

Continuing Education [see too records of the I.O.G.T. – the Grand Templars – for details of their meetings]

“Merthyr Express” 7 December 1889

The Establishment of Working Men’s Scholarships On Monday last, a meeting was held at Brynseion Chapel, Dowlais, for the purposes of promoting the establishment of working men’s scholarships in connection with the University College, Cardiff. The ten collieries of the Dowlais Company were represented. There was a large attendance, and the proceedings throughout were very enthusiastic. The subject was introduced by the chairman, Mr. Davies, who was followed by Mr. R. Davies, the organizing secretary of the field committee, who detailed the nature and character of the proposition. Mr. Ivor James gave an account of the progress generally since the formation of the three University Colleges. Rev. O. L. Roberts made a vigorous appeal to the men to combine together for the purpose of educating the best and brightest of their sons and daughters. At the close, a resolution pledging the meeting to use the utmost efforts to carry out the suggestion was passed, as well as cordial votes of thanks to the members of the deputation, and to the chairman.

“Merthyr Express” 3 March 1892

Lecture on Astronomy On Thursday se’nnight the Vochriw Board School was crowded to excess for the purpose of hearing a lecture on astronomy by Mr. James Morgan, late student of Cardiff University. The chair was taken by Dr. Davies, who in introducing the lecturer, said that Mr. Morgan was a native of Vochriw, he having commenced his career in this room. He was subsequently appointed schoolmaster under the Gelligaer School Board, but being of an ambitious mind, he tried and won a three years’ scholarship at Cardiff, and also matriculated at London. Mr. Morgan has obtained the degree of B.Sc. in the first division in July 1890. The lecture was copiously illustrated by means of a lantern, and was exceedingly interesting to all. The customary votes of thanks concluded the meeting.

“Merthyr Express” 26 March 1898

Reading Room and Library The Committee of the above provided an eminently satisfactory entertainment on Thursday, having engaged the renowned orator, elocutionist, and musician, Mr. Powell Thomas, London, who proved a most resourceful entertainer (in both languages) for two hours. He has an electricity all his own, and his oratorical and musical gifts are nothing short of astonishing. His rendering of Welsh and English recitals, songs, instrumental selections, and literary sketches were of great expressive charm. The proceeds were for the library.

“Merthyr Express” 17 September 1898

Technical Instruction Splendid results have been gained by the members of the Welsh Class in the examination held last April. Ten candidates presented themselves for the Welsh Paper, and all were successful, eight passing in the first division. We desire to congratulate the pupils, together with their able tutor, Rev. James Jones. The following is the list: First Class - E. Cole, M. A. Lewis, Thomas Lewis, Elizabeth Jones, Gwen Jones, Evan Jones, Elizabeth Evans, Evan L. Thomas, Evan Williams; Second Class - Margaret A. Ballard, Thomas Ballard.

“Merthyr Express” 27 May 1899

Mining Success At the annual examination held recently at Cardiff, Mr. Tom Roberts, Martin-street, was successful in obtaining a second class certificate, qualifying him as an under-manager of a mine. Mr. Roberts is the son of Mr. Thomas Roberts, the under-manager of the No. 2 Colliery Fochriw, under whom he is at present employed as a fireman.

“Merthyr Express” 23 September 1899

Technical Classes The results of the examination in Welsh held at the end of last winter season are as follows: Second Year, First Class - Edith Cole, Thomas Lewis, Mary A. Lewis, Elizabeth Evans; Second Class, Evan L. Thomas, M. A. Ballard, Maggie M. Rees. First Year: First Class - Judith A. Jenkins, Annie G. Williams, Lilian Williams, Sarah Jones, Sophia Davies, David J. Rees. The teacher of the class was the Rev. James Jones, Congregational minister, to whom much credit is due. The above class, with others in French, mathematics, physiography, ambulance, and music, will continue during the coming winter season, and the committee invite both young and old of the neighbourhood to join.

“Merthyr Express” 12 May 1900

Ambulance We congratulate Dr. Eleazer Davies on the marked success which has attended his efforts in connection with the Ambulance class. Twenty eight students passed successfully through the examination at the end of the term. We hope to see a continuation of this class next winter.

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.

“Merthyr Express” 2 August 1902

Technical Classes: Results Music: The teacher of music class is Mr. D Davies (Pencerdd Morgannwg). Honours stage – 1st Class - D. J. Thomas; 2nd class - R. Jones; Advanced stage – 1st Class - Rod Jones; 2nd Class - J. Jones, W J. Angell, T. Walters; Elementary stage – 1st Class - C. Thomas; 2nd Class - M. L. Morgan, S. Thomas, L. M. Thomas, A. Price.

“Merthyr Express” 9 May 1903

Technical Instruction The following members of Dr. Davies' class were successful in the recent examination in ambulance: 3rd year - D. L. Jones and W. Cole; 2nd year - D. Jenkins, H. Thomas, J. Llewelyn, S. Llewellyn; 1st year - S. Cole, D. Cole, J. Morgan, W. Jones, R. Jenkins, C. Ballard, R. Jones, J. Jones, T. A. Jones, T. Jenkins, Tom Evans, J. Edwards; junior - Kinsey Llewellyn.

“Merthyr Express” 11 February 1905

Tariff Reform On Monday evening, a public meeting under the auspices of the Tariff Reform League was held in the schoolroom, when Mr. Longstaff from Newport, gave an address on "Tariff Reform." The room was filled with an orderly audience over which Mr. S. Jacobs, Cardiff, presided. Questions were invited at the close, but none were put. The Pontllynn Silver Band was in attendance, and played in the streets prior to the meeting.

“Merthyr Express” 5 January 1907

Lecture on Miners Safety Lamps: Mr. H. Stuart Martin at Fochriw At the Council Schools on Tuesday night, Mr. H. Stuart Martin, general manager of Messrs. G. K. N. Collieries, delivered the first of a series of lectures which he proposes giving to the working men in the district. The meetings are being convened under the auspices of the Dowlais District of the Miners' Federation. The next of this series will be at Bedlinog on the 8th February. Mr. Evan Evans presided, and amongst others present were Mr. J. H. Jones and Mr. John Bevan, colliery managers, and Mr. John Davies, miners' agent for the district. Mr. Martin, who was accorded rounds of applause, said that colliers generally knew something of the lamp, but there was probably further knowledge which would be beneficial to all. The miners today had their agents and associations throughout the country. There was also a Royal Commission to make rules and amendments to the Miners' Regulations Act, but whatever rules they might make, they would still have accidents in mines, and not until each man and boy in each colliery felt fully his personal responsibility for the safety of the miners and mines, would there be a substantial reduction in accidents. Dealing with the lamp, he referred to one colliery in his charge where but a short time ago, a serious accident was narrowly averted. Two doors had been left open and the current of air was changed. He made inquiry of the men, and was astonished at the reply he received from one collier. When the doors were left open, the flame went up in the lamp. Asked what he did, he replied, "Well, I got a bit excited, and threw my lamp about in order to extinguish it." This was the most dangerous thing to do, and increased the liability to ignite the gas. After stating the primitive means of lighting and ventilation in the early days, he said that the comparative absence of explosions in those days was probably due to the admixture of gas and air not being in proper quantities to produce an explosion of any great force. He then talked about the question of sparks. He said most of them would be familiar with the sparks given off in using the mandrill, but these did not become really dangerous until they attained a very high degree of heat. In 1786 they had the Humbolt safety lamp, and this was followed by an improved lamp, but it was not until 1815 that Sir Humphrey Davy produced the lamp for which all colliers owe him a debt of gratitude. Davy discovered the gauze, and they had gone one step further in this respect up to the present day. The great point was for the miners to keep the gauze cool. With a high velocity of air there was a possibility of flame being driven through the gauze. Today they had innumerable patents in lamps. Some men today, when their light got a bit low, took off the cap of the gauze, in order to improve it, but he did not think that any man had a right to tamper with what he did not understand. These capped gauzes would very shortly be into the Fochriw pits, and if he found any man tampering with it, he must take strong measures against the offender. He advised men not to hold their lamps on one side, as this practice culminated often times in the glass being cracked, and consequent danger. The men should not swing their lamps when going underground, and to drop a lamp suddenly was highly dangerous. It was also safer, when examining for gas, to have a large flame, and not a small one. If they found a three inch cap on the flame, they should not go scurrying about, but the lamp should be removed quietly to a place where there was no gas. He advised the men not to try to lower the height of the wick burner. Mr. John Davies, miners' agent, expressed appreciation of Mr. Martin's service in delivering these addresses to colliers, and on the motion of Councillor Rees Thomas, seconded by Mr. Thomas Thomas, a vote of thanks to Mr. Martin was heartily accorded.

