Mitchell led in prayer. Mrs. Pope was thanked by Mrs. S. G. Parry and Mrs. Mitchell. Mrs. D. Edwards was the organist. The meeting closed with prayer.

9 May 1959 Festival Visit The members of the Mothers' Union of St. Mary's and St. Peter's, went to Llandaff Cathedral to take part in the Festival. Over 60 members attended, accompanied by their enrolling member, Mrs. Sedgemore, and the Vicar. The members later went to Penarth, and spent a few hours at the seaside.

16 May 1959 Noddfa Sisterhood A meeting was held on Thursday last week, when the president was Miss Edna E. Jones. The speaker was Mrs. Adams of Bargoed. The reading was taken by Nurse Lewis. Mrs. G. Evans led in prayer and thanked the speaker. Mrs. D. Edwards was the organist.

9 May 1959 Parish Church On Ascension Day, a special service was held and this was attended by children from various schools. The Vicar gave an address and Mr. N. Palmer was the organist.

30 May 1959 Noddfa Sisterhood Miss Edna E. Jones presided at the meeting on Thursday. Miss Jones, Merthyr, took the readings and Nurse Lewis led in prayer. An address was given by Mrs. Richards, Merthyr, and she was thanked by Nurse Lewis. Mrs. D. Edwards was the organist.

30 May 1959 Whitsun Tea On Tuesday, the children of the Parish Church Sunday School were entertained to an excellent tea. The tables were laid with a variety of good things. The trayholders were: Miss R. Davies, Miss O.M. Payne, Miss Betty Fox, Mrs. S. Davies, Miss Lorna Rees, with the Vicar, Mrs. Sedgemore, Coun. W.J. Payne, churchwarden, and Mr. John Palmer. After tea, the Vicar and churchwarden addressed the children. The rest of the evening was taken up with competitions and games.

6 June 1959 Mothers' Union A service was held at the Parish Church on Monday evening. The Vicar addressed the gathering.

13 June 1959 Noddfa Sisterhood Miss Edna E. Jones presided over the Sisterhood. The scripture reading was taken by Mr. D. Edwards and prayer was offered by Mrs. M. Mitchell. Mrs. E. Hiscox, Abertysswg, gave an excellent address. Thanks were accorded by Miss Jones, Mrs. Mitchell and Nurse Lewis. Mrs. Dilys Edwards was the organist.

20 June 1959 Sunday School Outing The annual Sunday School outings took place on Saturday, when the children and parents of the various churches went to Barry Island.

22 August 1959 Presentation to Mrs. Edith Evans At the New Hall, a presentation of a clock was made to Mrs. Edith Evans, widow of the Rev. Evan Adams Evans, B.A., late Vicar of Fochriw and Deri, to mark the deep respect with which she was held in the parish. Prior to the presentation, a tea was held. The members of the Mothers' Union and church friends were the hostesses. A number from Deri were also present. The new vicar presided over the presentation meeting. He praised the late vicar's work in the parish for the past 20 years, and rendered the sympathy of all to Mrs. Evans and family at their great loss. Coun. W. J. Payne made the presentation to Mrs. Evans, and he spoke of the late Vicar's splendid qualities, and of the good work she had done in the parish. Mrs. Evans said she would always remember their kindness and the happy years spent amongst them. Mrs. Rouse, her daughter, also thanked the people for their kindness. Many other speakers from Fochriw and Deri paid tribute.

12 September 1959 Noddfa Sisterhood The first meeting after the summer holiday break was held last Thursday. The speaker was Nurse Mimi Lewis. The officers were re-elected as follows: president, Miss Edna E. Jones; vice president, Nurse M. Lewis; treasurer, Mrs. Edith P. Lewis; secretary, Mrs. Gwenda Pearce.

26 September 1959 Harvest Festival Services were held at St. David's, Pantywaun, on Sunday and Monday. The church had been decorated with fruit and flowers. The celebrant and preacher on Sunday was the Vicar. In the evening Coun. W.J. Payne preached. On Monday evening, the Rev. Roberts, Pontlottyn preached. The organist was Miss Maureen Ralph.

3 October 1959 Noddfa Sisterhood A meeting was held on Thursday last. The devotions were taken by Mrs. L. Cook, Deri, and the speaker was Mrs. E. Thomas, Pontlottyn, who was thanked by Mrs. S. G. Parry and Mrs. Mitchell. The organist was Mrs. D. Edwards.

3 October 1959 Harvest Festival Services were held at the Parish Church on Sunday and Monday. The church was decorated with flowers, fruit and vegetables. The preacher and celebrant on Sunday morning was the Vicar. The preacher in the evening was the Rev. Islwyn Jenkins, Cardiff. On Monday evening, the preacher was the Archdeacon of Llandaff, with the Vicar and Mr. John Palmer taking the service and Coun. Payne reading the lesson. The organist was Mr. Norman Palmer.

10 October 1959 Sisterhood A harvest festival meeting was held on Thursday last. The vestry was decorated with fruit and vegetables. The reading was taken by Mrs. May Davies, and the prayer by Mrs. Mitchell. Mrs. M. A. Lewis gave an address, and she was thanked by Mrs. L. Cook, Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. D. Edwards.

17 October 1959 Carmel Chapel A harvest service was held on Sunday. The address was given by the Rev. R. T. Gregory, Cardiff, and the president was Alison Davies. Taking part were Lawrence Blunt and Alison Evans, Bargoed. Harvest hymns were sung by the Sunday School scholars and the organist was Mr. T. Walters.

17 October 1959 Harvest Thanksgiving The Fochriw Free Church Council held services at Nazareth on Monday and Tuesday evening. Mrs. D. Jones conducted the Monday prayer meeting, and on Tuesday evening, the special preacher was the Rev. G. J. Harris, Ystrad Mynach. The service was conducted by Mrs. M. A. Lewis, and the organist was Mr. W. A. Davies.

24 October 1959 Noddfa Sisterhood Nurse Lewis presided at the meeting last Thursday. The reading was taken by Mrs. D. Jones and Mrs. Mitchell led in prayer. The address was given by Mrs. Evans of Merthyr and she was thanked by Mrs. Mitchell. The organist was Mrs. D. Edwards.

7 November 1959 Gift Day The Rev. Evan Sedgemore, Vicar, received the gifts of the people on Friday. It was a splendid response for which he wishes to thank all. The church is undergoing extensive repairs and an electric blower for the organ has been installed.

7 November 1959 Carmel The special yearly services were held on Sunday. The preacher was the Rev. T. Pugh Jarman, New Quay, Cardigan. The organist was Mr. T. Walters.

7 November 1959 Parish Church The preacher and celebrant on All Saints Day was the Vicar. Coun. Payne read the lessons.

7 November 1959 Sisterhood On Thursday, the Sisterhood were visited by the Sisterhood of Glanynant, Pengam, who took the service. They were thanked by Nurse Lewis, Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. S. G. Parry. Refreshments were served.

21 November 1959 Noddfa Sisterhood A meeting was held last Thursday when they were entertained by members of Tabernacle Chapel, Deri. The president was Mr. D. Llewellyn and the devotions were taken by Mr. G. Jones and Nurse M. Lewis. The speaker was Mr. Love. Mr. Llewellyn gave a solo, and Mr. C. Walker gave a recitation. Thanks were accorded by Mrs. Mitchell and Nurse M. Lewis. The organiser was Mrs. D. Edwards.

28 November 1959 Confirmation On Wednesday evening of last week at the Parish Church, the Lord Bishop of Llandaff confirmed 45 candidates who had been prepared by the vicar, who was also the Bishop's Chaplain for the service, assisted by Mr. John Palmer. The organist was Mrs. E. Morgan. The choir was augmented by the Deri choir. Tea was provided after the service in the New Hall.

5 December 1959 Lecture An interesting lecture entitled "Rhymney Roundabout," was given by Rev. I. Jenkins, M.A., at the Parish Church, Fochriw, on Thursday evening. He dealt with his subject in a masterly way giving the history of the Rhymney Valley from the early period to the present day. The lecturer was thanked by Coun. Payne and Mr. John Palmer.

12 December 1959 Christmas Fayre On Saturday at the New Hall, a very successful Fayre was held in aid of Church funds. The ladies of the church had worked hard for many months preparing for the sale. The secretary was Mrs. Lilian Lawrence, with Mrs. Arthur Palamer, treasurer. The Fayre was opened by Mrs. Kathleen Lewis, The Vicarage, Bargoed, who was accompanied by her husband, Rev. Edward Lewis, vicar of Bargoed. Also present was Mrs. Winifred Evans, wife of the late Rev. Samuel Evans, the first vicar of the parish of Fochriw and Deri. A happy event during the course of the afternoon was the arrival of Father Christmas, laden with presents. The ladies at stalls and refreshments had a very busy time and a substantial sum was realised. The men also had worked hard. The Vicar and Mrs. Sedgemore thanked all who had worked so well and had given donations and gifts for the stalls.

2 January 1960 Carol Service A carol service was held at Noddfa on Christmas morning, when Miss Margaret Morris presided. Miss Ann Morris was the conductor. Lynn James read a portion of Scripture, and Michael Jenkins led in prayer. A solo was given by Susan Thomas and Rita Jones recited. Clive Gittoes ended the service with a prayer. The organist was Mr. Willie Edwards.

2 January 1960 Carmel Sunday School On Sunday, December 20, the Carmel Sunday School pupils were responsible for the evening service. In the first part, the children recited and the Choir sang carols. The children who took part were: Ian Robertson, Lily Lewis, Alison Evans, Lynn Gadsby, Aloine Rolasinski, Carol Powell, Teresa Rolasinski, Mary Walding, Jennifer Thomas, Malcolm Lewis, Sonia Dummett, Diane Robertson, Susan Kent, Briam Cockram, Christopher Powell, David Watkins, Barbara Robertson, Jeannette Kolasinski, Philip Jones, Lynne Hann, Janette Hann, Glorinda Jones & Sandra Kent. A Nativity play was then performed. Those taking part were: Alison Davies, Carl Blunt, Robert Thomas, Barbara Robertson, Jennifer Thomas, Jeannette Kolasinski, Mr. Neville Hann, Derek Hann, Ralph Cockram, Maldwyn Gittens, Emrys Parry, Malcolm Lewis, Martin Lewis, Lawrence Blunt, Ian Lewis, Miss Joyce Lewis, Miss Margaret Shankland, Miss Wendy Hann. Nurse B. Davies presided, and the accompanist was Miss Jean Davies.

9 January 1960 Watchnight Service A Watchnight service was held at the Parish Church on New Year's Eve. It was conducted by the Vicar, who gave a short address. The lessons were read by Coun. W. J. Payne.

16 January 1960 Sisterhood A meeting of the Noddfa Sisterhood was held last Thursday, Miss Edna E. Jones presiding. The reading was taken by Mrs. May Davies and Nurse Lewis led in prayer. The address was given by Mrs. W. A. Davies, Aelybryn, who was thanked by the president and Nurse Lewis. The organist was Mrs. Elsie Rees.

23 January 1960 Sunday Schools' Association On Monday evening at the Parish Church, the Sunday Schools' Association met. There were representatives from several parishes. The address was given by the Vicar. The organist was Mr. Frank Jones. Refreshments were provided by the ladies of the church.

Party The Sunday School children of St. Mary's Church were entertained to a New Year's Tea at the New Hall last week. Competitions and games followed the tea. Every child was given a present. The Sunday School teachers - the Vicar, Miss Lorna Rees, Miss Betty Fox, Miss Janice Lawrence and Mr. John Palmer, attended the tables and supervised the games.

30 January 1960 Noddfa Sisterhood A meeting was held on Thursday. The president also gave the address and Mrs. Blod Evans read a portion of Scripture. Mrs. D. Edwards led in prayer.

13 February 1960 Noddfa Sisterhood Miss E.E. Jones presided on Thursday last. Mrs. D. Edwards read the Scriptures, and Mrs. Mitchell led in prayer. The Rev. T.J. Jones gave an inspiring address. He was thanked by Miss Jones, Nurse Lewis and Mrs. Mitchell. Mrs. Dilys Edwards was the organist.