“Merthyr Express” 22 June 1907

Coal Mining Success Mr. D. O. James, Mount Pleasant-street, has secured his second class certificate of competence under the Mines Regulation Act, 1887. It is much to the credit of Mr. James, who is a working collier at South Tunnel Pit, Fochriw, that he has succeeded in his examination after only six months tuition under Mr. D. Oliver Evans of St. David's Schools, Merthyr, who also deserves a measure of praise.

“Merthyr Express” 28 September 1907

Success Mrs. S. Thomas, Martin-street, has been awarded one of the Free Studentships in Midwifery at the University College, Cardiff, offered by the Glamorganshire County Council.

“Merthyr Express” 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 presiding. 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.

“Merthyr Express” 4 April 1908

Musical Success Mr. John Williams, signalmen, (Llew Brycheiniog), has passed his examination in musical theory and choir training, and has been awarded the diploma of fellowship of the National College of Music, and has also been made a professor and public representative of the said College.

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.

“Merthyr Express” 11 April 1908

Gymnasium Mr. Harry Condy visited the Church Institute on Thursday evening last and gave a lesson in gymnastics to the young men of the Guild.

“Merthyr Express” 25 April 1908

Ambulance Examination At the Council Schools on Wednesday night week, Dr. H. Lewis-Hughes, Dowlais, examined the students of Dr. Eleazer Davies. The following sat for examination: Medallions – Mr. Henry Hughes, Mr. Evan Jones, Mr. Jesse Williams; Labels – Messrs. D. Jenkins, James Jones, Thomas Jones, Simon Cole, John Morgan,

Thomas Evans, Thomas Jenkins; Vouchers – Messrs. Joshua Evans, David J. Evans; First Year – Messrs. D. C. Jones and John Walters.

“Merthyr Express” 6 June 1908

Gymnastic Display On Thursday night, at the Church Institute, under the auspices of St. Mary's Guild, a gymnastic display and miscellaneous concert took place. There was a large attendance. The chair was occupied by Mr. Samuel Thomas, Aelybryn, who referred to the ancient Roman and Grecian games, and the health and strength which accompanied gymnastic training. The programme was as follows: pianoforte overture – Mr. Robert Williams, Pontlottyn; comic song, Mr. John Clifford, Pontlottyn; dumb-bell drill by the gymnastic club; sleight of hand - coins, Professor Edwards, Dowlais; comic song, "I've brought the coal," – Mr. Wat Williams, Pentwyn; wrestling, Mr. Lewis Jenkins and Mr. Arthur Illes, Dowlais; Indian club display, Professor Spear, champion of the army; exhibition on the parallel bars - the gymnastic club; sleight of hand - cards; Welsh songs "Cymro Dewr" – Mr. Sam Llewellyn, Fochriw; boxing sketches – Messrs. Condy and Howells, Dowlais; mouth organ solo, with accompaniment on the bones, Mr. James Gunter and friends; dancing doll display, Mr. James Gunter, Fochriw; illustration of Ju-Jitsu - Professor Spear; display on the rings - the gymnastics club. Praise is due to the committee and Mr. Condy for carrying out all the arrangements. The accompanists were Mr. Robert Williams, Pontlottyn, and Miss E. C. Morgan, School House.

“Merthyr Express” 12 September 1908

Successes At the Glamorgan Committee Examination held at April last, the following students were successful in the Welsh class: Honours stage – Mr. Arthur Ballard; Elementary stage – Mr. Daniel Jenkins and Mr. Thomas Thomas. Their teacher was Mr. Rhys Jenkins, Dynevor-street.

Technical Classes - Teachers Wanted The Gelligaer District Committee invite applications for teachers to conduct their Evening Schools for Session 1908-09, commencing on 1st October. Applications must be sent to the Secretary, Mr. L. Arnold Williams, 26, High-street, Bargoed, not later than 15th September.

“Merthyr Express” 26 September 1908

The Library The library has been renovated throughout by Mr. Z. Watkins, Penydarren, and everything has been done to add to the comfort of the place. The rooms look beautiful and inviting, and should be an incentive to those who are not members already to join. There is one room provided with a bagatelle and draft tables, and various other games, in which the young people may indulge. There is another room set apart for reading, at which a large number of papers and periodicals are provided. There is also a plentiful supply of good books by the best authors. Great praise is due to Dr. Eleazer Davies, J. P., and Mr. T. Llewellyn, who so ably carry out the duties of treasurer and secretary respectively. Praise is also due to Police Sergeant Williams, who has laboured hard and unceasingly to make the library a power for good in the village. He has always had the welfare of the villagers at heart, and anything tending to their elevation has always had his sympathy and support.

"Merthyr Express" 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.

"Merthyr Express" 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.

"Merthyr Express" 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.

"Merthyr Express" 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.

"Merthyr Express" 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.

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.

"Merthyr Express" 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.

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.

"Merthyr Express" 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.

"Merthyr Express" 11 March 1911

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

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.

"Merthyr Express" 18 March 1911

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

"Merthyr Express" 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.

"Merthyr Express" 8 April, 1911

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

"Merthyr Express" 6 May, 1911

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. The Rev. M. S. Young read a paper on "Character and Wealth." The reverend gentleman pointed out that he did not wish to disparage wealth, but while it caused much wrong doing, it could be of great use. The origin of wealth was dealt with in such a simple way that even the young children present were able to understand it. In discussion which followed, Bro. Charles Payne, Bro. T. Lewis, Sister Ballard, and Mrs. Cole Jones, contributed. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Rev. Young for his excellent address. Bro. J. Williams presided.

"Merthyr Express" 13 May 1911

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

"Merthyr Express" 27 May 1911

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening last. An edifying paper was read by Mr. J. D. Jones on "The influence of Education and Environment on Character." He dealt with education in the home, showing the importance of first impressions on the child, and how careful all the parents should be to set a good example. School education was the next heading. Education he said, did not mean "good scholars,"

but turning out boys and girls prepared to face the world, that is, men and women of stirring character. In the playground, self reliance was taught. Children were taught to govern self, and also taught to submit as well as to conquer. Social education was his third heading. The importance of the environment was clearly set forth, Mr. Jones explaining that what is generally attributed to heredity was really due to environment. A good environment was an aid to a good, pure character. Bros. J. Williams, T. Lewis, and C. Payne, also spoke. A vote of thanks was accorded to the speaker. Bro. James Williams, Chief Templar, presided.

“Merthyr Express” 24 June, 1911

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

“Merthyr Express” 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.

“Merthyr Express” 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.

“Merthyr Express” 19 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.

“Merthyr Express” 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 loose his own soul?" The accompaniments were played by Mr. Henry Thomas. A paper was then read by Mr. Thomas Lewis entitled, "The Church and the Home." It was an excellent and very edifying paper. The close relationship of the two was clearly shown and the influence of each on the child. He dealt exhaustively with the "Family Altar," and expressed a wish that the good old custom should once more be restored to the homes of Wales. The reader, who took an optimistic view of the matter, firmly believed that the time was coming when religion would take the first place in the heart, in the home, and in society. He deplored the fact that such was not the case at present. All things were discussed in our homes before religious matters. The Bible, which should be conspicuous on the kitchen table, and read daily, was merely an ornament kept in parlours and receiving an occasional dusting. The paper was commented upon by Mrs Dr. Davies, Mr. Daniel Rowlands, Mr. William Walters, the Rev. R. D. Jenkins, and Rev. D. H. Jones. A solo was given by Miss Annie Evans, with Miss Hannah Evans accompanying.

“Merthyr Express” 6 February 1909

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.

“Merthyr Express” 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.

“Merthyr Express” 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 “englynon” on “Dewi Sant” by Mrs. Captain Edwards.

“Merthyr Express” 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.

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.

“Merthyr Express” 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.

“Merthyr Express” 15 May 1909

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

“Merthyr Express” 17 July 1909

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

an excellent paper was read by Br. Rhys D. Jenkins, Fochriw, on "The Profitableness of Virtuous Character."

"Merthyr Express" 16 October 1909

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

"Merthyr Express" 30 October 1909

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

"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.

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

The following resolution was moved by the Rev. Isaac Roderick, seconded by the Mr. Rhys Jenkins, and carried unanimously: "That this meeting is of the opinion that in view of the action of the House of Lords in challenging the rights of the House of Commons to control the financial business of the country, the Government, in the event of an appeal to the electorate, should give the country the opportunity of recording its judgment upon the desirability of abolishing the hereditary chamber. We also call upon the workers of the United Kingdom to demand that the will of the people shall prevail over the autocratic

action of the House of Lords which is always hostile and obstructive to measures of social reform and progress." A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the speaker on the motion of Mr. William Walters, seconded by Mr. Evan Morgan Davies, who supported by Mr. Evan Evans.

“Merthyr Express” 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.

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

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

“Merthyr Express” 11 December 1909

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

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

“Merthyr Express” 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.

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.

"Merthyr Express" 25 December 1909

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

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

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

"Merthyr Express" 8 January 1910

Conservative Meeting On Monday evening, a well-attended meeting was held at the Council Schools, and addresses were delivered by Mr. F. Gaskell, the Conservative candidate for East Glamorgan, Mr. Lovell Fraser and Mr. Littlejohns. Mr. Sam Thomas presided.

"Merthyr Express" 15 January 1910

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.

"Merthyr Express" 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.

"Merthyr Express" 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.

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.

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.

Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week, Bro. Wm. Jones presiding. A "Spelling Bee" was the programme for the evening, and it caused much amusement. The programme concluded with "Topical Temperance Talks," in which all took part.

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.

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.

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.

“Merthyr Express” 12 February 1910

Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week, Bro. Wm. Jones presiding. The new officers for the coming quarter were installed by Brother Charles Payne, and after business had been dispensed with, an excellent paper on "The Three Great Treasures of Life," was read by Sister Bronwen Ballard. The paper was rich in thought and was much appreciated by the brothers and sisters present. The lodge was closed in due form by Sister Ballard, the new Chief Templar.

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.

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.

“Merthyr Express” 26 February 1910

Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week, Bro. Wm. Jones presiding. Excellent papers were read on "How to take the drudgery out of work," by Sister C. Thomas, and "Hans in luck" by Sister M. A. Lewis, Pentwyn. Addresses were also delivered by Brothers Charles Payne, Thomas Thomas, James Healy, Sam Lewis, and Thomas Lewis.

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.

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."

"Merthyr Express" 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.

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-treet, 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.

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.

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; duetts, 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.

Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week, with Sister Bronwen Ballard, Chief templar, presiding. A paper entitled "Never too Late to Mend" was read by Bro. Thos. Lewis, which was brimful of good advice. The following contributed to the discussion: Bros. Wm. Jones, Daniel Rowlands, Charles Payne, Sisters Bronwen Ballard and A. Jones, Tirphil.

"Merthyr Express" 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.

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.

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.

Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week, Sister Bronwen Ballard presiding. Mrs. Edith Cole Jones read a paper on "Woman."

"Merthyr Express" 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.

“Merthyr Express” 16 April 1910

Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. Brother Thomas Thomas presided. A discussion took place on "Great Men's Opinions of Temperance," the following taking part: Bros. Thos. Thomas, Sam Lewis, Wm. Jones, Chas. Payne, and Sister M. A. Lewis.

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.

“Merthyr Express” 21 May 1910

Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. Bro. James Williams presided, and also read a paper on "How to Become a Man." Bros. Thomas Thomas, Wm. Jones, and Chas. Payne took part in the discussion.

Banquet At the winding up of the Technical Classes for the last session, a banquet was held by the teachers and pupils of the different classes. The mining, the Welsh, and the Art Needlework classes, under the tuition of Mr. William Davies, Mr. Rhys Jenkins, and Mrs. Isaac Roderick, respectively, joined to celebrate the success of the classes. Mrs. Edith Cole Jones was appointed secretary, and Mrs. Isaac Roderick treasurer. The tables were laid out in an artistic fashion. About 100 people attended, and all enjoyed the good things provided by the ladies. The following ladies took an active part at the banquet: Mrs. Captain Jones, Mrs. Maggie Davis, Mrs. T. Roberts, Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Captain Edwards, Miss Ceridwen Thomas, Miss Beatrice Griffiths, Miss Mary Jane Angell, and Miss S. A. Williams. An entertainment was held after the banquet. Councillor John Jones, who presided, said he trusted the social would be the means of stimulating others to join the classes next winter. He thought they were giving good mental training to the young people, which would make them useful citizens in the future. Miss Ceridwen Thomas rendered a solo, and Mr. Simon Cole gave selections on the gramophone. Mr. J. D. Jones read a piece on "Sleeping," which caused great amusement. A most amusing feature of the evening was a competition for the best story. The competitors were: Messrs. J. Jones, J. D. Jones, Moses S. Young, Rhys Jenkins, Howell Thomas, Simon Cole, William Davies, and Mrs. Edith Cole Jones. Dr. Eleazer Davies adjudicated, and the prize was divided between Mr. Howell Thomas and Mrs. Edith Cole Jones. The Rev. Isaac Roderick recited a stanza (englyn) on the banquet, and the singing of the National Anthem concluded an excellent meeting.

“Merthyr Express” 11 June 1910

Independent Order of Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week, Sister Bronwen Ballard presiding. The evening was devoted to "Topical Talks," the subject being "The Art of Noble Living," and, "The Order and the good work it is accomplishing throughout the world." All the brothers and sisters took part.

Public Meeting: the Labour Party A public meeting was held at Nazareth Chapel on Monday evening last, when addresses were delivered by Mr. T. J. Mardy Jones (Rhondda) and Mr. Albert Thomas (miners' agent, Bargoed), on "The Labour Party, its work and benefits." Mr. Jones dealt with the history of the Labour Party. He said the Independent Labour Party came into existence because the Liberal and Conservative parties had failed in their duty towards the labouring classes. He gave a few examples of what he considered inconsistency, and the unfairness of the present system. In the Rhondda, today, he said, there were about 27,000 men and the boys working at the collieries, and their average weekly earnings worked out at 30 shillings per week, or equal to £78 per annum. Twenty seven dukes, on the other hand, had annual incomes averaging £78,000. One duke received as much as 1000 miners. He stated that 5 million well-to-do people received 95 % of the country's income, the other 40 million just 5%. Mr. Thomas dealt with the advantages of combination. There was a large attendance. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the speakers, and to the members of Nazareth Chapel for the loan of the building, on the proposition of Mr. Evan Morgan Davies, Pentwyn, seconded by Mr. George Thomas. The meeting was presided over by Mr. Ellis Savaker, Bargoed, who was accorded a hearty vote of thanks.

“Merthyr Express” 2 July 1910

Mining Success Mr. Evan Henry Davies, 16, Hill-row, Pentwyn, has passed the 1st stage of the 3rd class County Council Mining examinations, held at the Fochriw Council School, in April last. Mr. Simon Cole, Aelybryn, passed the 1st stage of the 2nd class.

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.

“Merthyr Express” 24 September 1910

Conservatism The Conservative Van visited Fochriw last week. Mr. B. Wharmby, Abertridwr, dealt with the ethics and objects of Trade Unionism as applicable to the Conservative working man. The meeting was presided over by Mr. F. R. Barker.

“Merthyr Express” 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.

"Merthyr Express" 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.

"Merthyr Express" 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.

"Merthyr Express" 10 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. In duet, rendered in find style by Miss M. A. Walters and Miss Hannah Jones, brought the very pleasant evening to a close.

"Merthyr Express" 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 Willams and M. Griffiths.

Lecture A lecture on "Mines and Miners," was given at the Council Schools on Monday night by Mr. Henry Davies, director of mining instruction. The lecturer dealt with mines from their earliest inception, and was illustrated with lantern slides. The Rev. D. Hughes Jones presided.

"Merthyr Express" 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.

"Merthyr Express" 17 December 1910

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.

"Merthyr Express" 24 December 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 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.

"Merthyr Express" 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.

"Merthyr Express" 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.

"Merthyr Express" 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.

"Merthyr Express" 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.

"Merthyr Express" 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.

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.

"Merthyr Express" 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.

"Merthyr Express" 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.

"Merthyr Express" 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.