13 February 1960 Treasurer, Mr. Sam Lewis, J.P., Honoured On a recent Sunday evening, a presentation service was held at Carmel Congregational Chapel, in honour of the church secretary, Mr. Samuel Lewis, J.P., and Mrs. Lewis. Mr. Lewis has given 25 years service as treasurer, and is hoping to carry on for many more. A large congregation afterwards showered their best wishes on him and Mrs. Lewis for their valuable services to Carmel. The following members spoke very highly of them: Mrs. Elsie Rees, Mrs. Annie Davies, Mrs. Blod Evans, Mrs. Mary Evans, Mr. Meirion Shankland. Nurse Ballard Davies, deaconess, presented Mr. Lewis with a fire-side chair, also a cheque. Mr. W.A. Davies presented Mrs. M.A. Lewis with a bouquet of tulips. Mr. & Mrs. Lewis thanked the members of Carmel for their kind thoughts and praises. Mr. W.A. Davies, a fellow deacon and Finance Secretary, read two letters, one from the Rev. Eurof Jones and family, Bethania, Cwmavon, Port Talbot, and the other from the Rev. Brython and Mrs. Ceridwen Davies, Buckley, Flintshire, niece and nephew of Mr. Lewis. Messages of congratulation also came from Nurse Mimi Lewis; Miss Maria Jones, Superintendent of Carmel Sunday School, and Rev. Hugh Parry, Blackwood. Joyful singing, and a prayer by Rev. Hugh Parry, ended the proceedings. Organist: Mr. M. Shankland. Chairman, Mr. T. Walters.

27 February 1960 Noddfa Sisterhood A meeting was held on Thursday. Miss E. Jones presided. Scripture was read by Mrs. Doris Jones and Mrs. M. Mitchell led in prayer. An address was given by Mrs. May Davies, Aelybryn, who was thanked by the president, Mrs. E. Lewis and Mrs. Mitchell.

27 February 1960 Thanksgiving Service A thanksgiving service was held at the Parish Church on Friday evening by the Vicar to mark the birth of a son to the Queen.

5 March 1960 New Minister At Nazareth Chapel on Monday evening, a welcome was extended to Rev. Ieuan Tegrfyn Jones, Rhymney. Mr. W. A. Davies presided. Devotions were led by Mrs. Doris Jones and Mrs. Mattie Lewis. Mrs. Pugh and Mrs. Mitchell spoke on behalf of Nazareth; Rev. Evan Sedgemore on behalf of the Church; T. J. Jones on behalf of Noddfa; David Thomas, The Mission; Mrs. Uzzell for the chapel at Deri; Nurse Ballard Davies for Carmel Chapel; and Alderman Joseph Williams, Rhymney. The organist was Mr. W. A. Davies.

5 March 1960 Religious Play After evensong at the Parish Church, the Vicar presided over a performance of "The Bright Star," by the Sunday School pupils. The proceeds were in aid of the World Refugee year Fund. The children performed their parts with credit. Praise is due to their teachers.

12 March 1960 Three Plays On Thursday at the New Hall, three plays were produced by the Brithdir and Pontlottyn Youth Centres. The plays were in connection with the East Glamorgan Youth Association Drama Festival.

12 March 1960 Nazareth Chapel A welcome tea for the Rev. and Mrs. I. T. Jones was served by Mesdames Grace Edwards, A. Hollifield, Marion Gittoes, Muriel Jarman, Joan Owen, Olwen Lewis, and Miss Beatrice Jones. Taking part in the concert presided over by Mrs.

Edith Parry Lewis were Misses Ann Hughes, Angela Owen, Calre Mitchell, Betty Pugh, Doris Hollifield, Gwyneira Gittoes, Marilyn Hollifield.

12 March 1960 Tea And Presentation On Shrove Tuesday at the New Hall, the members of the Parish Church Mothers' Union and Sewing Guild held a Pancake Tea. The enrolling member, Mrs. Sedgemore, presented Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Davies with a set of glass fruit dishes as a wedding present. Other speakers were the Vicar, Coun. W. J. Payne, Mesdames Davey, Palmer, Lawrence, S. Davies, J. Lawrence, Llewellyn, Jones & Davies, Mr. Gillard, and Miss O. M. Payne. Mr. & Mrs. Davies responded.

26 March 1960 World Refugee Fund On Sunday, a meeting was held after the evening service at the Parish Church, in connection with World Refugee Fund. Each church in the village was represented. It was decided that a house to house collection be made in the village, split into districts, each place of worship to be responsible for a district.

19 March 1960 Lenten Services On Tuesday evening, the preacher at the Parish Church was the Rev. Edward Lewis, Vicar of Bargoed, with the Vicar, Rev. Evan Sedgemore, conducting the service. Mr. Frank Jones was the organist. The preacher on Sunday was the Vicar of Tongwynlais, with Mr. John Palmer conducting the service.

26 March 1960 Noddfa Sisterhood A meeting was held on Thursdy. The devotions were taken by Nurse M. Lewis. Mrs. Mitchel and Mrs. M. Hopkins sang. The address was given by Miss M. Hopkins of New Tredegar. The organists were Mrs. D. Edwards and Miss M. Hopkins.

2 April 1960 Lenten Service The Sunday morning service was conducted by the Vicar. In the evening, the preacher was Coun. Payne and the lessons were read by Mr. John Palmer. The organist was Mr. Frank Jones. On Tuesday evening, the preacher was the Rev. W. R. Hughes, Vicar of Pontlottyn.

9 April 1960 Noddfa Sisterhood A meeting was held on Thursday last. Miss Edna Jones was president, and the devotions were taken by Mrs. Edith M. Lewis, who also gave an address. Thanks were accorded by the president and Mrs. Mitchell. The organist was Mrs. D. Edwards.

23 April 1960 Palm Sunday Many people visited the old church at the top of the hill at Pentwyn on Sunday, and during the week, to place flowers on the graves. On Sunday afternoon, a service was held at the old church of St. Andrew, attended by a large congregation. The Vicar preached, and Coun. Payne read the lessons.

23 April 1960 United Free Churches Religious meetings under the auspices of the United Free Churches were held on Good Friday at Nazareth. At a prayer meeting in the morning, Mrs. Bronwen Ballard Davies presided. In the evening, the guest preacher was Rev. Teifionydd Hughes, Troedyrhiw. The president was Rev. T. J. Jones, and the organist, Mr. W. A. Davies. There was a very good attendance at both meetings.

23 April 1960 Parish Church The services on Good Friday and the morning of Easter Day were conducted by the Vicar. In the evening the preacher was Coun. Payne. There were large attendances at the communion services.

7 May 1960 Easter Vestry The Vicar presided at the Vestry meeting. The parochial secretary read the minutes of the last meeting and the churchwarden gave the financial statement. All accounts showed a balance on the right side. Election of officers: churchwardens, Coun. W. J. Payne, Mr. John Owen; parochial secretary, Mr. J. B. Palmer; auditor, Miss Rosie Davies; parochial council: Messrs. Arthur Palmer, Jack Lawrence, David Jenkins, Bryn Rees, John Palmer, M. Hughes, W. Gamblin, H. Skyrme, Tudor Evans, Mrs. Pullen, Mrs. Gillard. Mrs. S. Davies, Miss Rosie Davies, Miss Olive Payne, Miss Betty Fox; sidesmen: Messrs. Tudor Evans, George Baldwin, Gordon Lawrence, P.C. Southworth, Hayden Jones, W. James, Bryn Rees, Frank Jenkins, J. Lawrence, D. Jenkins, D. R. Tyler, Wyn Davies, David Jones, N. Withers, V. Powell, M. Evans, John Llewellyn, D. L. Jones, D. Williams. The Vicar thanked all who had worked so hard during the past year. He himself, had spent a very happy time amongst the people of Fochriw, Deri and Pantywaun.

14 May 1960 Mothers' Union The festival of the Deanery Mothers' Unions held at Llanbradach last Thursday was attended by members of the Fochriw and Deri churches. The preacher was the Lord Bishop of Llandaff. The Vicar was one of the chaplains. After tea, the local members went to Penarth. On Tuesday, a large number of members went to Cardiff, and

heard an able address from Mrs. Geoffrey Fisher, wife of the Archbishop of Canterbury, at the Reardon Smith Lecture Theatre.

21st May 1960 Carmel The preacher on Sunday was the Rev. W. Rowland Jones, Cardiff. The organist was Mr. T. Walters, and Mr. Shankland was the conductor.

4 June 1960 Festival On Sunday evening at Nazareth C. M. Chapel, Deri, a community hymn singing in aid of the World Refugee Fund was held. The Vicar, Rev. Evan Sedgemore presided. He was supported by the ministers of all the churches in Fochriw, and Penybank - Rev. T. J. Jones, Rev. Wm. Griffiths, Rev. David Thomas. The singing reached a very high standard with Mr. Thomas Walters as conductor, and Mr. W. A. Davies as organist. At the close, Coun. W. J. Payne moved a vote of thanks to all who had taken part, also to all the street collectors, and all who had helped in any way and this was seconded by Rev. T. Jones. The following are the amounts: house to house collections - £27 2s. 11d; by sale of 'Onslaught' - £6 5s; community hymn singing - £4 12s 1d. The total of £38 has been sent to the clerk of the Gellygaer U.D.C.

11 June 1960 Parish Church Whitsuntide services were held on Sunday morning, and were well attended. The Vicar officiated. At the evening service, two infants were christened. The organist was Mr. Frank Jones.

11 June 1960 Tea Party The annual Sunday School tea party of the Parish Church Sunday School took place on Whit-Tuesday. The children assembled at the Church for a short service, after which they paraded the streets singing hymns led by the Vicar, churchwardens, lay-reader, envelope secretary and ladies of the church. They returned to the New Hall where an excellent tea was provided. After tea, games were indulged in.

11 June 1960 Noddfa Sunday School anniversary services were held at Noddfa on Whit-Sunday. Mr. Tom Thomas, superintendent, presided at both services. The conductor was Miss Edna E. Jones, and the organist was Mr. Willie Edwards. Those taking part in the afternoon service were David Jones, Ian Watkins, Keri Williams, Susan Pearson, Alison Moon, Jacqueline Millward, Lynette Kidley, Carol Jones, Julie Moon, Susan Hughes, Anette Kidley, Philip Hughes Richard Wallace, Susan Thomas, Rita Jones, Paul Millward, David Evans, Robert Gittoes, Kenneth Jones, Megan Jones, Michael Jenkins, David Pearce, Lynn James. Taking part in the evening service were Misses Rosemary Jones, Margaret Morris, Margaret Jones, Ann Morris, Eunice Jones, Mrs Dilys Edwards, Phyllis Jones, Mr. T. J. Jones.

18 June 1960 Carmel Chapel The Yearly Services were held on Sunday. The preacher was the Rev. R.O. Thomas, Treharris. The organist was Mr. T. Walters.

2 July 1960 Noddfa Sisterhood At the meeting last week, the devotions were taken by Mrs. D. Edwards and Nurse Lewis. Mrs. E. Hiscocks of Abertysswg gave an excellent address. Mrs. D. Edwards was the organist. The Sisterhood has ended a very successful year. The next meeting will be on Thursday, September 1st. The Sisterhood held their annual on Saturday, and journeyed to Newquay where a most enjoyable day was spent.

2 July 1960 Service at Pentwyn On Sunday morning, the Rev. Evan Sedgemore conducted morning service at the Old Church, Pentwyn. Holy Communion was celebrated, and at the close of the service, twelve were baptized.

23 July 1960 Mothers' Union On Monday evening, members of the Mothers' Union of St. Mary's and of St. Peter's visited Gellygaer accompanied by their enrolling member, Mrs. Sedgemore. At the Church, they were addressed by the Rector, Rev. J. I. Jones, and afterwards, were shown around the Rectory. They were then entertained to tea.

30 July 1960 Baptisms After the morning service on Sunday, a baptism service took place.

30 July 1960 Carmel The preacher on Sunday was the Rev. Rowland Jones of Cardiff. Mr. Thomas Walters was the organist.

13 August 1960 Cathedral Service Coun. W. J. Payne, churchwarden, represented the Parish of Fochriw and Deri at Llandaff Cathedral on Saturday, when a service of thanksgiving for the restoration of the cathedral after war damage was held in the presence of The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh.

10 September 1960 Church Outing Last Thursday, 40 members of St. Marys, Fochriw and St. Perer's, Deri, with Rev. & Mrs. Sedgemore, travelled to London by coach. They visited the

Mary Sumner House where the Vicar conducted a short service. Afterwards, they visited places of interest in the City.

17 September 1960 Church News On Sunday morning, the Vicar conducted a communion service at St. Andrew's Church, Pentwyn. The preacher at the Parish Church on Sunday evening was Coun. W.J. Payne. The Mothers' Union members of Fochriw and Deri visited London for the day, with the Vicar and Mrs. Sedgemore.

17 September 1960 Noddfa Sisterhood The first meeting of the Sisterhood this session was presided over by Miss Edna E. Jones. Mrs. E.P. Lewis read the lesson, and Nurse M. Lewis led the devotions. An address was given by Rev. Evan Sedgemore. Thanks were accorded by the president, Nurse Lewis and Mrs. W. Davies. The organist was Mrs. D. Edwards. The officers of the Sisterhood were re-elected. They are: president, Miss Edna E. Jones; vice president, Nurse Lewis; secretary, Mrs. Gwenda Pearce; treasurer, Mrs. Edith P. Lewis.