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

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

St. David's Day Festival: Noddfa On St. David's Night, a large number attended the Vestry, and after partaking of the good things provided, Mr. D. Thomas and Mr. J. Williams had a heated debate on 'Should Women have the Vote?' This was followed by

an address on 'The Inpriority of Women.' Recitations and solos were rendered by Misses Enid & E. A. Evans, Phillys Williams, Mr. John Evans and Mr. Tom Evans. The entertainment was conducted entirely in Welsh, several being fined for a breach of the law - 'Dim Saesneg,' while others were mute, fearing the imposed fine of 1d. per word. Miss M. Morgan assisted at the piano.

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

"Merthyr Express" 18 March 1911

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

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

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

"Merthyr Express" 8 April, 1911

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

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week, and was presided over by Bro. William Jones. It was open session, and a good many were present. An excellent paper was read by the Rev. D Hughes Jones on the great and noble American character, Emerson. The paper was most interesting and edifying, and the remarks of the reverend gentleman will certainly prove an incentive to the Temperance workers of Fochriw. Bro. Octavius Richards presided at the pianoforte, and added greatly to the evening's enjoyment by his playing of a solo, etc.. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded

to the reverend gentleman for his paper, on the motion of Bro. Charles Payne, seconded by Sister B. Ballard.

“Merthyr Express” 13 May 1911

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

“Merthyr Express” 24 June, 1911

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

“Merthyr Express” 8 July, 1911

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“Merthyr Express” 19 August, 1911

Socialism and its Faults A well-attended meeting was held near the Constitutional Club on Monday evening last, under the auspices of the East Glamorgan Conservative Association. An address was delivered by D. Thomas, Barrister-at-law, Cardiff, on 'Socialism and its faults.' Questions were put and admirably answered by the Speaker. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Speaker. The meeting was presided over by Mr. Snowdon of Pontlottyn.

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

present system of competition. He urged his hearers to abolish this system and accept co-operation and socialism. Mr. George Thomas presided.

“Merthyr Express” 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."

“Merthyr Express” 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, Brook-row, on "Ann Griffiths," the Welsh hymnist, which was most edifying and greatly appreciated by all. After the paper, there was an impromptu speech competition, and an un-punctuated reading competition. The winners were Mary Jane Jones and William Jones. The anniversary services were held at Nazareth chapel on Sunday and Monday last, when powerful sermons were preached by the Rev. William Lewis, and the Rev. William Lloyd, Bryntirion, to large congregations.

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

“Merthyr Express” 25 November, 1911

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.

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

M. Davies, Mr. Thomas Lewis, and Mrs. E. Cole Jones also spoke. A duet was sung by the Misses M. A. Walters and Hannah Jones, with Miss Maggie Walters at the piano.

“Merthyr Express” 2 December, 1911

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.

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 poet's 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.

“Merthyr Express” 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.

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

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. 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.

"Merthyr Express" 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.

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

"Merthyr Express" 13 January 1912

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

“Merthyr Express” 20 January 1912

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

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.

“Merthyr Express” 22 January 1912

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

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

“Merthyr Express” 17 February 1912

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

“Merthyr Express” 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.

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

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

“Merthyr Express” 2 March 1912

Noddfa A lecture was given at Noddfa vestry on Monday entitled ‘In His Steps.’ the lecture was splendidly illustrated with magic lantern slides. Rev. M. S. Young gave the

lecture, and kept his audience highly interested throughout. A number of sacred solos were given on the gramophone manipulated by Mr. Dd. Davies, Brook Cottage.

“Merthyr Express” 9 March 1912

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

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

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, specially composed for St. David’s Day, and entitled “Pwy bia’r Gadair?” (‘Whose Chair’), was then performed by the following: Messrs. Roderick Jones, Wm. Morris, Wm. Jones, Willie John Angell, Idris Jones, T. Lawrence, John Jones, Rev. I. Roderick, Misses Maggie Davies, Mary J. Davies, Katie Jones-Davies and Hilda Davies. The singing of the Welsh National Anthem brought the evening to a close.

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

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

“Merthyr Express” 23 March 1912

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

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

"Merthyr Express" 17 August 1912

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

"Merthyr Express" 14 September 1912

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

"Merthyr Express" 21 June 1913

Mining The Fochriw Mining Class has made very good progress during the season, under the careful tuition of their esteemed teacher, Mr. Wm. Davies, Dowlais. Three of his pupils - Mr. Edward Willings, Mr. Dd. Thomas, and Mr. Llewellyn Rees - have been successful in winning a week's tour in West Wales. They intend visiting a good number of collieries, also the power station and rescue station at Swansea. Friends wish them every success.

Gellygaer Evening Classes The Committee invite applications from those prepared to teach at the undermentioned classes, subject to the approval of the County Education Committee, during the forthcoming session: Fochriw:- English, Preparatory Mathematics, Elementary Science, Drawing (preparatory Technical course), Domestic Arithmetic, Needlework, Ambulance, Art Needlework, Geology, Practical Mathematics, Vocal Music, Welsh, Cynghanedd, Mining, Mechanics and Heat.

"Merthyr Express" 20 September 1913

Conservatism at Fochriw: A Presentation Mr. W. Evans presided over a crowded meeting at the White Horse, Pentwyn on Monday. Mr. T. Jenkins was the pianist, and the following the singers: Messrs. F. Kinsey and Stephen, Dowlais; T. R. Harris, John Evans, C. Shankland and Jenkin Thomas, Fochriw. Mr. Kinsey opened the concert by singing a rag time song. Mr. H. Edgar was presented by Mr. W. Evans with a gold Albert and seal for services to the Conservative party. Mr. G. Sibley and others spoke in high terms of Mr. Edgar, saying that he had come from good stock in Somersetshire.

Mr. Edgar, speaking on Tariff Reform, said, 'What we want is to protect our industries. We hear a great deal about protecting labour, let us first of all protect that which makes labour. This is what we have to do. Put on tariffs on those foreign goods which compete with ours. We are done down by the U.S.A. and other countries in manufactured goods. We want to put tariffs on these so that our great empire will get something out of it. Look at the Commonwealth of Australia and Canada. See how loyal they were to us at the time of the Boer War. These places are anxious to join with the mother country in a friendly policy of preferential tariffs. This above all will bind one whole empire

together, so that we may hold our own against all comers.' The usual votes of thanks terminated the meeting.

"Merthyr Express" 14 March 1914

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

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

"Merthyr Express" 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.

"Merthyr Express" 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.

"Merthyr Express" 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. "

"Merthyr Express" 16 October 1915

Reading Room The annual meeting of the above institution was held on Tuesday, Mr. Walter Walters, chairman, presiding. Several matters of importance were discussed, including the extension of the building. It was decided to call a general meeting of subscribers to discuss the question, and to appeal to the young men of the place for support. The auditor's report was given by Mr. Thomas Evans, Dynevor-street, and this showed that the institution was in a healthy condition. The net increase during the year was £10 14s 4d. The secretary and treasurer were complimented for the able manner in which their accounts were kept. The following officers were elected for the coming year: Mr. T. D. Thomas, Aelybryn, chairman; Mr. W. T. Jones, Brook-row, treasurer; Mr. Walter Jones, Brynteg, secretary.

"Merthyr Express" 15 January 1916

Examination Successes The many friends of the following will be glad to learn of their success at their College of Preceptors Examination: senior - Miss Maria Jones, Miss Hilda Phillips, Miss Mary Ann Walters; junior - Miss Sarah Jones, Miss Evelyn Davies, Miss Edith Parry.

“Merthyr Express” 17 February, 1917

Success The many friends of Mrs. J. Griffiths (late Nurse Angell), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. Angell, Dynevor-street, will be glad to learn of her recent success in passing the Central Midwifery Board Examination held at Cardiff and Bristol.

“Merthyr Express” 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.

“Merthyr Express” 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.

“Merthyr Express” 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.

“Merthyr Express” 17 May 1919

Music Success The friends of Wyndham Price Lawrence (Fochriw) will be pleased to learn that he has had a first-class in the Intermediate Section of the London College of Music.

“Merthyr Express” 2 August 1919

Gellygaer Evening Classes The Gellygaer Evening Classes Committee invite applications from those prepared to teach at the under-mentioned classes, which, subject to the approval of the County Education Committee, will be conducted during the forthcoming session: Fochriw: Junior Technical Course 1 & 2, comprising Elementary Mathematics, English, Mining, Science, Drawing, Practical Mathematics 1, Art 1.

“Merthyr Express” 16 August 1919

London College of Music At an examination held at Cardiff on 18th July, Miss Phoebe Cole, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Simon Cole, Aelybryn, passed first class, primary section, in pianoforte playing. She is a pupil of Mr. D J Thomas.

“Merthyr Express” 23 August 1919

London College of Music At the recent examination held at Cardiff, Master David Thomas, Aelybryn, obtained first class primary section pianoforte. Master John Lawrence, Glyn-terrace, gained a pass. Both are pupils of Mr. Thomas Walters.

“Merthyr Express” 13 December 1919

Lecture A lecture took place at the Church Hall on Saturday last under the auspices of the Pentwyn Allotment Society, when an excellent and instructive address was given by the Mr. R. H. Bailey, F.R.H.S., Peterston-super-Ely. Mr. T. Baldwin presided.

“Merthyr Express” 10 January 1920

Success At a recent examination of the London College of Music held at Cardiff, Master Windsor Rees, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Rees, 32, Aelybryn, and Mr. Walter Birch, Railway-terrace, Cwmbargoed, obtained first class in violin playing, primary section. The former obtain 94 marks and the latter 88. Both are pupils of Mr. David J. Thomas, Fochriw.

Mining Success The many friends of Mr. David Thomas, the son of Mr. Rees Thomas, Plantation-terrace, will be delighted to hear of his brilliant success in acquiring the distinction of Mining Engineer, under the tutorship of Mr. Williams, F.R.G.S., Llanishen. Great praise is due to him for his achievement at the early age of 26. He has laboured incessantly, for, in addition to passing all his examinations, he followed his daily occupation at the colliery. He has now been appointed manager of collieries at Ynysybwl.

“Merthyr Express” 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.

“Merthyr Express” 8 May 1920

Musical Successes The following have been successful in passing in pianoforte playing - London College of Music: Master Wyndham Lawrence, pass (senior); Miss Edith Walters (first class elementary), Miss Gwladys Shankland (first class elementary), Miss Marjorie Lewis (first class primary). The above are pupils of Mr. Thomas Walters, A.L.C.M.

“Merthyr Express” 24 July 1920

Scholastic Success The friends of Howell Jones, B.A., and Thomas John Jones, B.A., sons of Mr. and Mrs. George Jones, Station-terrace, and Mr. Idris Jones, B.A., son of Mr. and Mrs. John Jones, Central Station, will be glad to here that they were successful candidates at this year's final examination at Aberystwyth University. They obtained degrees in Arts. They attended the ceremony at Bangor last week, when the degree was conferred upon them. Fochriw is a noted village for pupils in the scholastic profession.

“Merthyr Express” 31 July 1920

London College of Music At an examination held in Cardiff on 17th July, the following candidates were successful: Elementary stage with honours - Annie Mary Sims, pianoforte; Phoebe Cole, pianoforte; Walter Birch, violin; Windsor Rees, violin; Primary stage, first class - Jane J. Seaborne, pianoforte; Mary Lewis Morgan, violin. All are pupils of Mr. D. J. Thomas, Fochriw.

“Merthyr Express” 16 October 1920

Presentation: Ambulance and Home Nursing Certificates A very well attended meeting was held at Noddfa vestry on Tuesday evening to make presentations to the successful candidates in the Ambulance and Home Nursing Classes. The chair was occupied by the Reverend Esaiiah Williams. Others present on the platform were Mr. and Mrs. John Bevan, M.E., and Mrs. Arthur Lewis, West Bromwich, late of Dowlais. Between the musical programme, Mrs. John Bevan made the presentation of certificates to the following: Messrs. Sydney Wright, Josiah Evans, Thomas Thomas, William Angell, Emlyn Evans, Daniel Jenkins, Harry Hughes, Thomas

Jenkins, J. R. Walters, D. Rees, G. Cole, B. Shankland, Misses E. M. Thomas, Doris Davies, A. M. Jones, Maggie Evans, Mrs. M. A. Ballard, J. M. Lawrence, E. Cole Jones, Annie Evans, S. J. Jones. After the usual votes of thanks, Mr. Theo. Shankland led the singing of "Hen Wlad fy Nhadau" which brought the evening to a close.

“Merthyr Express” 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."

“Merthyr Express” 20 November 1920

Reading Room A general meeting in connection with the above was held at the Reading Room on Friday night, with Mr. E. Lewis presiding. Several important matters were discussed, including a billiard hall. It was agreed to proceed with the work at once.

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.

“Merthyr Express” 7 May 1921

Scholastic The many friends of Mr. Idris Jones, B.A., son of Mr. and Mrs. John Jones, Central Stores, will be pleased to hear of his recent appointment to Caerphilly Secondary School. He took up his duties on Friday last.

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.

“Merthyr Express” 2 July 1921

Success Miss Gladys Lewis, Brynteg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Lewis, station master, has been appointed, from a long list of applicants, for the post of staff nurse at Pontypridd Cottage Hospital. Before this appointment, Miss Lewis held the positions of staff nurse and theatre sister at Hertford County Hospital.

“Merthyr Express” 6 August 1921

Dr. J. Stenner Evans The numerous friends have of Dr. Evans were delighted to find his name as one of the ten successful candidates at a recent examination for the Diploma in Public Health, granted by the University of Wales. Since coming to Fochriw three years ago, he has worked untiringly for the good of the inhabitants. Although the area is a large and scattered one, Dr. Evans spares himself nothing to meet the numerous calls that come both day and night. That he may achieve further success is the wish of his many friends.

“Merthyr Express” 15 October 1921

Women's Meeting A very well attended women's meeting was held at the Co-operative Rooms on Thursday last. A very able address was given by Mrs. Andrews.

“Merthyr Express” 28 January 1922

Lecture At the Co-op Reading Room, an interesting address, ‘Pictures of Parliament,’ was given by Mr. Morgan Jones M. P..

Reading Room The annual meeting was held on Tuesday evening and was very well attended. Officials: Mr. Edward Lewis - Chairman; Mr. Willie Cook - Secretary; Mr. D. L. Jones - Treasurer. A large hut has been purchased, which will be erected shortly, and a few billiard tables installed. The Institute is flourishing. The chief officers were re-elected. Committee: Messrs. D. J. Evans, S. Ballard, Walter Jones, H. H. Davies, E. M. Roberts, John Morgan, John Walters, W. Smith, E. M. Davies, Jesse Williams, E. Cook, Howell Thomas, W. A. Jones, E. J. Jones, Richard Evans.

“Merthyr Express” 15 April 1922

Public Lecture at Penybank School On Monday evening, under the auspices of the Glamorgan Education Committee Rural Library Scheme, Mr. Saunders Lewis, the County Librarian explained the rural library scheme. The Library service would start in about a fortnight.

“Merthyr Express” 29 April 1922

Lecture At Carmel Chapel (kindly lent), a lecture entitled “Abraham Lincoln,” was given by Mr. Morgan Jones, M.P., in aid of the Russian Famine Relief Fund. The chairman was Mr. John Jones, who gave a very appropriate opening address. Mr. Jones’ lecture was brimful of interest. The audience was delighted for two hours, and much appreciated what proved one of the finest addresses given in the village. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the lecturer on the motion of Mr. Walter Jones, seconded by Mr. E.M. Davies.

Mechanical Workers On Tuesday evening at the Lodge Room, Mount Pleasant Inn, Pentwyn, Mr. D.B. Jones (agent) delivered one of his famous addresses, entitled “The Future of the Mechanical Union.” The chairman of the Branch, Mr. Harry Hughes, presided, and extended a hearty welcome to Mr. Jones. Mr. Jones said that he was pleased to be amongst them again, and that he had very pleasant recollections of meetings held at Fochriw in the past. This was his 45th public address throughout the coalfield since his return amongst them. He dealt lucidly with the affairs of the coalfield since March 31st, 1921, through the crisis, until the present day, dealing very minutely with the failure of the Triple Alliance to function, the fallacy of the destruction of the mines’ policy during the crisis, and a number of very interesting events which led up to the Mechanical Union breaking from the South Wales Miners’ Federation. He was very pleased to say that since the breakaway, the Mechanical Union was in a more highly organised state today than ever he remembered. He then dealt with the future programme of the Union through the National Union of Enginemen, Boilermens and Mechanics, to which they were affiliated. He appealed to those who were still outside to join up, because their future salvation lay in their organisation. Others who spoke were Messrs. W.J. Payne, J. Evans and H.C. Seabourne. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the speaker for his excellent address, and also to the chairman.