24 September 1960 Harvest Festival Services were held at St. David's, Pantywaun, on Sunday and Monday. The preacher on Sunday afternoon was the Rev. Terence Davies, Caerphilly. In the evening, the Vicar preached. The organist was Mrs. Maureen Jones.

1 October 1960 Noddfa Sisterhood A meeting took place on Thursday, when a party from Ivor Chapel, Dowlais, took part. Mrs. Tasker presided and also gave an address. Scripture was read by Mrs. Evans and Mrs. Mitchell led in prayer. Solos were given by Mrs. Morgan and Mrs. Evans. Thanks were accorded by the president Miss Edna E. Jones, Nurse Lewis and Mrs. Mitchell. The organist was Mrs. Dilys Edwards.

1 October 1960 Harvest Services were held at the Parish Church on Sunday and Monday. The celebrant and preacher in the morning was the Vicar. In the afternoon the children brought gifts of flowers and fruit, and a children's service was held. The gifts will be distributed to the sick and to the hospitals. The preacher in the evening was the Vicar of Llanharan, Rev. J. Vernon Payne. The preacher on Monday was the Rev. J. Ivor Jones, Rector of Gellygaer. The lessons at the services were read by Coun. W.J. Payne, churchwarden, and Mr. J. Palmer, lay reader. The organist was Mr. Frank Jones.

15 October 1960 United Free Church Council Harvest Festival services were held at Nazareth on Monday and Tuesday evenings. A prayer meeting on Monday evening was presided over by Rev. T. J. Jones. On Tuesday, the preacher was Rev. Gwilym Hughes, Rhymney. The president was Rev. I. T. Jones. The organist was Mr. W. A. Davies.

15 October 1960 Noddfa Sisterhood The meeting on Thursday was a harvest festival. Miss Edna Jones presided. Nurse Lewis read the lesson, and Miss Gretta Evans led in prayer. An address was given by Mrs. Eunice Thomas, Pontlottyn, and she was thanked by Miss G. Evans and Mrs. P. Jones. The organist was Mrs. D. Edwards.

15 October 1960 Harvest Thanksgiving Services were held at Carmel on Sunday. Rev. A. E. Grant, Rhymney, preached at the morning and evening services. In the morning, Emrys Parry read the lesson, and Lawrence Blunt led the devotions. In the evening, Wendy Hann read the Story of Ruth, and Joyce Lewis led in prayer. Carl Blunt read the Scriptures. The Sunday School scholars sang harvest hymns. The organists were Mr. T. Walters and Jean Davies.

22 October 1960 Birthday Supper The Mothers' Union and Sewing Guild of the Parish Church, provided a supper to mark the 80th birthday of Councillor W. J. Payne, churchwarden. His daughter, Miss Olive May Payne, and his sister, Mrs. Emma Jane Lawrence, aged 86, were also invited. Mr. Payne is treasurer of the Church, churchwarden and also a licensed lay reader. For the past 50 years, he has been a member of various management boards - the hospital, St. John Ambulance, and was a founder member of the Welfare Association. He has been a member of the Gelligaer Council of 22 years. The Vicar, Mrs. Sedgemore, Mr. John Owen (Deri), Mr. John Palmer (licensed lay-reader), Miss O. M. Payne, Mrs. E. J. Lawrence, and Councillor Payne all spoke. Presentations of a Bible and Prayer Book were made.

29 October 1960 Noddfa Sisterhood At the meeting last Thursday, Mrs. M. Sheen read the lesson, and Miss Gretta Evans led in prayer. Mrs. Walker, Deri, gave the address. The organist was Mrs. D. Edwards.

5 November 1960 Noddfa Sisterhood A meeting was held on Thursday evening, when Mr. Carey Thomas gave an illustrated talk on the Oberammergau passion play. He was assisted by his son, Lyn. Miss Edna Jones was assisted by Miss Eunice Jones, Miss E.E. Jones, Nurse M. Lewis and Miss G. Evans. Mr. Carey Thomas was the organist.

5 November 1960 Parish Church A number of members of the Mothers' Union journeyed to Llandaff Cathedral on Tuesday, and joined in the service of prayer and thanksgiving, accompanied by Mrs. Sedgemore, enrolling member.

19 November 1960 Sisterhood A meeting was held last Thursday, when Mrs. M. Davies read the lesson, and Nurse Lewis led in prayer. Rev. Jones, Rhymney, gave the address. Mrs. D. Edwards was the organist.

19 November 1960 Remembrance Day A service of remembrance was held at the Parish Church on Sunday morning, conducted by the Vicar. The Vicar, who played the cornet with the Hirwaun Band, sounded the last post.

19 November 1960 Carmel Annual preaching services were held at Carmel on Sunday. The preacher was the Rev. Hugh Parry, Blackwood. Mr. Thomas Walters was the organist.

26 November 1960 Band of Hope The children were shown a film on Thursday by their leader, Mrs. G. Walker. Julie Edwards read the lesson. Another film was shown on Thursday in the Tabernacle Vestry.

26 November 1960 New Deacons On Sunday at Carmel Congregational Chapel, three new deacons were admitted. Miss Mimi Lewis, Mr. David Jones and Mr. Cyril Cook were received by the Rev. Latimer Williams who was minister for the day. The organist was Mr. T. Walters.

17 December 1960 Sale of Work A sale of work was held by the Parish Church on Saturday at the New Hall. The Mothers' Union and Sewing Guild had worked hard to provide the variety of things on the stalls. Mrs. P. H. Ford of Bargoed opened the sale, and was presented with a bouquet by Miss Mary Sedgemore, youngest daughter of the Vicar.

24 December 1960 Carol Service At the Parish Church on Sunday evening, after Evensong, the children of the Sunday School sang carols, gave solos and read portions of Scripture. The service was conducted by the Vicar who also gave a short address. The teachers, Miss Lorna Rees, Miss Betty Fox, and Mr. John Palmer, were in charge of the children. Those taking part were: June Palmer, Allison Watkins, Jane Sedgemore, Ann, Sedgemore, Mary Sedgemore, Linda Southworth, Vern Jones, Sonia Moore, Nanette Tyler, Paul Jenkins, Howard Jenkins, Paul Hopkins, John Moore, Geraint Watkins. The decorated Christmas tree was lit up.

31 December 1960 Parish Church On Christmas Eve, a midnight communion service was held. The preacher and celebrant was the Vicar, Rev. E. Sedgemore.

31 December 1960 Christmas Service A carol service was held at Carmel on Christmas morning. Miss Mimi Lewis presided. Miss M. Jones, Jean Davies and Lawrence Blunt read the lessons. Taking part were Sonia Dummett, David Watkins, Lorna Davies, Ann Davies, Janet Hann, Lynne Hann and Carol Powell. Miss Jean Davies was the accompanist, and Miss M. Jones the conductress. In the evening, a carol service was presided over by Nurse Ballard Davies. Miss Mimi Lewis read the lesson. Mr. T. Walters was the accompanist.

31 December 1960 Carol Service A carol service was held at Noddfa on Christmas afternoon. It was conducted by Miss Edna E. Jones. Mr. Tom Thomas presided. Lynn James led the prayers. Lessons were read by Susan Thomas, Rita Jones, Paul Millward, David Evans, Carol Jones, Lynn James, Robert Gittoes and David Price. The blessing was given by Peter Price. Others taking part were: Annette Kidley, Gail Davies, Lynette Kidley, Jackie Milward, Mary Price, Susan Pearson, Richard Wallace, Phillip Hughes, Kerry Williams, David Jones, Ian Watkins, Alison Moon, Susan Hughes, John Kidley, Brian Evans, also Misses Margaret Jones, Eunice Jones, Rosemary Jones, Ann Morris, Margaret Morris and Mrs. D. Edwards. The organist was Mr. Willie Edwards. Thanks were accorded by Mr. T.J. Jones.

21 January 1961 Tea and Entertainment The Sunday School children of the Parish Church were entertained to tea at the New Hall on Tuesday week. The Vicar said grace, and afterwards the Mothers' Union and Ladies Sewing Guild attended at the tables. The Vicar and

the Sunday School teachers – Miss Lorna Rees, Miss Betty Fox and Mr. J.B. Palmer - organised games and competitions. Music was supplied by Miss Betty Fox. Each of the children was given a prize. Thanks were accorded all who helped in the evening's enjoyment.

11 March 1961 Parish Church On Sunday, the special Lenten preacher was Rev. W.R. Hughes, vicar of Pontlottyn. On Sunday next, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese will hold a confirmation service at St. Peter's Church, Deri.

11 March 1961 St. David's Day At the Junior School, Mr. Bryn Davies, headmaster and staff arranged a Welsh programme. At the Infants' School, Miss Olive Payne, headmistress and staff, joined with the children in Welsh songs, plays and other items. At Penybank School, Miss L. Vaughan, headmistress, and staff, also organised a Welsh programme.

25 March 1961 Parish Church On Sunday morning, the celebrant was the Vicar. At the evening service, the special Lenten preacher was Rev. Roberts, curate of Pontlottyn. The lessons were read by Coun. Payne and the organist was Mr. Frank Jones.

1 April 1961 Gifts Dedicated On Saturday and Palm Sunday, hundreds went to the old church on the hill. St. Andrew's, Pentwyn, to place flowers on the graves. Never has the churchyard looked more beautiful. Repairs are being carried out to the walls, and in a few years it is hoped that all walls and fences will be repaired. On Sunday afternoon, the Vicar conducted the service and preached a sermon. During the service, the vicar dedicated an altar frontal and altar linen, the gifts of the people of Pentwyn and Penybank. The Vicar thanked the givers and the ladies for cleaning the church, and the sexton, Mr. D.R. Tyler, for his care of the churchyard.

8 April 1961 Free Church Council Religious meetings were held on Good Friday at Nazareth Chapel. A prayer meeting was held in the morning, and in the evening, the preacher was Mr. T.J. Jones, Noddfa. The president at both meetings was Miss Edna E. Jones, and Mr. W.A. Davies was the organist.

8 April 1961 Parish Church The service on Good Friday was conducted by the Vicar. On Easter Day, there was a fine array of Easter lilies on the altar. The morning service, at which the Vicar officiated, was well attended. Sunday School was conducted by Miss Lorna Rees and Miss Betty Fox. The lessons were read by Mr. A.J. Palmer, lay reader, and the organist was Mr. Frank Jones.

22 April 1961 Easter Vestry The annual Easter Vestry of the Parish of Fochriw and Deri took place at the Parish Church on Wednesday evening. The Rev. Evan Sedgemore presided, supported by Coun. W.J. Payne, churchwarden, and Mr. J.B. Palmer, parochial secretary. The vicar opened the meeting with prayer, and then thanked all for their wonderful help during the year. Mr. J.B. Palmer gave a very detailed report, for which he was widely complimented. The churchwarden gave the statement of accounts, and said that the church had been beautified by the addition of new carpets, curtains, stained glass window and altar linen. At Pentwyn, walls of church and churchyard had been repaired, and the ladies of the church had presented an altar frontal to the church. Officers elected were: people's warden, Coun. W.J. Payne; vicar's warden, Mr. John Owen; parochial secretary, Mr. J.B. Palmer; auditors, Miss R. Davies and Miss Lorna Rees; organists, Mr. Frank Jones and Mr. N. Palmer; parochial council, Mrs. S. Davies, Miss O.M. Payne, Miss Betty Fox, Mrs. A. Palmer, Mrs. R. Davies, Messrs. Jack Lawrence, Bryn Rees, D. Jenkins, J. Palmer, M. Hughes, W. Gambling, H. Skrymne; parochial authority, Mrs. Pullen, Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Gillard, P.C. Southworth, Tudor Evans, J. Davies. Sidesmen were re-elected with the addition of Mr. T.E. Davies.

6 May 1961 Jumble Sale On Saturday at the New Hall, a jumble sale was held by the members of the Mothers' Union and Sewing Guild of the parish.

13 May 1961 Sunday School Festival There was a capacity congregation at the Parish Church on Monday evening, when the Sunday School Children's Association Festival for the northern part of the Caerphilly Deanery was held. Children from the Fochriw and Deri, Pontlottyn and Bargoed parishes attended with their teachers. The Rev. Eryl Thomas, Dean of Llandaff, preached the sermon.

20 May 1961 Parish Church On Ascension Day, the Rev. E. Sedgemore conducted the service and preached the sermon. A large number of school children with their teachers were present. The organist was Mrs. Gwynne.