“Merthyr Express” 27 May 1922

Mechanical Workers A meeting was held at the Co-op Rooms on Friday evening last, with the object of forming a branch of Mechanical Workers in connection with the South Wales Miners' Federation. The chairman was Mr. John Walters, and the speakers were the mechanical agents of the S.W.M.F., Mr. Wm. Hopkins and Mr. J.W. Grant, who delivered able addresses. Several questions were asked and answered at the end of the addresses.

“Merthyr Express” 7 October 1922

Scholastic We are pleased to learn of the success of Mr. Vincent Sibley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sibley, Station Stores. He has qualified in physical training at Sheffield, and has been awarded a first class diploma. He is now physical instructor and games master at Devizes County School, Wiltshire. Miss Crisley Sibley has been awarded a scholarship at Hengoed County School. Mr. Brinley Sibley has just returned to Aberystwyth College after a successful first year.

“Merthyr Express” 30 December 1922

New Library The new Library Hut, which has been erected by the library committee to serve as a recreation room, was opened on Friday. It has entailed a great deal of labour and sacrifice on the part of the members who have given their own time and labour for the purpose. The opening ceremony was performed by Mrs. John Bevan before a large crowd. Mr. Edward Lewis, chairman, gave Mrs. Bevan, a handsomely inscribed key to commemorate the event. Mrs. Bevan unlocked the door and the crowd went inside where a first-class musical programme had been arranged. There were speeches from Dr. Stenner Evans and Mr. John Bevan M.E., the latter reporting that Mrs. Bevan and Mrs. Payne had done their best in collecting for the Hospital, and with that night's proceeds, it would swell the amount from Fochriw. After the musical programme, the evening was given over to a social and dance. The M.C. was Mr. Danny Lewis, accompanist Mr. O. Edwards, violinist Mr. F. Wilton. The accompaists for the opening ceremony were Messrs. T. Walters and Aneurin Thomas.

“Merthyr Express” 10 March 1923

Lecture Mr. Davies, librarian of the Workmen's Institute, Bargoed, gave a lecture entitled 'From Bargoed to Italy,' at St. Mary's Hall on Friday evening. Rev. S. Evans, vicar, was in the chair.

“Merthyr Express” 24 March 1923

Lecture At Carmel Chapel on Tuesday under the auspices of the Dowlais Co-operative Society Ltd., the Rev. Ben Wilson, a famous American preacher, delivered an interesting lecture entitled 'Co-operation and the New Human Brotherhood.' The lecturer impressed the audience with his outspoken remarks, and a return visit would be welcomed. The chair was occupied by Cllr. Sam Jennings.

“Merthyr Express” 30 June 1923

Personal The numerous friends of Miss Ceridwen Thomas, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Howell Thomas, Brynteg Terrace, will be pleased to hear of her recent success at the University College of Wales, Aberystwyth, where she passed the degree of B. Sc.

“Merthyr Express” 28 July 1923

Brilliant Success Fochriw is naturally proud of the recent success of Mr. H. Jones, B.A., second son of Mr. & Mrs. George Jones, Station Terrace, who at the recent examination at Oxford passed his Bachelor of Civil Law degree with honours. He is an

old Lewis School Pengam boy. During the Great War, he saw active service, and held the rank of lieutenant in the Yorks and Lancs. He was wounded in France. Last year, he was president of the Cambrian Society at Oxford. He also captained last year's football team at Oxford. He is one of a family who are all in the scholastic profession, and hold important positions.

“Merthyr Express” 8 December 1923

Women's Meeting At St. Mary's Hall on Monday afternoon, Miss Lindsay of Ystrad Mynach, addressed a meeting of women, dealing with a number of present day subjects. Rev. S. Evans was in the chair. Miss Lindsay was heartily thanked at the close of her address.

“Merthyr Express” 30 August 1924

Exam Success Doris Davies, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lodwig Davies, 8 Aelybryn, has gained 1st place in the training school exam held at Swansea General Hospital.

“Merthyr Express” 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.

“Merthyr Express” 28 February 1925

Protestant Alliance Meeting Held on Tuesday at the Hall. The following persons were elected: Mr. Roy Morgan, chairman; Mr. John Paines, 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.'

“Merthyr Express” 15 August 1925

Personal Congratulations to Miss Nesta Evans, Aelybryn, who was successful in passing the preliminary examination of the London College of Music (1st class). She is the daughter of Mrs. Evans and the late Mr. Evan Evans who fell in the Great War.

“Merthyr Express” 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.

“Merthyr Express” 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.

“Merthyr Express” 15 January 1927

Reading Room The annual meeting relating to the Reading Room was held on Tuesday evening. Mr. Samuel Lewis occupied the chair. Councillor Tom Jenkins, secretary, gave a report which was well received. The auditors report was given by Messrs. Willie Adams Jones and Lewis Jones, and this was very satisfactory. A report on the books was given by Mr. J. Cyril Cook. It was decided to recommend to the committee the purchase of another billiard table and also a number of new books.

The following officers were re-elected unanimously: secretary, Councillor Tom Jenkins; treasurer, Mr. Stephen Ballard. A Committee of 18 members was also elected.

“Merthyr Express” 5 February 1927

Call to the Bar We have a great pleasure in recording yet another step forward in the successful career of one of our neighbours. In the list of members called to the Bar at the Inner Temple on Wednesday, 26th January, appears the name of Mr. Hywel Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Jones, Picton House. Mr. Jones studied at Pengam Grammar School, the University College of Wales, Aberystwyth, and Lincoln College, Oxford.

“Merthyr Express” 26 February 1927

Ambulance Awards Following the presentation to Mr. E. Lewis, the distribution of awards to the G.W.R. ambulance class were made. Compliments were paid to the teacher, Dr. T. S. Evans, and the instructor, Mr. T. Jones. Awards were presented to the following: 1st year: Messrs. S. Brissett, W. E. Davies, W. D. Jones, T. Davies; second year: Mr. D. G. King; medallions; Messrs. J. Thomas, T. J. Jones, W. A. Lewis, P. Jenkins and S. G. Thomas.

“Merthyr Express” 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.

“Merthyr Express” 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.

“Merthyr Express” 14 May 1927

Musical Congratulations to Miss Nesta Evans, Aelybryn, who was successful at the recent London College of Music Examination, intermediate level.

“Merthyr Express” 10 September 1927

Nursing Success Congratulations to Miss Lydia Mary Cumpstone, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Cumpstone, Aelybryn, who has passed the Final State Examination in General Nursing and is now a State Registered Nurse. Nurse Cumpstone was trained at the National Hospital, London, and also at the Hampshire County Hospital, Winchester.

Scholastic Successes Hearty congratulations to Masters Enoch Lewis, Windsor Rees, Misses Mary L. Thomas, Addie Lawrence, Eiluned Lawrence, pupils of Bargoed Secondary School, who succeeded in passing their Central Welsh Board Examination. Enoch Lewis and Windsor Rees matriculated, as did Miss Crisley Sibley, a pupil at Hengoed County School.

“Merthyr Express” 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.

“Merthyr Express” 7 January 1928

Library and Institute The annual meeting was held at the Old Library on Tuesday, the chairman being Mr. Sam Lewis, who said he would not be satisfied until a more substantial and commodious building had been erected. The statement of accounts read by the auditor, Mr. Evan M. Davies showed a very satisfactory years working. The librarian then gave an account of the Book Department, and said that nearly 2000 books had been loaned out. The following officers were re-elected unanimously: chairman, Mr. Sam Lewis; secretary, Councillor Tom Jenkins; treasurer, Mr. Stephen Ballard.

“Merthyr Express” 24 March 1928

Lantern Lecture A very interesting lantern lecture was given at the Church Hall on Wednesday, under the auspices of the Dowlais Co-operative Society Ltd. The lecturer was Mr. W. J. Owen, Blaina, who gave a very interesting lecture entitled "The History of Co-operation." The chair was occupied by Mr. H. Seaborne.

“Merthyr Express” 31 March 1928

Nursing Congratulations to Miss Elizabeth Lawrence, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Lawrence, Martins-street, who has passed her examination at Cardiff in the nursing profession. She is at present on the staff of the Merthyr General Hospital. Also to Nurse Florence Cole, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Cole, Upland Stores, who has passed a clerical examination. She is on the staff of the City Lodge, Cardiff.

“Merthyr Express” 30 June 1928

Evening Class Students Congratulations to David John Williams, David Hughes Lewis and Maldwyn Williams upon their success in passing Stage 1, Arithmetic of the Royal Society of Arts Examination held last March. These young men are students of the evening classes held at Penybank Council school.

“Merthyr Express” 4 August 1928

At Oxford Mr. J. P. Isaac, headmaster, and Miss E. M. Thomas, of the Fochriw Mixed School, are at Oxford taking a course in the special study of Welsh at Jesus College.

“Merthyr Express” 25 August 1928

Fochriw Boy's Post An important appointment has been made for a former Dowlais student, Mr. Horace David Evans, B.A., son of Mr. Mordecai Evans, Ivy Cottage, and an old Dowlais boy. He has been successful in obtaining the appointment of Master of Education at St. Catherine's College, Manchester, out of 75 applicants, drawn from all over the country. Mr. Evans' family has been connected with the Welsh Church, Dowlais, for many years, and his uncle is at present one of the sidesman and a representative on the Parochial Council. His father will be remembered as a musician of some repute, and as a composer of numerous anthems, hymn tunes, psalms, and chants. Mr. Evans was educated at Lewis' School Pengam, and afterwards at St. David's College, Lampeter, where as senior scholar, he made his mark in Latin and Greek. He also spent some time at Carmarthen College. Last July, he took the diploma in divinity at the Archbishop of Canterbury's examination. We predict a bright future for our townsman.

“Merthyr Express” 8 September 1928

Brilliant Sons The large circle of friends of Mr. G. V. Sibley and Mr. E. R. Sibley, sons of Mr. and Mrs. George Sibley, late of Station Stores, Fochriw, now of Devizes,

will be glad to learn of their continued success in this scholastic world. Their father was one of the deacons of Carmel Chapel, and the boys were born in the village and received their early education in the village school. Afterwards, they proceeded to Lewis' School, Pengam, and then to Bangor and Aberystwyth Universities. Mr. G V Sibley was appointed games master and physical instructor at Devizes Secondary School, afterwards leaving to take up a similar appointment at Selhurst Grammar School, Croydon, one of the finest schools in the area. He was followed at Devizes Secondary School by his younger brother, Mr. E. R. Sibley, who held the same position. Mr. G. V. Sibley has now been appointed lecturer in hygiene and physical instructor at Cardiff University, and his late appointment at Croydon will be taken up by his younger brother. Their sister, Miss Crisley Sibley took her Welsh and London Matriculation at Hengoed County School last year, and has now been appointed student teacher at Southbroom School, being too young to enter college. Another sister is Mrs. Dan Jones, who until her marriage was on the teaching staff of the Fochriw Mixed School.

Appointment The numerous friends of Miss E. M. Thomas, will be pleased to hear of her recent appointment as headmistress of Garth School, Maesteg., She commenced duties last Monday.

“Merthyr Express” 24 November 1928

Penybank Evening Classes A whist drive was held by the students of the above classes on Friday at Penybank schools. The winners were: ladies: 1. Miss O. Morgan, 2. Miss L Davies; gents: 1. Mr. J. Llewellyn, 2. Mr. A. Morgan. Certificates were presented to Messrs. David John Williams, David Lewis and Maldwyn Williams, who was successful at the examination held by the Royal Society of Arts (mathematics) last March. A short concert followed, solos and dialogues being given by Miss C. Lewis, Messrs. G. Tyler, D. J. Williams, D. Tyler, W. Watkins and G. Williams.

“Merthyr Express” 6 April 1929

Nursing The many friends of Miss Florrie Cole, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Cole, Upland Stores, will be pleased to know that she has passed the Final Nursing Examination. She is at present nursing at Cardiff. We wish her success in her profession.

“Merthyr Express” 18 May 1929

New Headmaster: Fochriw Boy's Brilliant Career The large circle of friends of Captain Evan H. Williams, headmaster of All Saints School, Child's Hill, London, and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mordecai Williams, School House, Fochriw, has been recently appointed by the Hendon Education Committee to the headship of the Goldbeater's Boys' School on the Watling Estate. Captain Edwards commenced his teaching career in 1898 as assistant master in the Fochriw Board School, under the late headmaster, Mr. William Owen Morgan, and he left for London in 1901. He moved from Holy Trinity School, Canning Town, to St. Luke's School, Millwall, and later proceeded to the London County Council's British School at Millwall, where he gained valuable teaching experience, and obtain the "five points" for extra qualifications, which raised him to the status of a first class assistant. He afterwards gained an A.C.P. Diploma of the College of Preceptors and the Associateship Diploma of the National College of Music. In November 1905, he moved to Mill Hill, and in 1909 he was appointed headmaster of All Saint's School, Child's Hill. In 1914, he sat for the Theory and Practice of Education for the A.C.P.

Diploma of the College of Preceptors, and was successful. On June 5th, 1915, he joined the 2/3 London Yeomanry as a private, and was transferred to the Inns of Court Officers Training Corps, where he was made a cadet corporal. Later, he was gazetted to the 2/1 Shropshire Yeomanry, rising to the rank of Captain. After his military service, Captain Williams took a great interest in the new methods of teaching, and gave lectures on individual methods at the 1923 City of London vacation course. He also lectured at Rugby Public School and has taken an active part in many educational gatherings. Captain Williams new school, is the first permanent school on the Watling Estate, and was opened on Tuesday morning. There is accommodation for 1,220 boys and girls, and it has been erected by the Hendon Council at a cost of approximately £51,000. His large circle of friends, and the old boys from Fochriw and district, wish Captain Williams and family health and happiness and long life to carry out the important duties entrusted to him.

“Merthyr Express” 29 June 1929

Nursing The many friends of Nurse Elizabeth Lawrence, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Lawrence, Martin-street, will be pleased to know of her success in passing the final State examination. She received her training at the Merthyr General Hospital, where she has been for the last three years. This month she accepted the post of staff nurse at Monmouth Hospital.

“Merthyr Express” 6 July 1929

Musical Success The friends of Mr. Claerwyn Davies, the brilliant bass baritone, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Davies, Brook Cottage, will be glad to hear of his further achievements in the world of song. Madame Marie Rosing, London, the world renowned voice trainer, recently offered a three years free scholarship for the best voice in Wales. Of the the 280 competitors, Mr. Davies has been awarded a scholarship, and is to commence his studies next October in London.

“Merthyr Express” 31 August 1929

Appointment Mr. Trevor Lawrence, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Lawrence, has been appointed to the teaching staff at Newcastle-upon-Tyne. He was a pupil at Lewis School. Pengam, before going to Carmarthen College. Miss E. Lawrence, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Lawrence, has been appointed to the Caerphilly Schools' teaching staff, after a successful career at Bargoed Secondary School.

“Merthyr Express” 28 September 1929

Success The numerous friends of Miss S. Magdalen Pugh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pugh, Dynevor-street, will be glad to hear of her success at the examination of the Royal Society of Arts, passing in the following subjects: arithmetic, type writing and book keeping. She was a pupil at the Hengoed County School.

“Merthyr Express” 5 October 1929

Scholastic Congratulations to Mr. Trevor Lawrence on passing his final certificate examination. During his time at Carmarthen Training College, he has also passed the Archbishop's examination. His college course has been a list of successes. In the sporting side of college life, he is a prominent member of college teams, including the hockey team. He was recently appointed to a teaching post in Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

“Merthyr Express” 26 October 1929

Ambulance An ambulance class is held every Friday evening at the Council School under the auspices of the Glamorgan Education Committee. Already 20 members are

enrolled. The popular lecturer and instructor is Dr. T. Stenner Evans. A word of praise is due to Supt. John Morgan for his assistance with the classes.

“Merthyr Express” 30 November 1929

Nursing The numerous friends of Miss Florrie Cole, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Cole, Upland Stores, will be pleased to hear of her further success in the nursing world. She has recently passed her C.M.B. examination, and is at present nursing at the City Lodge, Cardiff.