27 May 1961 Parish Church Whit Sunday services were well attended. On Tuesday afternoon, the annual Sunday School tea was held. A procession of witness marched through the streets, headed by the Vicar, churchwarden, lay reader, Sunday school teachers – Miss Lorna Rees, Miss Betty Fox, Miss Janice Lawrence and Mr. John Palmer. Tea was served at the Welfare Hall by the Mothers' Union and Ladies Sewing Guild. After tea music and games were enjoyed with Miss Lorna Rees as master of games.

3 June 1961 Carmel On Sunday, the preacher was the Rev. W. Rowland Jones, B.A., Cardiff. The organist was Mr. Tom Walters.

3 June 1961 St. Andrews At St. Andrews Church, Pentwyn, the Vicar conducted the service and celebrated Holy Communion.

24 June 1961 Noddfa Sisterhood On Saturday, members made a coach trip to Hereford and Symond's Yat.

10 June 1961 Outing The combined churches off the village had their outing to Barry Island on Saturday.

24 June 1961 Mothers' Union and Sewing Guild Trip The above journeyed by coach to Evesham, Broadway and Elmley Castle on Saturday.

24 June 1961 St. Andrew's Church On Sunday morning, the Vicar conducted a service and celebrated Holy Communion. The service was well attended. At the Parish Church on Sunday evening, Coun. W.J. Payne was the preacher, and Mr. Frank Jones, Pontlottyn, was the organist.

15 July 1961 Carmel The annual services were held on Sunday, and were well attended. The special preacher was the Rev. J. T. Hughes, Troedyrhiw. The organist was Mr. T. Walters.

15 July 1961 St. Andrew's, Pentwyn The Vicar conducted a service at the old Church on Sunday morning, and celebrated Holy Communion. On Sunday evening at the parish church, the preacher was Mr. John Palmer.

5 August 1961 Carmel The preacher at Carmel on Sunday evening was Mr. Gwyn Phillips, Ystrad Mynach. Mr. T. Walters was the organist.

12 August 1961 Carmel On Sunday the services were taken by Nurse Ballard Davies with Mr. T. Walters at the organ.

12 August 1961 Parish Church The preacher and celebrant on Sunday was the Rev. J.G. Williams of the Children's Society. The Sunday School service was taken by Mrs. E. Fox.

23 September 1961 Harvest Festival Services were held at St. David's, Patywaun, on Sunday and Monday. The church had been decorated with fruit, flowers and vegetables, and a new altar frontal. The preacher on Sunday afternoon was the Rev. E. Sedgemore, and in the evening, Coun. W.J. Payne. The Vicar preached again on Monday evening. The organist was Miss Maureen Jones.

30 September 1961 Mission Hall The 30th annual Convention was held on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, and was well attended. The special speakers were the Rev. T.S. Davies, Oakdale, and Pastor W.R. Morgan, Woodfieldside. Mrs. Davies, wife of the Rev. Davies, sang.

30 September 1961 Harvest Festival Services were held at the Parish Church on Sunday and Monday, when the church was decorated with flowers, fruit and vegetables. The celebrant and preacher was the Vicar. At the children's service in the afternoon, the gifts of fruit and flowers were received by the Vicar. Others taking part in the service were Miss Lorna Rees and Miss Betty Fox. John Moore read the lesson and the collection was taken by Mary Sedgemore and Stuart Llewellyn. The special preacher on Sunday evening was the Rev. Eryl S. Thomas, Dean of Llandaff. The lessons were read by Coun. W.J. Payne, and the organist was Mr. Frank Jones. The preacher on Monday was the Rev. J. Evans, Vicar of Aberpergwm, the service being conducted by the Vicar and lay reader, Mr. J.B. Palmer.

7 October 1961 Community Hymn Singing The Parish Church was full on Sunday evening after Evensong, when all the churches joined together for hymn singing. A collection taken in aid of the old age pensioners realised £5 4s 1d, plus £1 donation from Penybank Chapel. The Vicar conducted the service, with Mr. T. Walters as conductor. Nurse Mimi Lewis was the soloist. Others taking part were Pastor W. Griffiths, Penybank Chapel; Rev. Tegfan Jones,

Nazareth; Pastor David Thomas, The Mission Hall; Rev. T.J. Jones, Noddfa. The collection was taken by Mr. Haydn Jones and Coun. W.J. Payne.

14 October 1961 United Free Church The United Free Church Council met at Nazareth on Monday and Tuesday evenings last week. On Monday evening, thanks were given through prayer. The preacher on Tuesday evening was the Rev. T.J. Jones, minister of Nazareth. The president at both meetings was Mr. T.J. Jones, and Mr. W.A. Davies was the organist.

21 October 1961 Relay Run Runners from the parish of Fochriw and Deri took part in a relay run to Llandaff Cathedral on Saturday for the Diocesan Youth Service. The run started from the ancient site of Capel Brithdir, Bargoed, at 10 a.m., and the final runner reached Llandaff Cathedral at 2 p.m. The runners were from the Caerphilly Deanery. The Vicar was in charge of the Fochriw and Deri runners. Miss Betty Fox, Fochriw, carried the Caerphilly Deanery banner, and Mr. Howard Davies of Fochriw carried the hand-cross used by the relay runners of the Caerphilly Deanery into the Cathedral. The service was conducted by the Dean of Llandaff, the Very Reverend Eryl S. Thomas. The Rev. Dr. Moelwyn Merchant preached the sermon and the blessing was given by the Bishop of Llandaff, Dr. Glyn Simon. Runners on the relay run from the parish of Fochriw and Deri were; June Sedgemore, Ann Sedgemore, Mary Sedgemore, Margaret Mantle, Malcolm Mantle, Howard Davies, Allison Watkins, Susan Bifle, June Palmer, Avril Morgan, Gwyneira Evans, Paul Hopkins, Myfanwy Evans, Terence Hughes and Desmond Hill.

28 October 1961 Moral Welfare The house-to-house collection in aid of the Llandaff Diocesan Moral Welfare Fund realised £15 14s 6d. The collectors were: Mesdames S. Jones, M. Chapman, C. Ballard, E. Thomas, J. Jones, C. Evans, A. Watkins, R. Bills, E. Fox, S. Pullen, I. Morgan, R. Davies, Lorna Rees, L. Lawrence, M. Lawrence, T.E. Davies, W.K. Evans, D.J. Jones, C. Dummett, G. Hughes, G. Hopkins, B. Southwood, C. Jenkins. On Tuesday, the members of the Mothers' Union, with the Vicar and Mrs. Sedgemore, journeyed to Llandaff Cathedral for the presentation of the gift at a service of thanks. The cheque was presented by Mrs. Lilian Lawrence.

28 October 1961 St. Andrew's The Vicar conducted a service on Sunday morning, and celebrated Holy Communion. Thanks to Mr. John Llewellyn, Pentwyn, who has presented a heating system to the church, the building was well warmed.

18 November 1961 Carmel Special services were held at Carmel on Sunday. The preacher was the Rev. E. Jones, B.A., B.D., Seven Sisters. The organist was Mr. Tom Walters.

18 November 1961 Parish Church The organist next Sunday evening will be Mr. Wyndham Lawrence, Mus. Bac.

25 November 1961 Presentation On Sunday evening, the preacher at the Parish Church was the Vicar. The organist was Mr. Wyndham Lawrence, Mus. Bac. of Skewen. Mr. Lawrence was organist at the Parish Church before leaving for Skewen some years ago. After the service, a presentation was made to Mr. Lawrence for devoted service to the church as organist. The presentation of a cheque was made by Coun. W.J. Payne, churchwarden. Mr. Lawrence's wife, father and sister were present at the service and presentation. The Vicar thanked Miss Rosie Davies and Mrs. S. Davies, the collectors. Afterwards, Mr. Lawrence played selections on the organ.

16 December 1961 Noddfa On Sunday evening, an ordination service was held, and was conducted by Mr. T.J. Jones. Three new deacons ordained were Miss Edna E. Jones, Mr. Robert Thomas and Mr. Bryn Jones. Miss Rosemary Jones sang. The organist was Mr. William Edwards. Mr. Joshua Evans, senior deacon and secretary, was unable to be present owing to illness.

16 December 1961 Fochriw's Church Sale Realises £110 The annual Fayre and Sale of Work was held last Saturday and £110 was realised. It was organised by the Mothers' Union and the Sewing Guild, and was held at the New Hall. Mrs. Alan Rees Evans, wife of the manager of Barclays Bank, Bargoed opened the Fayre. A bouquet of flowers was presented to Mrs. Evans by Anne Sedgemore. Stall holders were: Sunday School: Miss E. Fox, L. Rees, R. Davies, J. Palmer, A. Watkins, S. Bills, J. Sedgemore, J. Bebb, E. Palmer, and Mrs. A. James; Cake: Mrs. M. Chapman and E. Thomas; Pound: Miss O.M. Payne, L. Southworth, and Mesdames G. Jones, B. Southworth, A. Watkins; New Products: Mesdames O. Jenkins, A.

Gardener, M. Lawrence, S. Lawrence, J. Lawrence; Drapery: Mesdames Sal Davies, Y. Roberts, T.E. Davies & W.K. Evans; Novelties: Mesdames I. Walters, N. Sharpe, Shirley Lawrence; Father Christmas: Howard Davies; Jumble: Mesdames L. Lawrence, E.M. Llewellyn, B.M. Powell, N. Bebb, D. Palmer, K. Lewis, B. Walker, ; Refreshments: Mesdames M.J. Davies, C. Ballard, H. Small, C. Evan, G. Wright; stewards, Messrs. A. Palmer, J. Lawrence, B. Rees, J.B. Palmer, P. Jenkins, P. Hopkins. Gifts and donations were received from The Emporium, Bargoed; F.W. Woolworth, Merthyr; St. Margaret's, Aberbargoed; Delberry's Dowlais; Mr. Stan Williams; Mr. & Mrs. T.R. Simon, Blaengarw; Mrs. M. Eyre, Rhymney; Mrs. S. Chaffey, Bargoed; Rhymney Valley Buildings Supply; Mr. & Mrs. Rees Evans, Bargoed; Mr. & Mrs. A. Llewellyn, Bush Garage, Dowlais. The officers were: president, Mrs. E. Sedgemore; secretary, Mrs. L. Lawrence; treasurer, Mrs. A. Palmer.

23 December 1961 Fochriw Holds United Gymanfa A united gymanfa was held at Nazareth Chapel on Christmas Day. The chapels taking part were Carmel, Noddfa and Nazareth. The conductor was Mr. Thomas Walters, and the organist, Mr. Willie Edwards. At the children's carol service in the morning, Miss Edna E. Jones presided. The reader was Angela Owen, and Janet Hann led in prayer. Recitations were given by Sonia Dummett and Doris Holifield and Mary Price was the soloist. Nurse Ballard Davies presided in the evening, and also gave a recitation. Miss Margaret Morris read the Scriptures and Mrs. A.M. Holifield led in prayer. A duet was sung by Nurse Mimi Lewis and Mrs. Dilys Edwards. The gymanfa committee members are: chairman, Miss Edna E. Jones; treasurer, Miss M. Jones; secretary, Mr. Ewart Davies; and Messrs. Bryn Jones, Willie Edwards, W.A. Davies, Thomas Walters, Nurse Lewis, Mrs. A.M. Holifield.

6 January 1962 Sunday Services The morning service of Holy Communion held at St. Andrew's, Pentwyn, and was conducted by the vicar. In the evening, the service at the Parish Church conducted by Coun. W.J. Payne, and the Vicar officiated at St. Peter's, Deri.

10 February 1962 Parish Church After Evensong on Sunday evening, the children of the Sunday School, with the Vicar, their teachers Miss Lorna Rees, Miss Betty Fox and Mr. John Palmer, produced a first class programme of Bible reading, carols and hymn singing. Mr. Norman Palmer was the organist. The readers were: Susan Bills, Paul Jenkins, Lily Lewis, Jane Sedgemore, John Moore, June Palmer, Allison Watkins; Soloists, Jane, Mary and Ann Sedgemore. Also taking part were: Joyce Lewis, Gwyneira Evans, Myfanwy Evans, Veronica Evans, Susan May, Tony Mitchell, Stuart Reynolds, Sonia Moore.

17 February 1962 Tea and Social The annual Sunday School tea and social of St. Mary's Church took place at the New Hall on Sunday evening, when the children were entertained. The children were in the charge of the Vicar and teachers – Rev. Sedgemore, Miss Lorna Rees and Miss Betty Fox, and Mrs. Sedgemore and members of the Mothers' Union and Sewing Guild who helped at the tables. After tea, games and competitions were held.

3 March 1962 Church Services The vicar conducted a service of Holy Communion at St. Andrew's, Pentwyn, on Sunday morning. In the evening, he took the service at St. Peter's, Deri. Coun. Payne took the service at the Parish Church in the evening.

17 March 1962 Lent Service The preacher at the Parish Church on Sunday was the Rev. A. Roberts, curate of Pontlottyn.

17 March 1962 Sunday School Association At the Parish Church on Monday, Sunday Association members from Fochriw, Deri, Pontlottyn, Troedrhiwfwch, Ystrad Mynach and Bargoed were present, also the Vicars of Fochriw, Pontlottyn and Bargoed. The service was conducted by the Rev. E. Sedgemore, and the address was given by the deaconess, Irene Allen. The organist was Miss R. Jones, Troedrhiwfwch. Refreshments were served by ladies of the Mothers' Union and Ladies Sewing Guild, who thanked Miss B. Greening, Pontlottyn.

24 March 1962 Parish Church The Vicar was the celebrant at the early morning service on Sunday. Afterwards he took the service at St. Andrew's, Pentwyn. In the afternoon, he took the service at Pantywaun, where children were christened. In the evening, he took the service at St. Margaret's, Gilfach. The Rector of Gelligaer took the service at Deri. At the Parish Church on Sunday evening, Mr. John Palmer, lay reader preached. The organist was Mr. John Owen (jnr).

21 April 1962 St. Andrew's Church Hundreds wended their way to the old churchyard of St. Andrew's, Pentwyn, on Saturday and Palm Sunday, to place flowers on the graves of loved ones. A service was conducted on Sunday afternoon at the old church by the Vicar. The service at the Parish Church on Sunday evening was taken by Mr. Graham Jones, Tirphil. Donations for the rebuilding of the old churchyard walls, will be thankfully received by the Vicar.

28 April 1962 Parish Church The Vicar conducted the Easter services. The church was decorated with Easter lilies. The preacher at the evening service was Mr. John Palmer, lay reader.

28 April 1962 Free Church Council Meetings were held on Good Friday at Nazareth Chapel. A prayer meeting was held in the morning, and in the evening an English sermon was given by the Rev. D. Elfed Evans, Abercynon. Mrs. Doris James presided in the morning, and Rev. Ieuan Jones at the evening service. The organist was Mr. W.A. Davies.

12 May 1962 Easter Vestry The annual Easter Vestry of the Fochriw Parish Church took place on Wednesday, when the Vicar, Rev. Evan Sedgemore, presided. The minutes were read by Mr. John Palmer parochial secretary and the statement of accounts was given by Coun. W.J. Payne, churchwarden. Miss Rosie Davies and Miss Lorna Rees were the auditors. The Mothers' Union statement of accounts was also given by Mr. John Palmer. The following officers were elected: People's Churchwarden, Coun. W.J. Payne; Vicar's Churchwarden, Mr. John Owen, Deri; parochial secretary, Mr. J.B. Palmer; auditors, Miss Rosie Davies and Miss Lorna Rees; The parochial council and sidesmen were re-elected. The Vicar thanked the Churchwardens, the parochial secretary, the Mothers' Union, the Sewing Guild and the Sunday School teachers, Mr. D.R. Tyler, Sexton, and all who had helped at St. Andrew's, St. David's and St. Peter's. Everyone stood in silence tribute as the Vicar read the names of all who had died during the past year.

9 June 1962 Carmel Chapel Special yearly services were held on Sunday last, when the preacher was the Rev. T.O. Thomas, Caerphilly, who preached inspiring sermons. The organist was Mrs. Annie Davies.

9 June 1962 Parish Church On Thursday, Ascension Day, a large number of schoolchildren, accompanied by their headmistress and teachers, attended a service at the Parish Church, conducted by the Vicar. The organist was Mrs. Gwynne.

16 June 1962 Parish Church The Whit Sunday services were well attended. The celebrant and preacher was the Vicar, Rev. E. Sedgemore.

16 June 1962 Sunday School Teas On Tuesday, the Sunday Schools of the Parish Church and Nazareth C.M. joined together in their Whitsun parade through the village, singing hymns as they marched. Before the parade, a short service was held at the Parish Church conducted by the Vicar, with Mr. W.A. Davies, Nazareth C.M., at the organ. Members of both churches attended and they were extended a warm welcome by Churchwarden W.J. Payne. After the service, they paraded through the streets, headed by the Vicar, Churchwarden Payne, Mr. W.A. Davies and Mr. Mitchell. After the parade, they returned for their tea, and afterwards, the children of Nazareth were taken on a motor coach outing to Llangorse. The Parish Church children enjoyed games with their teachers at the New Hall. Special thanks are due to the Sunday School teachers, and those who waited at the tables, and other helpers, for making it such a happy event.

23 June 1962 Carmel At the Sunday services, the preacher was the Rev. Eurof Jones, Cwmavon, a former minister of Carmel. The organists were Mrs. W.A. Davies and Miss Jean Davies.

30 June 1962 Jumble Sale The members of St. Mary's Church Mothers' Union and Sewing Guild held a jumble sale at the New Hall on Saturday that proved very successful.

14 July 1962 Parish Church The preacher and celebrant in the morning was the Vicar. At the evening service, the preacher was Mr. G. Watson Jones, Pontlottyn.

4 August 1962 Carmel Chapel The preacher on Sunday was Miss Greta Evans, Fochriw. The organist was Mrs. Annie Davies.

4 August 1962 Parish Church The preacher and celebrant at the morning service was the vicar, Rev. Evan Sedgemore. The preacher at the evening service was Councillor W.J. Payne.

18 August 1962 Parish Church The Rev. L. Dowse, Vicar of Llanishen, was the celebrant at Holy Communion on Sunday morning. The Sunday School was taken by Miss E. Fox. The evening service was conducted by Coun. W.J. Payne.

15 September 1962 Cathedral Visit Last Saturday, three motor coaches organised by the Mothers' Union and Ladies' Sewing Guild of the Parish of Fochirw and Deri, journeyed to Coventry, accompanied by the Vicar and Mrs. Sedgemore.

15 September 1962 Harvest Festival Harvest festival services will begin in the parish on Sunday at St. David's, Pantywaun. The services, at 3 and 6 p.m., will be led by the Rector of Gellygaer. On Monday at 7 p.m., the Vicar of Pontlottyn will conduct the service.

22 September 1962 Mothers' Union A combined service of Fochriw and Deri members was held at the Parish Church on Tuesday. The Vicar conducted the service and the address was given by Mrs. J.C.K. Buckley, Llandaff.

29 September 1962 Community Hymn Singing A community hymn singing in aid of the O.A.P. funds will be held at Penybanc Chapel on Sunday at 8 p.m. The conductor will be Mr. W.A. Davies.

13 October 1962 Harvest Festival Services were held at Nazareth on Monday and Tuesday evening. The guest preacher was Rev. Noel Gibbard, Penywern, Dowlais.

13 October 1962 Parish Church The celebrant at the Holy Communion service on Sunday morning was the Vicar. The preacher on Sunday evening was Coun. W.J. Payne, who welcomed the new organist, Mr. Willie Edwards.

27 October 1962 Bible Society A house-to-house collection realised £21 7s. for which the secretary and treasurer, Mrs. A.M. Hollifield, and Mrs. L. Lawrence, wish to thank the collectors and all who contributed. The collectors were Mesdames D. Jones, E. Rees, O. Thomas, A.M. Hollifield, L. Lawrence, and Misses M. Jones, E. Jones, R. Jones, R. Davies.

27 October 1962 Harvest Festival The children of Fochriw Infants' School had a harvest festival service on Wednesday afternoon. The children had brought beautiful gifts of flowers and fruit. The children gave a fine performance of harvest hymns, prayers, and recitations. They had been taught by the headmistress, Miss Olive Payne, and staff, Miss Gwynne (pianist), Miss Morris, Miss Nan Jones, Miss Mundy. After the service, the gifts were taken to the Old People's Hospital, Ystrad Mynach by the headmistress and Mrs. Sedgemore.

17 November 1962 Carmel Chapel Special services were held on Sunday, when Dr. Pennar Davies preached powerful sermons. The organist was Mrs. Annie Davies.

17 November 1962 Remembrance The service at the Parish Church on Sunday morning was well attended. The service was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. Evan Sedgemore, and the organist was Mr. Willie Edwards. The Vicar, a former cornet player with the Hirwaun Band, sounded the Last Post, and then Mr. Frank Jenkins, chairman of the branch, said the Recite "They shall grow nor old." The standard bearers were Mr. Dando, Pontlottyn, and Mr. L. Everitt, Fochriw. Wreaths were laid by Councillor W.J. Payne on behalf of the Council; Mr. Eddie Jones, secretary of the Men's Section British Legion; Mrs. E. Lewis, Women's Section and Poppy Organiser; Mrs. Pullen and Mrs. Small. Mr. Wm. Lewis, R.O.H., represented the R.A.O.B.

15 December 1962 Pantywaun Service The usual monthly service will be held at St. David's Church, Pantywaun, at 3 p.m. on Sunday next. The service will be conducted by the Vicar, Rev. E. Sedgemore,

15 December 1962 Fayre St. Mary's Parish Church held their annual Christmas Fayre on Saturday. Miss D.L. Green, B.A., B.Sc., headmistress of Lewis' School, Ystrad Mynach, opened the Fayre. A bouquet was presented by Miss Mary Sedgemore. Stall holders: Mesdames S. Davies, T. Roberts, L.G. Jones, K. Lewis, W.K. Evans, L. Lawrence, E. Llewellyn, N. Bebb, O. Jenkins, M. Lawrence, M. Chapman, E. Thomas, C. Ballard, M.J. Davies, N. Sharpe, T.E. Davies, A. Jones, Misses L. Rees, J. Palmer, J. Bebb, A. Watkins, J. Sedgemore, B. Fox, S. Dummett, C. Evans, J. Lawrence, C. Lewis, J. Chapman. Stewards: Messrs. A. Palmer, B. Rees, P. Jenkins. Father Christmas, Mr. V. Coggan. Organisers of the Fayre were Mrs. Sedgemore, Mrs. L. Lawrence, Mrs. A. Palmer.

29 December 1962 Bible Society A meeting of the British and Foreign Bible Society was held at Nazareth Chapel. Mrs. A.M. Hollifield, secretary of the society, presided.

12 January 1963 Gymanfa The annual united Gymanfa was held at Nazareth Chapel, Fochriw, on Christmas Day. The conductor was Mr. W.A. Davies. The morning service was a children's carol service. Mrs. A.M. Hollifield presided. The reading was taken by Ann Davies and Susan Pearson led in prayer. Solos were given by Keri Williams and Miss Ann Hughes. A recitation was given by Allison Evans. The organist was Miss Jean Davies. Mr. T.J. Jones closed in prayer. Mr. Bryn Jones presided over the evening service. Mr. Ewart Davies read and Nurse M. Lewis led in prayer. Recitations were given by Mrs. C. Cumpstone. Hymns sung included two tunes, "Norman" and "Caerphilly," which had been composed by Mr. Willie Edwards, who was the organist.

12 January 1963 Play: "The Little Roses" The Sunday scholars of St Mary the Virgin Parish Church performed a Christmas play, "Three Little Roses," on Sunday, 23rd December, 1962. Children taking part were: Anne Sedgemore, Stuart Reynolds, Mary Sedgemore, Lily Lewis, Veronica Evans, Myfanwy Evans, Gwyneira Evans, Marilyn Jones, Carol Dummitt, Susan Bills, John Moore, June Palmer, Allison Watkins, Geraint Watkins, Darryl Elliott, Gary Evans, Paul Jenkins, Jane Sedgemore, Sonia Moore, Joyce Lewis, Eleanor Reynolds, Betty Fox. A solo was given Miss Lily Lewis, and a duet by Jane Sedgemore and Sonia Moore. The organist was Mr. Willie Edwards. The play was presented by Miss Lorna Rees. The vicar thanked all who had taken part.

9 March 1963 Church Services Lenten services will be held every Tuesday, with a celebration of Holy Communion in the morning and further service in the evening.

30 March 1963 Siloh Presentation The Siloh Mission Church, Penybanc, held its 21st anniversary services last week. The special speaker was Pastor F.C. Newcombe, Pontyclun. During the services, presentations of a clock, by the young people and Sunday School combined, and a wallet containing treasury notes, by the members of the church, were made to Pastor William Griffiths, the resident pastor.

30 March 1963 Fochriw and Deri Parish Appeal The Rev. Evan Sedgemore has launched a Parish Appeal for the Freedom From Hunger Campaign. He is asking for the value of a loaf of bread from each family. Appeal boxes will be available in St. Mary's Church, Fochriw, and St. Peter's Church, Deri, for the next two Sundays.

6 April 1963 Dedication The dedication of an altar frontal, pulpit fall, burse, veil and stole, will take place during Evensong, at the Parsih Church, Fochriw, on Sunday, April 7, 1963.

6 April 1963 Pentwyn Church The usual Palm Sunday service will be held at St. Andrew's Church, Pentwyn, at 3 p.m. The Vicar will officiate.

13 April 1963 Confirmation Service A confirmation Service will be held at the Parish Church on Sunday, April 21, at 6 p.m. when the Bishop of Llandaff will confirm a number of candidates. All are welcome.

13 April 1963 Gifts Dedicated Gifts of an altar frontal and pulpit fall were dedicated by the Rev. Evan Sedgemore at St. Mary's on Sunday. The gifts were given by the Mothers' Union Ladies' Sewing Guild and Sunday School.

20 April 1963 Parish Church On Good Friday, the Vicar conducted a service of prayers and devotional addresses. The organist was Mr. Willie Edwards. On Easter Day, the Vicar celebrated Holy Communion, and at Evensong, Mr. John Denner, Deri, conducted the service.

20 April 1963 Good Friday The Free Church Council of Fochriw held their religious services on Good Friday at Nazareth Chapel. A prayer meeting was held in the morning when Mr. T.J. Jones presided. At the evening service, the guest preacher was Rev. Gareth Watts, Trecynon, Aberdare. Rev. I.T. Jones, minister of Nazareth, presided and Mr. W.A. Davies was the organist at both services.

20 April 1963 Repeat Performance A united Gymanfa was held at Nazareth on Easter Day. This was a repeat of the Christmas Day gymanfa. The conductor was Mr. W.A. Davies. The afternoon service was for children. The organist was Miss Jean Davies. Mrs. A.M. Hollifield presided. Ann Davies read, and Susan Pearson led in prayer. A solo was sung by Mary Price. An item was given by a party consisting of Gwyneira Gittoes, Sylvia Owen and Doris Hollifield. Rev. Ieuan Jones closed with prayer. At the evening service, Mr. Bryn Jones presided. A portion of Scripture was read by Mr. Ewart Davies, and Nurse M. Lewis led in

prayer. Mrs. C. Cumpstone gave recitations and a duet was sung by Mrs. Peggy Davies and Miss Nellie Shankland. Mr. T.J. Jones closed in prayer. The organist was Mrs. Ann Davies, wife of the conductor. Among hymns sung were two composed by Mr. Willie Edwards.

27 April 1963 Easter Vestry The annual Easter Vestry of the parish of Fochriw and Deri was held at the Parish Church on Thursday last. The Vicar presided. Mr. A.J. Palmer was appointed People's Warden in succession to the late Councillor W.J. Payne. Miss E. Fox was appointed Parochial Secretary. Two new members appointed to the Parochial Council were Mr. J.P. Llewellyn, J.P., Pentwyn, and Mr. T.E. Davies, Penybank.

27 April 1963 Noddfa A Children's Service was held on Sunday. Mr. Tom Thomas presided. Paul Millward read the 96th Psalm and the prayers were taken by Rita Jones. Others taking part were: Allison, Julie and Susan Moon, Linda Lyons, Ann Evans, Carol Lyons, Jill Davies, Susan Hughes, Mary Price, Susan Pearson, Helen & Jean Kwersinski, Ian Watkins, David Charles Jones, Kei Williams, Michael Davies, Annette Kidley, Susan Thomas, Rita Jones, Margaret Jones, Rosemary Jones, Eunice Jones. The organist was Mrs. Dilys Edwards.

27 April 1963 Confirmation Service The Lord Bishop of Llandaff, Dr. Glyn Simon, confirmed sixteen candidates at a service held at St. Mary's Church on Sunday. Those confirmed were Jane Sedgemore, Victoria Gittens, Eleanor Reynolds, Maralyn Jones, Lily Lewis, Joyce Lewis, Paul Jenkins, Willie Edwards (St. Mary's Fochriw), Gerwyn Bowen, John Locke, John Stephens, Roer Edwards, Olwen Jones, Kathleen Blow, Heather Morgan (St. Peter's Deri), Ivor Jones (St. Cattwg, Gelligaer). The lesson was read by Mr. John Denner. Mr. Willie Edwards was the organist.

4 May 1963 Bible Society The annual local meeting of the British and Foreign Bible Society was held at Nazareth Chapel on Monday. The Rev. T.J. Jones presided and an address was given by Rev. B. Vivian Morgan of Pencoed. The speaker was thanked by the Vicar, Rev. Evan Sedgemore and Pastor David Thomas. The local secretary is Mrs. A.M. Hollifield, and Mrs. L. Lawrence is the treasurer.

18 May 1963 Mothers' Union At the annual Spring Council Meeting of the Mothers' Union of the Diocese of Llandaff, held at the City Hall, Cardiff, the following members represented the parish of Fochriw and Deri: Mrs. R.S.E. Sedgemore (Enrolling Member), Mrs. Lilian Lawrence, Mrs. M.E. Palmer, Mrs. Mary Owen, and Miss E. Fox.

25 May 1963 Festival Members of the Parish of Fochriw and Deri Sunday Schools attended the Sunday Schools Festival held on Rogation Monday at St. Tyfaelog's Church, Pontlottyn.

1 June 1963 Ascension Day Teachers and pupils from the Fochriw Primary and Junior Mixed Schools attended Holy Communion at St. Mary's Church on Ascension Day. The Vicar officiated. Mrs. Dilys Edwards was the organist. Members of the Mothers' Union attended Llandaff Cathedral for a service marking the end of the Mothers' Union Christian Family Year. On Wednesday, 22nd May, the Rev. Evan Sedgemore was one of the local representatives at a service of thanksgiving to commemorate Christian Family Year held at St. Paul's Cathedral, London, in the presence of the Queen and Prince Phillip.

15 June 1963 County Chaplain Rev. Evan Sedgemore was appointed County Chaplain for the North East Area of Glamorgan at a meeting held at Pontlottyn recently.

15 June 1963 Noddfa Sisterhood At a recent meeting, the speaker was Mr. Frank Hughes, Dowlais. The scripture was read by Mrs. W.K. Evans and Mrs. E. Rees was the organist. Mrs. P. Jones presided.

15 June 1963 Outing The St. Mary's Sunday School held their annual outing on Saturday last, and journeyed to Barry Island. They were accompanied by the Vicar, and Miss Loran Rees and Miss E. Fox, Sunday School teachers.

15 June 1963 Witness The annual procession of witness and hymn singing was held in Fochriw on Whit Tuesday. St. Mary's and Nazareth were well represented by their scholars. Heading the procession were the Vicar and Mr. Ewart Davies, Nazareth. After tea, the Church were entertained in the New Welfare Hall, whilst Nazareth left to spend the evening at Llangorse Lake.

22 June 1963 Carmel The annual services were held on Sunday. The preacher was the Rev. L. Lloyd Jones, Aberaeron. The organist was Mrs. A. Davies.

6 July 1963 Missionary's Visit On Sunday afternoon, the members of Noddfa Sunday School were addressed by Mrs. Stockwell, a missionary from the Congo. She was thanked by Miss Edna E. Jones who presided. Mrs. Dilys Edwards was the organist. Mr. T.J. Jones closed the meeting with prayer.

27 July 1963 His Last Service The Rev. Ieuan T. Jones, minister of Nazareth Chapel, held his last service on Sunday last. He is moving to Abercrave.

27 July 1963 Congregational Union The quarterly meeting of the North Glamorgan Congregational Union of Ministers was held at Carmel Chapel. In the morning there was a conference. The afternoon and evening services were conducted by the Rev. Derwyn Jones, Penyardren, and Rev. Glannant Jones, Aberdare. The organist at both services was Mrs. A. Davies. All services were well attended.

3 August 1963 Parish Church The Vicar of Pontlloftyn, Rev. C.H. James, was the celebrant and preacher at St. Mary's on Sunday. Mr. Willie Edwards was the organist.

31 August 1963 Christening On Sunday afternoon at St. Mary's Parish Church, Master Christopher Tew, baby son of Mr. & Mrs. Brian Tew, formerly of Fochriw, and grandson of Mr. & Mrs. J.P. Llewellyn, J.P., was christened by the Rev. Evan Sedgemore.

31 August 1963 Camp Services The Rev. and Mrs. E. Sedgemore have returned to the Vicarage after spending two weeks at Trecco Bay, Porthcawl, conducting services at the Camp Church for the caravan dwellers. The Vicar officiated in the morning, and Mr. C. Prosser, Pontlloftyn, conducted the Evensong.

31 August 1963 Convention Meeting The third annual convention meeting was held at the Mission Hall recently. The special preacher was Mr. Brain Teed of Swansea. Pastor Thomas of Bedlinog presided on Saturday evening. On Sunday, Miss Ruth Jenkins, Fochriw, and Mr. Clifford Goulden-Hann, Penybank, Miss Phyllis Ann Iles, Fochriw, led in prayer. Pastor David Thomas presided at all meetings, and Mrs. Pamela Temby was the organist.

28 September 1963 Noddfa Sisterhood Mr. Howell Owen, Pontlloftyn, was the speaker at the meeting last week. Mrs. May Davies presided. Mrs. Edith Parry Lewis gave a scripture reading and led in prayer. Mrs. Phyllis Jones was the organist.

28 September 1963 Harvest Festival Services Services were held at the Parish Church on Sunday. At Evensong, the Ven. J. Gwynno James, Archdeacon of Llandaff, preached. The preacher on Monday was Rev. Rees Emmanuel, vicar of Bargoed. Mr. Willie Edwards was the organist. Mr. John Denner read the lessons.

28 September 1963 Harvest Service Nazareth held their harvest services on Sunday. Miss Maralyn Holifield presided. Miss Angela Owen gave a scripture reading. Gwyneira Gittoes, Huw Holifield and Michael Owen led in prayer. Mrs. Amy Holifield was the soloist and a duet was given by Doris Holifield and Jeanette Brown. Susan Price recited. An address was given by Mrs. Doreen Cumpstone. The Sunday School Choir took part and the organist was Mr. Wm. Davies. The chapel was decorated with flowers, fruit and vegetables.

5 October 1963 At Llandaff Rev. & Mrs. Sedgemore represented the parish at Llandaff Cathedral for the requiem to the late Mrs. Sheila Simon, Wife of the Rt. Rev. Glyn Simon, Lord Bishop of Llandaff.

5 October 1963 Chapels Members of Nazareth and Ysgwyddgwyn, Deri, attended the institution and induction of the Rev. Ieuan Tegfryn Jones, formerly pastor of Pontlloftyn, Fochriw and Deri, at Abercrave.

5 October 1963 Baptisms Miss Meryl Yeoman, Miss Julia Ross, Miss Rose Griffiths and Mrs. Martin Davies, who attend the Mission Hall, were baptized at Cefn Coed on Sunday. The service was conducted by Pastor Horace Jones, Cefn Coed. Mr. Glyn Jones, Penybank, gave the address.

12 October 1963 Thanksgiving Service Noddfa Chapel Sisterhood held their Harvest Thanksgiving service on Thursday. Mrs. Phyllis Jones presided. Mrs. Elsie Rees read a portion of Scripture. Mrs. Harriet Odden gave a recitation and a duet was sung by Mrs. P. Jones and Mrs. Elizabeth Morgan. The address was given by Mrs. Edith Lewis. Mrs. Elsie Rees was the organist. A tea followed and the servers were Mrs. Elizabeth A. Evans, Mrs. Olwen Thomas and Mrs. Minnie Sheen.

19 October 1963 Thanksgiving The Free Church Council held their annual harvest festival on Monday and Tuesday. The service on Monday took the form of a prayer meeting, and on Tuesday the special preacher was the Rev. D. Nathan Perkins, Hengoed. Mr. T.J. Jones presided at both services, and the organist was Mr. W.A. Davies.

19 October 1963 Blind Welfare A meeting and service of the St. Mary's Mothers' Union was held last week. The service was conducted by the Vicar and the guest speaker was Mr. Ambrose Williams of Cardiff, the Blind Representative for the County of Glamorgan. He illustrated his address with tape recordings made at the Sunshine Home for the Blind, Southerndown, and also the Eisteddfod for the Blind. Mr. Williams was thanked by Mrs. Sedgemore, enrolling member, and Mr. Palmer, people's warden.

26 October 1963 Noddfa The guest speaker on Sunday was Miss B. Greening, Pontlottyn. Mrs. Phyllis Jones presided, and was organist. Mrs. Edna Davies read.

26 October 1963 Young People's Guild A meeting was held on Wednesday at Nazareth with the view of forming a Young People's Guild for all denominations. Any person who is interested can attend meetings that will be in Nazareth Chapel every Wednesday.

2 November 1963 Carmel The half yearly meetings were held on Sunday. The special preacher was the Rev. Professor D.L. Trevor Evans, Swansea. The organist was Mrs. Ann Davies.

16 November 1963 Guild The meeting at Nazareth Chapel took the form of a "Juke Box Jury." Panel members were: David Price, Ruth Jenkins, Gwyneira Gittoes and Meryl Yeoman.

16 November 1963 Noddfa Sisterhood Mrs. Phyllis Jones presided over the meeting on Thursday. Mrs. Minnie Sheen read and a duet was sung by Mrs. Peggy Davies and Miss Nellie Shankland. The address was given by Mr. A. Dando, Pontlottyn. The organist was Mrs. Ann Davies.

16 November 1963 Guild The Young People's Guild held at Nazareth Chapel took the form of a "Question Box." The questions were answered by Mr. T.J. Jones of Noddfa Chapel and Mr. D. Thomas of the Mission Hall. Julia Ross read and Meryl Yeoman led in prayer. Mr. W.A. Davies was the organist.

7 December 1963 Fayre St. Mary's Christmas Fayre and Sale of Work is to be held this Saturday at the New Welfare Hall.

7 December 1963 Noddfa Sisterhood The meeting was held on Thursday last week. Mrs. Edith Lewis led the devotions and Mrs. Ann Davies gave the address and also played the organ. Mrs. P. Jones presided.

14 December 1963 Christmas Fayre St. Mary's Parish Church held their Christmas Fayre and Sale of Work on Saturday. The sale was opened by Mr. John Pellard Llewellyn, J.P., accompanied by his wife. A bouquet was presented to Mrs. Llewellyn by Anne Sedgemore, and Mary Sedgemore presented a button hole to Mr. Llewellyn, and they were thanked by the Vicar and Mr. A.J. Palmer, people's warden. Stall holders were: Mesdames S. Davies, B. Davies, Y. Roberts, E. Thomas, M. Chapman, C. Ballard, H. Small, M.J. Davies, W.K. Evans, L. Lawrence, N. Sharpe, A. Gardener, I. Walters, O. Jenkins, A. Watkins, M. Lawrence, T. Gillard, Misses G. Chapman, A. Watkins, J. Lawrence, S. Lawrence, O.M. Payne, L. Rees, J. Lewis, L. Lewis, G. Evans, G. Dummett, S. Dummett, C. Dummett, C. Evans, A. Davies, J. Sedgemore, E. Fox; Messrs. D. Jenkins, W. James, P. Jenkins, H. Davies. Father Christmas was Mr. Willie Edwards. Mrs. Jane Sedgemore, who is 88, mother of the vicar, was also present.

21 December 1963 Film Show Noddfa Sisterhood was entertained by Miss Lorna Jenkins and Miss Eliza Evans with a film show. One of the films was the journey of the last train from Newport to Brecon. Before the show, carols were sung. Mrs. Peggy Davies read, and the organist was Mrs. Ann Davies. Mrs. Phyllis Jones presided. Light refreshments were served.

4 January 1964 Communion Services Holy Communion services were celebrated in the four churches of the parish on Christmas Day, the Vicar officiating.

4 January 1964 Noddfa Sunday School A Christmas Party was held on Friday. Refreshments were provided by the parents of the children. Games followed.

4 January 1964 Noddfa Sisterhood On Thursday, the speaker was Miss Florence Bailes, a missionary nurse, who is on leave in this area. Mr. Mervyn A. Parsons, Aberbargoed, took the devotions. Mrs. P.M. Jones presided and was the organist.

4 January 1964 Christmas Gymanfa The annual united gymanfa was held at Nazareth Chapel on Christmas Day. The conductor was Mr. Ewart Davies. Nurse M. Lewis presided at the morning carol service. The organist was Miss Jean Davies. Scripture was read by Rita Jones. Items were given by Susan Price, Michael Owen, Janet, Christine and Lynne Hann, Ann Davies & Alison Evans. The president was Mrs. Doreen Cumpstone. The devotions were taken by Nurse M. Lewis and Mr. Bryn Jones. A solo was sung by Miss Rosemary Jones. The organist was Mr. Tom Davies.

11 January 1964 Guild The Young People's Guild sang carols in the village on Christmas Eve. The collection, which amounted to £6 5s was donated to the local O.A.P Fund.

11 January 1964 Children's Service The scholars of Carmel Chapel held a children's evening service recently. Films and scripts on the Nativity were shown. Taking part were: Mary Davies, David Watkins, Margaret Harris, Sandra & Linda Davies, Carol Powell, Irene & Susan Harris, Ann Davies, Sonia Dummett, Jean Davies, Janet, Lynne and Christine Hann, Laurence Blunt, Alvine and Theresa Kolasinski, Alison Evans, Mr. Neville Hann, Gurwen and Stanley Davies, Derek Hann. A solo was given by Christopher Powell and Brain Cockram gave a recitation. Miss M. Jones read a portion of Scripture. Miss Jean Davies was the organist. Nurse M. Lewis led in prayer, and also presided.

18 January 1964 Film Show The Young People's Guild was entertained to a film show by Miss M. Jones and Nurse M. Lewis. The film was of a visit to the Passion Play at Oberamergau.

18 January 1964 Noddfa Sisterhood Annual Supper Grace was said by Mrs. Margaret Davies (Pencerdd), the oldest member. After supper, entertainment was provided by the members. The accompanist was Mrs. Annie Davies.

1 February 1964 Carmel The preacher on Sunday was the Rev. Noel Gibbard, B.A., of Penywern, who at the evening service celebrated Holy Communion. The organist was Mrs. Ann Davies.

1 February 1964 Guild At the Young People's Guild on Thursday, Mr. Alan Evans of Bargoed spoke on "Mirrors." Miss Doris Holifield read Scripture and Miss Glynis Chapman led in prayer. The accompanist was Miss Maralyn Holifield.

1 February 1964 St. Mary's The Vicar officiated in the morning, and Mr. Idris Jones of Brithdir in the evening. Mr. Willie Edwards was the organist.

8 February 1964 Noddfa The speaker was Mrs. Copley of Hengoed. Mrs. Peggy Davies read, and Miss Greta Evans led in prayer. The organist was Mrs. Annie Davies. Mrs. Phyllis Jones presided.

15 February 1964 Young People's Guild A recent speaker was Mr. Thomas John Jones. Miss Christine Gittens read, and Miss Christine Tyler led in prayer.

15 February 1964 Prayer Meeting At Carmel on Sunday, the morning service was a prayer meeting. At the evening service, Mr. Reg Stephens of Bargoed was the preacher. Mrs. Ann Davies was the organist.

15 February 1964 Parish Church The Vicar officiated on Sunday morning. At Evensong, Mr. John Denner, lay reader, Deri, preacher. Mr. Willie Edwards was the organist.

22 February 1964 Noddfa The preacher at Noddfa on Sunday was Mr. Glyn Jones, Fochriw. The organist was Mrs. Dilys Edwards.

22 February 1964 Young People's Guild A social evening was held at the Y.M.C.A. Club. Dancing was organised by Mrs. Doreen Cumpstone.

7 March 1964 Noddfa Sisterhood The speaker was County Councillor Bryn Williams, Deri. Mrs. P. Jones presided.

14 March 1964 Young People's Guild Miss Doris Holifield presided at a concert in which John Moore, Michael Cochlin, Olive Titcombe, Mary Price, Phyllis Iles, Julia Ross, Beryl Yeoman, Ann Gifford, Rita Jones, Gwyneira Gittoes, Sonia Moore, Jennifer Tyler, Christine Gittens, Irene Perkins, Lynfa Davies, Jennifer Jones, Paul Challenger, Irene Jones, Linda Kent (Pontllytyn), and Mary Price took part.

21 March 1964 Guild Mr. Michael Evans spoke on "Money Matters" at the meeting on Thursday.

21 March 1964 Sisterhood The speaker on Thursday was Mrs. Maud Davies, Pontlottyn. Scripture was read by Miss Nellie Shankland. The organist was Mrs. Annie Davies. Mrs. P. Jones presided.

4 April 1964 Nazareth On Sunday, the young people conducted the service. Miss Doris Holifield presided, and Mrs. Doreen Cumpstone recited. A paper on "Easter" was given by Miss Angela Owen. Mr. W.A. Davies was the organist.

4 April 1964 Rally At a Sunday School Rally at Hanbury Road, Baptist Chapel, Bargoed, recently, Noddfa Chapel was represented by Mr. Tom Thomas, superintendent, Mr. Thomas J. Jones, Mrs. Phyllis Jones, Pul Millward, Carol Jones, Rita Jones, Mary Price and Susan Pearson.

4 April 1964 Maundy Thursday The Noddfa Sisterhood held a miscellaneous meeting on Maundy Thursday. Taking part were: Mrs. Peggy Davies, Elizabeth Jones, Sarah Gewn Parry, Mary Alice Lewis, Harriet Odden, Eluned Wright, Edith Parry Lewis, and Miss Nellie Shankland. Mrs. Phyllis Jones led in prayer and presided. Mrs. Ann Davies was organist.

4 April 1964 Good Friday Services On Good Friday the Free Church Council held services at Nazareth. Mt. T.J. Jones presided at the morning prayer meeting, when Mr. Tom Thomas, Noddfa, was the reader, and Nurse Mimi Lewis, Carmel, and Mrs. Mattie Lewis, Nazareth, led in prayer. The special preacher at the evening service was the Rev. Randall Morgan, Pengam. Mr. W.A. Davies was the organist.

11 April 1964 Bible Quiz The Young People's Guild of Nazareth held a Bible quiz recently. At the commencement, Malcolm Lewis read, and Denzil Evans prayed. The preacher at Nazareth on Sunday was Mr. Lance Clarke, Deri. Mr. W.A. Davies was the organist.

18 April 1964 Sisterhood Mr. David Phillips of Deri was the speaker at the meeting recently. Taking part were Mrs. Edith P. Lewis, Mrs. P. Davies, Miss N. Shankland, Mrs. S.G. Parry, Mrs. E. Jones, and Mrs. Phyllis Jones, president.

18 April 1964 Easter Vestry The annual Easter Vestry meeting of the Parish of Fochriw and Deri took place at the Parish Church recently. The Vicar presided and the following appointments were made: people's warden, Mr. A. J. Palmer; vicar's warden, Mr. Milwyn Hughes, Deri; parochial secretary, Miss E. Fox; auditors, Miss R. Davies and Miss L. Rees; parochial council, Miss E. Fox, Miss R. Davies, Olive M. Payne, S. Davies; Messrs. Jack Lawrence, D.A. Jenkins, J.B. Rees, J.P. Llewellyn, T.E. Davies, W. Gambling, H. Skyrme, together with the two wardens; sidesmen, Messrs. J. Lawrence, B. Rees, G. Lawrence, V. Powell, W.T. James, H. Jones, T.E. Davies, J.P. Llewellyn, Coun. F. Jenkins, D.A. Jenkins, D.B. Tyler, G. Baldwin, H. Jones, M. Evans, D.J. Jones, N. Withers, J.D. Sheen, D.J. Davies (Pantywaun), T.H. Skyrme, W.T. Gambling, E.T. Hughes, W. Watkins, G. Carter, E. Bowen.

2 May 1964 Sisterhood The meeting on Thursday was conducted by Miss Gretta Evans. Mrs. P. Jones presided, and the organist was Mrs. A. Davies.

9 May 1964 Prayer Meeting The monthly united prayer meeting was held at Nazareth Chapel on Monday evening. Miss Edna Jones, Noddfa, and Nurse M. Lewis, Carmel, led in prayer. Mr. W.A. Davies, Nazareth, was the organist, and Mr. T.J. Jones, Noddfa, presided.

9 May 1964 Special Service The northern section of the Caerphilly Deanery Sunday School Association held their annual service at the Parish Church on Sunday evening. The service was conducted by the Vicar. During the service, Certificates of Merit were presented to scholars who had been successful in the competitions in connection with the Eucharistic Congress to be held at Llandaff Cathedral in June.

11 May 1964 Ascension Day Children from the Infant and Junior School attended a service of Holy Communion on Ascension Day at St. Mary's.

11 May 1964 Certificates Certificates of Merit for recent competitions in connection with "Tell Wales" were presented to the following members of St. Mary's Sunday School: Miss Jane Sedgemore, Miss Anne Sedgemore, Miss Mary Sedgemore, Mr. Williams Edwards, Miss Ann Davies.

11 May 1964 Noddfa Sisterhood The speaker this week was Mrs. Mary Jones, Pontlottyn. Miss Gretta Jones and Mrs. Ann Davies took part. Miss Nellie Shankland and Mrs. Heath, Pontlottyn, sang. Mrs. P. Jones presided.

23 May 1964 Whitsun Services The celebrant and preacher on Sunday was the Vicar. Lessons were read by Mr. A. Palmer and the organist was Mr. W. Edwards.

23 May 1964 Flag Day A flag day in aid of the Church of England Children's Society was organised by the Vicar. The collectors were Sonia Moore, Kim Games, Julie Chamberlain, Jane, Mary, Anne Sedgemore, Carol Dummett, Ann Davies, Alison Watkins, Joyce Lewis, Lily Lewis, Gwyneira and Myfanwy Evans, Irene Grist, Tony Mitchell, Mrs. C. Ballard, Nanette Tyler, E. Fox, W. James, J. Beddoe. The sum of £8 8s 10d was realised.

30 May 1964 Noddfa Sisterhood The speaker at a recent meeting was Mrs. Parfitt, Pontlottyn. Mrs. Peggy Davies and Mrs. Peters. Pontlottyn, took part. Mrs. P. Jones presided, and Mrs. A. Davies was the organist.

30 May 1964 Annual Walk The annual procession of witness and hymn singing took place on Whit Tuesday. After a short service in St. Mary's Church, the Sunday Schools and teachers of Noddfa, Carmel, Nazareth and St. Mary's walked around the village headed by Rev. Sedgemore, Churchwarden A.J. Palmer, and Mr. W.A. Davies, Nazareth. After having tea, all schools were entertained with games and dancing in the New Welfare Hall.

6 June 1964 Sunday Services The services at Carmel on Sunday were conducted by the Rev. D. Jones, Abergavenny. Mrs. Annie Davies was the organist.

13 June 1964 Noddfa Sisterhood The speaker was the Rev. C.H. Jones, vicar of Pontlottyn. Miss Gretta Evans took the devotions. Mrs. E.P. Lewis presided. The accompanist was Mrs. Elsie Rees.

13 June 1964 Carmel The half yearly services were held on Sunday. The preacher was the Rev. R.O. Thomas, Aberdare. Mrs. Ann Davies was the organist. Rev. Eurof Jones, Cwmavon, a former minister, will preach on Sunday.

13 June 1964 Outings The Sunday Schools of Nazareth and Noddfa held their annual coach outing to Aberavon. Weather was poor, but everyone had an enjoyable time. The Fochriw Sewing Class went to Bath and Wells for their outing.

20 June 1964 Parish Church At morning service, the Vicar officiated. Mr. H. Jenkins, Tirphil, preached. The organist was Mr. W. Edwards.

27 June 1964 Noddfa The speaker at the last meeting of the session was Mrs. Matthews, Abertyswg. Mrs. E.P. Lewis read the Scripture. Mrs. Anne Davies was the organist, and Mrs. P. Jones presided.

18 July 1964 Mothers' Union At the thanksgiving service for overseas work at Llandaff Cathedral, Mrs. L. Lawrence, secretary of the St. Mary the Virgin branch, presented a cheque of five guineas to the Dean of Llandaff. The total sum collected was £1,740.

8 August 1964 Parish Church The celebrant at Holy Communion on Sunday was the Rural Dean of Caerphilly, Rev. Leonard Dowse, vicar of Llanishen. Evensong was conducted by Mr. John Denner of Deri. The organist was Mr. Willie Edwards and the lessons were read by Churchwarden A.J. Palmer.

15 August 1964 Noddfa The service on Sunday was conducted by Mr. Alan Evans of Bargoed. The organist was Mrs. Dilys Edwards.

29 August 1964 Convention The Mission Hall held their annual convention meetings recently. The special preacher was Mr. Tom O'Grady of Ireland. All services were well attended.

29 August 1964 Outings The Sunday School teachers and pupils of Carmel Chapel held their annual outing last Saturday, and journeyed to Barry Island by motor coach. Recently, the sports section of the Fochriw Labour Club journeyed by bus to Wolverhampton for their annual outing.

12 September 1964 Missionary Services Special Missionary Services were held at the Mission Hall, Penybank last weekend. The speaker was Mrs. Stacey, a missionary from South Africa.

12 September 1964 Noddfa Sisterhood The winter session started on Thursday. All officers were re-elected. The next meeting will be on September 17. The speaker will be Mrs. Matthews, Abertysswg.

19 September 1964 Bible Society A meeting of the British and Foreign Bible Society was held recently at Nazareth Chapel. The speaker was the Rev. Vaughan Walters of Blackwood.

19 September 1964 Harvest Festival Services were held at St. Mary's on Sunday and Monday. The special preacher on Sunday was the Rev. C.M. Griffiths, B.A., rector of Bedwellty. On Monday, the preacher was Rev. Ivor Jones, B.A., rector of Gellygaer. Churchwarden A.J. Palmer read the lessons, and Mr. Willie Edwards was the organist.

26 September 1964 Noddfa Sisterhood The speaker on Thursday was Mrs. Matthews, Abertysswg, who also took the devotions. The organist was Mrs. Phyllis Jones, and Mrs. May Davies presided.

26 September 1964 Harvest Festival St. David's, Pantywaun, held services on Sunday. The Vicar officiated.

10 October 1964 Mothers' Union The speaker at the Mothers' Union was Mr. A.G. Cook, J.P., Llandaff.

10 October 1964 Carmel The preacher last Sunday was Rev. Hugh Parry, Blackwood. The organist was Mrs. Ann Davies.

10 October 1964 Sisterhood The members met on Thursday, when the speaker was Mrs. Annie Mary Evans. Mrs. S.G. Parry & Mrs. E.A. Jones sang a duet. Mrs. Annie Davies was the organist, and Mrs. Phyllis Jones presided. A harvest tea followed.

17 October 1964 Harvest Festival The United Free Church Council held their Harvest Festival services. Taking part in Monday's prayer meeting were Miss Edna E. Jones, Noddfa, Mrs. Mattie Lewis & Mr. W.A. Davies, Nazareth. On Tuesday, the preacher was the Rev. Emrys Evans, Mountain Ash. The organist was Mr. W. Davies. Rev. T.J. Jones presided.

17 October 1964 Children's Service Nazareth Chapel held a children's service during the harvest celebrations on Sunday. Mrs. Doreen Cumpstone led children in recitations and singing. The organist was Mr. W.A. Davies, and Mrs. A.M. Holifield was president. At the evening service, the preacher was the Rev. Gwynfor Evans of Dowlais. The gifts were distributed to the sick and elderly.

24 October 1964 Carmel The half yearly meetings were held, at which the Rev. Luther Moseley, Brecon, was the special preacher. Mrs. Elsie G. Rees was the organist.

24 October 1964 Sisterhood The speaker this week was Mrs. Magdalene Pugh Hopkins of Tirphil, who also gave a solo. The devotions were led by Mrs. Elsie G. Rees. Mrs. Phyllis Jones presided.

31 October 1964 Noddfa The services on Sunday were conducted by Mr. Gareth Morris, Deri. The organist was Mrs. P. Jones.

31 October 1964 Nazareth The Sunday services were conducted by Mr. Lance Clarke, Deri. The organist was Mr. W.A. Davies.

31 October 1964 Christening At St. Andrew's Church on Sunday seven children from the village were christened by the Vicar.

7 November 1964 Mission Hall Special meetings were held at which the speaker was Mr. Tom O'Grady, the Irish evangelist. He was accompanied by his wife, a gospel singer.

7 November 1964 Sisterhood The speaker was Mrs. Maud Davies of Pontlottyn. Mrs. Mary Davies led the devotions. Mrs. P. Jones was the organist.

13 November 1964 Remembrance Day A service was held at St. Mary's Church on Sunday. The Last Post and Reveille were sounded by Rev. E. Sedgemore. The British Legion standard bearer was Mr. Gordon Blunt. A poppy wreath was laid on behalf of the Legion by Mrs. Elspeth Shankland. Councillor Frank Jenkins and Mr. R.C. Jones laid a poppy wreath on behalf of Gelligaer Urban District Council. Mrs. S.J. Pullen laid a wreath in memory of her brother. Mr. Joseph Pullen, representing the R.A.O.B. and Mr. John P. Llewellyn, J.P., were also present.

20 November 1964 Nazareth The service on Sunday was conducted by Mrs. Edith P. Lewis. The organist was Mr. W.A. Davies.

7 November 1964 Noddfa Mrs. Edith Parry Lewis was the speaker at the meeting on Thursday. Mrs. May Davies presided. Mrs. P.M. Jones was the organist.

7 November 1964 Deanery Festival Sunday School scholars from St. Mary's, accompanied by the Vicar, Mrs. Sedgemore, Miss L. Rees and Miss E. Fox, attended the Caerphilly Deanery Sunday School Festival at Llandaff Cathedral on Saturday last. The lesson was read by Miss Jane Sedgemore. The service was conducted by Rev. L. Dowse, vicar of Llanishen, and the preacher was the Dean of Llandaff.

7 November 1964 Memorial Tablet An oak memorial tablet to the memory of the late Rev. Samuel Evans, first vicar of the Parish of Fochriw and Deri, will be dedicated this Saturday, November 28. Rev. Pontin, Radyr, will perform the dedication. Mrs. Evans and family will be present.

4 December 1964 Sisterhood Mrs. Edith Lewis was the speaker at the meeting on Thursday. Miss Nellie Shankland read the Scripture. Mrs. A. Davies was the organist. Mrs. P.M. Jones presided.

4 December 1964 St. Mary's A large congregation attended St. Mary's for the dedication of an Oak Memorial Tablet inscribed with all the names of the vicars of the parish of Fochriw and Deri. The dedication, made by the Rev. W.S. Pontin, Rector of Radyr, was to the memory of the late Rev. Samuel Evans, the first vicar of the parish from 1921 to 1928. The tablet was given by the widow and family of the late vicar. The service was conducted by the vicar, Rev. E. Sedgemore, assisted by the Rural Dean, Rev. L. Dowse. Rev. Pontin gave the address. The churchwarden read the lessons and Mr. Willie Edwards was the organist.

11 December 1964 United Service The Sunday Schools of Fochriw and district held an united service for Bible Sunday at Nazareth Chapel. Scripture was recited by Miss Ann Davies, Miss Mary Sedgemore, Miss Susan Price, and Miss Alison Moon. Prayer was said by Miss Mary Price and a chorus was rendered by pupils of Elim, Penybank. The preacher was the Rev. Vaughan Walters of Blackwood. The organists were Mr. W.A. Davies and Mr. I.W. Powell. Mr. T.J. Jones presided and Rev. Walters was thanked by the vicar. The collection was in aid of the Archbishop of York's Fund, "Feed The Minds."

18 December 1964 Noddfa The speaker at the Sisterhood on Thursday was Mrs. Parfitt of Pontlottyn. Miss Greta Evans led in prayer and read the Scripture. Mrs. Phyllis Jones was the organist and Mrs. Eluned Wright presided.

18 December 1964 Fayre St Mary's Parish Church held their annual fayre and sale of work recently. The Fayre was opened by Coun. H. James, J.P., Chairman of the Gellygaer Urban District Council, accompanied by his wife. The stall holders were: Novelty: Mrs. N. Sharpe, Mrs. E. Thomas; New, Mrs. M. Lawrence, Mrs. A. Gardener, Mrs. R. Davies; Cake, Miss S. Lawrence, Miss Dilys Lodwig, Miss J. Lawrence; Pound, Miss O.M. Payne, Mrs. Gwyllim, Mrs. Sedgemore; Mrs. Davies' Stall, Mrs. S. Davies, Mrs. Y. Roberts, Mrs. W.K. Evans, Miss A. Davies, Miss A. Sedgemor; Sunday School stall, Miss L. Rees, Misses Jane and Mary Sedgemore, Miss Gwyneira Evans, Miss Joyce Lewis, Master Malcolm Gwillim, Miss E. Fox; Jumble, Mrs. E. Llewellyn, Jean Woods, Mrs. A. Watkins, L. Lawrence, C. Lewis, M. Beale, S. Oliver; Refreshments, Mrs. A. Jones, Mrs. M.J. Davies, Mrs. S.J. Pullen, Mrs. C. Ballard, Mrs. T. Gillard, Miss C. Evans. The stewards were Mr. A.J. Palmer, Bryn Rees, D.A. Jenkins, T.E. Davies. Father Christmas was Rev. E. Sedgemore. The following donations were received: Woolworth's; Boots; Emporium, Bargoed; O.P. Chocolates; Webbers Cakes; Delberry's; Kayser Bonder, Dowlais; Mrs. O.M. Evans, Post Office, Fochriw; St. Margaret's, Aberbargoed; Elliotts Bakers.