“Merthyr Express” 18 January 1930

Library The annual meeting of the library and institute was held last week, presided over by Mr. Samuel Lewis, chairman, supported by Messrs. W. J. Payne, Tom Jenkins, secretary, and Steve Ballard, treasurer. The chairman stated that the year had proved a very successful one. The institute was free from debt and there was a balance in the bank. They also possessed four of the finest billiard tables in the valley, and these were kept in excellent condition by the caretaker, Mr Evan Jones. Once more, over 2000 books had been taken out of the lending library. The auditors – Messrs. Dan James and Willie Morgan then gave their report. It is proposed, in the future, to consider the advisability of building a more suitable Institute. The officers were re-elected for the coming years. The committee is Messrs. E. J. Williams, C. Edwards, G. Price, T. Baldwin, David Isaac Evans, J. H. Evans, P. Gwynne, T. Shankland, W. Morgan, R. Clarke, T. Lewis, William Griffiths, S. Jenkins & the Rev. J. C. Payne. Mr. David Isaac Evans was re-elected librarian.

“Merthyr Express” 1 February 1930

Personal Congratulations to Miss Mona Ballard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ballard, Moore's-row, who was successful in passing the Intermediate examination for pianoforte playing, London College of Music.

“Merthyr Express” 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.

“Merthyr Express” 5 July 1930

Scholastic Amongst the honours list at the recent honours examination at Cardiff University is the name of Mr. Lewis Angell, son of Mr. W. J. Angell, and the late Mrs. Gwen Angell. He is an old pupil of the village school, and afterwards Lewis' School, Pengam.

“Merthyr Express” 19 July 1930

Appointment Mr. Evan Bryn Sibley, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. George Sibley, will be delighted to know that he has been appointed lecturer in Physical Education at Bangor Normal College.

“Merthyr Express” 27 September 1930

Lecture A lecture entitled "The Economics of the Daily Newspaper," was given at the Old Library on Tuesday by Mr. Evan Davies, B.A.. Mr. Davies is an old Fochriw boy, son of Mr. Lodwig Davies and the late Mrs. Maud Davies. He had a very successful career at Aberystwyth University.

“Merthyr Express” 24 January, 1931

Economics Debate A well-attended debate took place at the Library on Tuesday last under the auspices of the Workers' Educational Association Economics Class. The subject of the debate, "Remedies for Unemployment," proved of great interest, each of the political parties being represented by a leading speaker. The Liberal Party case was taken by Mr. Tom Jones, the class secretary; the Communist by Mr. Ray Clarke; the Labour by Mr. Reg Stokes, Deri; and in the absence of Mr. J. Lloyd Jones, the Conservative case was put by Mr. Evan Davies, Fochriw, the class tutor. A great number of questions were submitted to the speakers by an audience which took a lively interest in the proceedings. The class was very fortunate to secure the services of Rev. J. C. Payne, who acted as president in a fine debate. The W.E.A. have held their classes in economics at the Library throughout the winter, the interest in the subject being well maintained. Fochriw feel proud of the tutor, Mr. Evan Davies, B.A., who is a young man who started his career in the village school, and after being at Bargoed Secondary School, proceeded to Aberystwyth University where he took his degree. He was recently been appointed to the staff of Fochriw Mixed School.

"Merthyr Express" 31 October 1931 Personal Miss Mary Lewis Thomas, Station-terrace, has passed her final examinations at the Bangor Normal College.

"Merthyr Express" 5 March 1932 Personal Miss Margaret E. Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howell Thomas, Station-terrace, who is at present a pupil at Bargoed Secondary School, has been admitted to Bangor Training College.

"Merthyr Express" 26 March 1932 Nursing The many friends of Mrs. Rose H. Thomas, Plantation-street, will be glad to learn that she has recently been successful in passing her C.M.B. at Bristol.

"Merthyr Express" 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.

"Merthyr Express" 7 May 1932

Lecture A lecture was delivered at Carmel Chapel on Thursday by Dr. Crosbie Roberts, Cardiff. The subject was "The British Water Spider: a study in biology and ethics." The chair was taken by Nurse Ballard Davies.

"Merthyr Express" 16 July 1932 Scholastic Congratulations to Miss Phyllis Evans, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Evans, who has passed her Inter B.A. examination. She is a student at Cardiff University. Also, Mr. George White, son of the Rev. and Mrs. J. L. White, who has passed his examination at King's College, London, where he is a student for Holy Orders.

"Merthyr Express" 30 July 1932 Scholastic Congratulations to Mr. Willie Morgan, son of Mr. John Morgan, and the late Mrs. Morgan, who has passed his final examination at Exeter College.

"Merthyr Express" 22 October 1932 Scholastic Miss Olive M. Payne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Payne Glyn-terrace, has passed her final examinations at Barry Training College. She has now been appointed on the teaching staff of the Essex Education Authority

"Merthyr Express" 5 November 1932

Scholastic Miss Adelaide Lawrence, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Lawrence, Pleasant-view, has been appointed on the teaching staff of the Caerphilly Education Authority.

“Merthyr Express” 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.

“Merthyr Express” 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.

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.

“Merthyr Express” 10 December 1932

Scholastic Congratulations to Mr. Willie Morgan, son of Mr. John Morgan, Plantation-terrace, who has been appointed to the staff of Hanham School, near Bristol.

“Merthyr Express” 14 January 1933

Library and Institute The annual meeting took place on Tuesday and was well attended. During the year 1932, a total of 2,187 books were taken out by readers. Mr. J. Idris Williams was appointed chairman; Mr. H. Ballard was re-elected librarian; Mr. D. I. Evans secretary; Mr. Stephen Ballard treasurer. The following were appointed to the committee: Messrs. A. Jones (Post Office), Walter Parry, E. M. Davies, Attwell Wood, James Gregory, Ray Clark, William M. Davies, Robert Thomas, W. J. A. Davies, Edward Puddle, James Tewkesbury, H. Ballard, Thomas Pugh, John Lewis, William Price.

“Merthyr Express” 1 July 1933

Nursing Congratulations to Nurse Phoebe Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Jones, Plantation-street, who is a nurse at Merthyr General Hospital, on passing the preliminary examination of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales. Also, Nurse Ceinwen Cole, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Simon Cole, Aelybryn, which is a nurse at Monsall Hospital, Manchester. She has also passed the same examination.

“Merthyr Express” 8 July 1933

Nursing Congratulations to Nurse Annie Ballard, daughter of Mr. Thomas Ballard, Moore's-row, who has passed her C.M.B. examination. She is at present nursing at Crumpsall Hospital, Manchester.

“Merthyr Express” 15 July 1933, Final Certificate Friends of Mr. H. B. Harris, a native of Fochriw, will be pleased to know that at a recent examination he was successful in obtaining the final certificate of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association.

Scholastic Miss Phyllis Evans, grand-daughter of Mrs. Ann Parry, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Evans, a student at Cardiff University, has qualified for her B.A. in Welsh, History and English. She was a pupil at Bargoed Secondary School.

Musical Congratulations to the following who passed the examination for the London College of Music at Cardiff in July: 1st class pianoforte - Miss Ceridwen James and Miss Nellie Goddard; pass in pianoforte - Miss Betty Baker and Master Gwynfryn A. Davies; pass in organ - Miss Edna M. Handley. They were pupils of Mr. Thomas Walters, A.L.C.M.

“Merthyr Express” 12 August 1933 Scholastic Congratulations to Mr. Pat Keane, White Horse Inn, Pentwyn, a student at Cardiff University, who has passed his recent examination.

“Merthyr Express” 16 September 1933 Scholastic Congratulations to Mr. Gurwen Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Thomas, Brynteg, a student at Cardiff Technical College, who has passed his Oxford arts course.

“Merthyr Express” 14 October 1933 Scholastic Congratulations to Miss Addie Lawrence, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Lawrence, Pleasant-view, who is a student at Cardiff Domestic College. At the recent examination she was successful in all subjects.

“Merthyr Express” 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.

“Merthyr Express” 11 November 1933 Musical The many friends of Mr. Wyndham Lawrence, A.L.C.M., son of Mr. and Mrs. James Lawrence, Pleasant View, will be pleased to know that he has been successful in passing his matriculation and intermediate music examinations. He is now pursuing his studies at Cardiff University.

“Merthyr Express” 2 December 1933 Nursing Nurse Megan V. Davies, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. Davies, Brook Cottage, who is a nurse at the Royal Infirmary, Cardiff, passed the preliminary examination of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales.