

THE NEWS OF DINAS

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This book is a transcription of all the Dinas news items from *The County Echo*, a Fishguard-based newspaper, for the years 1894, when the newspaper commenced publication, to 1900 inclusive.

The content is remarkable for its comprehensive coverage of village life. The correspondent(s), perhaps unwittingly, produced a social history of Dinas in the last seven years of the nineteenth century, one which almost reads, without editorial help, as a connected narrative. A picture emerges of a lively, sometimes controversial, but confident community in the far-south-western fringe of Wales at the very end of the Victorian era. The way of life recorded is both rural and truly parochial, but always tempered with the globe-trotting adventures and tragedies of the many sailors and master mariners from the village.

This was still the age of the horse and cart, with bicycles being a novelty. Chapel and church life, along with deferential accounts of the clergy involved, inevitably take a prominent part in the narrative as do the fulsome accounts of funerals and tragedies; however, social innovation in the form of a Regatta in 1899 is proudly recorded. The Temperance Movement, so vitally important at the turn of the century, is faithfully described in its manifestations from hayfield to chapel.

The text is presented without editing or alteration, variable spellings and local usage being preserved; where some doubt exists over the original, then the editorial convention of square brackets is used. Only one comment is made and that to explain a deliberate policy of concealment by the correspondent. It should be noted that no copies of *The County Echo* for 1897 are known to exist.

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1894

15 February

SAD DEATH AT DINAS A woman named Ann Phillips, aged 47 years and living at the Black Horse, Dinas Cross, met with a dreadful death in her own house last week. It appears that Ann Phillips, in company with her mother Maria Evans aged 89, was sitting by the fireside on Friday morning last when suddenly the mother remarked that there was a smell of something burning, and upon investigation, it was found that the daughter's clothes had taken fire. Efforts were at once made to extinguish the fire and cries for assistance were made which were heard by a man named Thomas Lewis, Garn, who immediately went to their assistance and, after great difficulty succeeded in putting the fire out, but not before the poor woman had been seriously burnt. Dr Havard, Newport was at once telegraphed for and upon his arrival, he found that the unfortunate woman had been frightfully burnt about the limbs and body, from the effects of which she died about 1 o'clock on Saturday afternoon. An inquest was held on Monday. Her mortal remains were interred at Machpela burying ground on Tuesday and the funeral was largely attended.

22 February

Thomas Thomas, Pentre was charged by Mr Joseph Davies, Clerk, Fishguard with trespassing in pursuit of game on 23rd December last. Fined £2 7s 6d.

BURNT TO DEATH. A sad burning fatality occurred to the infant daughter of Mr and Mrs James Evans of Brynhenllan. It appears that on Thursday February 8th the mother left the house for a short time to feed the fowls, but before leaving she took the precaution to put the baby in her chair which she fastened to the leg of the table. During her absence, her two year old child caught hold of his father's scarf, and this coming in contact with the fire, ignited, and it is supposed that the little mite in throwing the burning scarf away, set fire to the little child in the chair. Her clothes instantly took fire and the child so severely burnt that it died the following Tuesday morning. The little girl was but nine months old. At the inquest on the body by Mr Ivor Evans (coroner for North Pembrokeshire), the jury returned a verdict of "Accidental Death". The interment took place on Friday last at Macpelah burying ground, the Rev J W Maurice (Tabor) officiating. The Rev J Evans (Gideon) who had promised to attend the funeral was unavoidably absent through indisposition. Much sympathy is felt in the parish for the bereaved parents in their sad affliction.

24 May

BURNING FATALITY On Friday evening, the 13th last, a sad accident occurred at Cilwenen. A woman named Jane Thomas accidentally fell into the fire whilst baking. She was subject to an apoplectic fit and it is believed that she fell into the fire whilst in this state. She was observed in flames and assistance was promptly rendered. Doctor Havard was soon at the spot, but no earthly skill could save her life. She expired on the following Sunday morning. Much sympathy is felt for the bereaved husband. This is the second person that has died from the effects of burning and the fourth coroner's inquest held in Dinas since last September. The verdict returned was that the deceased met her death through the shock to the system caused by burning.

31 May

BURNING FATALITY A little girl, aged eight years, daughter of Mr James Bowen, butcher, Brynhenllan, narrowly escaped being burnt to death on Thursday last. It

appears that Mrs Bowen had gone to Fishguard as usual to the market, leaving the children at home, and that whilst one of them was in the act of putting water in the boiler, her dress caught fire. When she discovered herself on fire, she screamed and ran to the garden to an elder sister who had a blanket in her hands at the time and had the presence of mind to wrap it around the burning child, and thus succeeded in extinguishing the fire, but not before the little girl was severely burnt about her face and right arm. Dr Havard was sent for, and the child's injuries were attended to.

14 June

Mr James Raymond, Island Farm, received the sad news on Friday last of the death of his only daughter, - Mrs Hopkins – in Canada. Great sympathy is felt for Mr Raymond in his great bereavement.

Marriage at Liverpool on June 12th Capt Titus George of Pantydwr, Dinas, to Emily, the daughter of Mr J Reynolds, stone cutter, Dinas Cross.

23 June

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TO ANY GIVEN DESIGN
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ESTIMATES AND DESIGNS ON APPLICATION

26 July

At an examination held recently at Aberystwyth, we find that Mr Jenkin Jones (son of Mr D Jones, miller) has passed the second division in Matriculation. Mr Jones was a pupil at the Hall Grammar School, Fishguard.

2 August

Last week we reported the success of Jenkin Jones (son of Mr D Jones) at the London University Matriculation examination, which entitles him to an exhibition of £10 a year during his course at the Presbyterian College, Carmarthen. This week we are glad to announce his success at two examinations under the Science and Art Department, London in Mechanics both solids and fluids. Mr Jones was a pupil at the Hall Grammar School, Fishguard.

11 October

DINAS CROSS SCHOOL BOARD A correspondent who signs himself "Parent" writing under the above name says:- "The rupture between the Headmaster and members of the Dinas Cross Board School is the subject of general conversation in this place. No doubt the majority of the readers in the district are aware that the Headmaster, Mr W J Howells, has been served with a notice to leave. I am not in a position to say that there is no doubt that the public are under a misapprehension and one of this kind is fraught with so many serious consequences and to introduce friction into many questions affecting the parish that they require very careful handling. I hear that a petition is being sent round for signatures in favour of Mr

Howells returning to his position as Headmaster and in this way the parents of the children will be given the opportunity of showing their appreciation (if they wish to do so) of Mr Howells's teaching ability and no doubt the moot point will be carefully considered by the Education Department.”

6 December

A Parish meeting was held at the Board School on Tuesday evening when it was agreed that there would be no contest. [in the election to the council]

27 December

A very successful Gymanfa Ganu was held at Tabor on Christmas Day. The singing this year showed great improvement and the meetings, both afternoon and evening were crowded with appreciative audiences. There were five choirs taking part in the singing who belonged respectively to the following Baptist Churches, Caersalem, Bethlehem (Newport) Glandwr, Jabes and Tabor.

For Sale

Two mill grinding stones with fly wheel (4ft 6ins high) to suit. Will be sold reasonably. Apply J D Harries, Ivy Cottage, Dinas Cross.

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21 February

Marriage at Tabernacle Fishguard by Rev B Rowlands, Joseph James to Elizabeth Harries, both of Dinas Cross.

26 March

A letter condemning the deceit of a petition circulated in Dinas against the Disestablishment Bill. Apparently, people including Non Conformists were being hoodwinked into signing as they were not fully informed of what they were signing. Many thought that they were signing a petition to the opposite effect. Signed: A Non Conformist.

18 April

Dinas: A grand evening concert will be held at Tabor Chapel tonight (Thursday) to commence at 7 o'clock.

25 April

On Thursday last, a grand concert was held at Tabor Baptist Chapel in aid of the building of a new chapel at Llanychaer. Long before the doors were open a large crowd had gathered which predicted the concert being a success. The chair was taken by Rev J W Maurice. The programme, which was long and interesting showed the interest and sympathy the friends from the neighbouring district felt for the good cause at Llanychaer and their determination to make the concert a great success. Several glees, solos and duetts were rendered in the most creditable manner. “Hen ffon fy Nain” was sung with great pathos by a young boy, Eos Carningli, who was encored. An amusing item was a party of children led by Miss Agnes Thomas of Newport (a little girl of ten) and she deserved great praise for the knowing and able manner in which she sang her own part and led her party. A party of children from Newport under the leadership of Mr John Jenkins sang several pretty character songs. The greatest applause of the evening was created by the party of twenty of the Dinas

Board School Choir under the leadership of Mr Harries the schoolmaster when the "Emperor Napoleon" and "Three Blind Mice" were rendered with very pretty actions. They were encored for both, each one regretted that this party could not favour them with a few similar songs, but as they intend giving us a concert a little later on, the leader thought best to limit the number to two songs. All present thoroughly enjoyed themselves, only regretting that such a pleasant evening had passed so quickly. Great praise is due to Rev J Ll. Morris for the hearty manner he set himself to work to bring about such an excellent programme.

20 June

The Rev J W Maurice of Tabor, Dinas Cross preached at a Welsh chapel in Birmingham on Sunday week last.

25 July

On Wednesday week, Tabor Sunday School went on a trip to Rosebush. The day broke forth resplendent with the brightness of a Summer morn as the party numbering over 200 left Dinas at 7 a.m. In vehicles kindly lent for the occasion, to Puncheston and then conveyed to Rosebush by train. Upon arrival, we were provided with tea and buns and we then proceeded up the mount to the old windmill where we gave ourselves up to enjoyment and after a few hours returned to the hotel at Rosebush where a splendid tea awaited us which we thoroughly enjoyed and was all that could be desired.

The remainder of the day was spent singing outside the hotel and when the time arrived for our departure, we all regretted that so happy a day had its close. We arrived in Dinas in due time after a thorough good day's enjoyment. On the following Friday, a large number of persons who had been unable to accompany the scholars to Rosebush were entertained to a splendid tea and great credit and thanks are due to the ladies for their excellent arrangements and management.

1 August

Two miscellaneous concerts will be given at the schoolroom of the above place tonight (Thursday) and tomorrow (Friday) each to commence at 7.30.

22 August

We are very pleased to learn of the success of Arthur, fourth son of Mr J Reynolds, stonecutter, Dinas at the mercantile marine examination held this month at Cardiff, he having passed as Master with first class honours. Commenting upon his success, the South Wales Daily Post (Swansea) says: "This gentleman received only one lesson from Capt W.L Dixon upon compass deviation, illustrated with Capt Beall's latest deviascope. Mr Reynolds received six days instruction only. Coming into port from sea on the 26th of July, he entered the nautical academy on the 29th and left for Cardiff on Bank Holiday. For speedy preparation, this beats all records in the United Kingdom. Upon learning of Mr Reynold's success, his late employers, Messrs Tulldek and Co. of Swansea offered him the command of one of their barques which he accepted.

REPORT OF H.M INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS FOR YEAR ENDING MAY 30th 1895.

Mixed School.

The order and discipline have improved very greatly under the new master. The elementary work was very fair but mental arithmetic needs attention and the scholars should have more practice in working easy problems. English and Geography were on the whole very fair and the needlework exercises were good. The singing by note was very good.

Infants Class

The Infants did fairly well in elementary work and in object lessons. Some low desks are wanted and a table for the needlework. The Pupil Teachers passed fairly. The average attendance was in the mixed school 68, eight less than the previous year and in the Infant Class 47 four less than in 1894. Amount of grants for the mixed school, £61 or 18s per child in average attendance and for the Infant class £34. 15s or 14s 9d per child, drawing £4.2s; total £100 1s.

When taking into consideration the state of this school at the last report together with the fact that the average attendance for the first half of the year went down from 127 on May 31st 1894 to 115 for the first six months and was further reduced by hard weather to 105 in the third quarter, the above results amply prove that the stuff of which the new master is made and reflect the greatest credit possible to himself and his staff. The highest possible grants for discipline, drawing and singing, after a labour of twenty six weeks, surely foretells the highest possible grants for all objects at no distant date.

In conclusion, let me urge parents to keep their children at school regularly as the best labour of the staff and the best care of the Board will be futile unless seconded by the parents and the children. You will be pleased to know that the attendance between June 1st and July 31st this year average 145. If that rate be maintained during the whole year, the Board will have occasion to touch the rates lightly if at all.

Yours obediently,

J W Maurice,

Tabor Villa

Aug 6 1895

Hon. Clerk to

Dinas School Board.

On Thursday and Friday evenings 1st and 2nd August, two very successful entertainments were given at the Board Schoolroom by the schoolchildren under the leadership of Mr Harries, the headmaster, when several pretty choruses and action songs were rendered in excellent style. The programme which was lengthy and very interesting showed that the master and children had worked hard to give the Dinas people a musical treat and make their first concert a success. The schoolroom was crowded and all present were delighted and highly appreciated the good singing. Owing to the success of the first concert, it was repeated the following evening and the second proved to be better, if anything than the first. The Chair was taken by J Raymond Esq., chairman of the Board. The following is the programme: Chorus, "Fair is the morning", children; chorus "Marching", infant children; chorus "Far, far at sea", children's solo; Capt T Williams; chorus "O come to the mountains" children; musical drill, a party of little girls; solo Mr D B Harries; chorus "The Milkmaids", party of girls "And the green grass grows all round", a party of boys; chorus "Myfi sy'n magu'r baban" party of girls; "laughing song" party of boys; "Birdie's Ball" infants; chorus "Merry green fields" party of boys; chorus, "Johnnie Snooker" children's chorus; "Saucy Sparrow" infants; chorus: "Burlesque Band", children. Finale "Hen Wlad fy Nhadau".

On Friday afternoon, the schoolchildren were given a tea by the members of the Board at the Schoolroom, the tables having been presided over by several young ladies. A splendid repast was partaken of and thoroughly enjoyed. After tea a procession was formed and they marched down to the beach where games etc. were indulged in.

19 September

Dinas School Accommodation for 244 pupils. Average attendance : 127. Grant £97 15s 6d.

SHOOTING FATALITY AT DINAS. A sad accident occurred on Thursday evening last at Carreg y Fran near Dinas which resulted in the death of Mr Andrew C Raymond, son of Mr J Raymond, The Island Farm, Dinas Head. It appears that the young gentleman in company with Mr William James, Brynhenllan was out rabbit shooting and the latter, who carried a loaded gun, stumbled and the stock of the gun, striking the ground, it went off, and the whole charge entered Mr Raymond's (who stood three or four yards away) right side. Assistance was at once rendered to the young gentleman and medical aid was procured, but the accident was of such a severe nature that Dr Perkins of Newport, upon seeing the sufferer, pronounced the case as hopeless and Mr Raymond died early on Friday morning. The accident created quite a sensation at Dinas, and indeed throughout the district, and widespread sympathy is felt for the highly esteemed family and for the young man James in his unfortunate position, who, it might be said, was exonerated from all blame in connection with the fatality. Deceased was twenty two years old.

THE INQUEST The Inquest on the body of Andrew Campbell Raymond was held at the Island Farm, Dinas Head on Monday morning at ten o'clock, before Ivor Evans Esq., Coroner and the full jury – Capt D Harries, JP, Dinas (foreman), Messrs Thomas Davies, Laurel Villa, Thomas Mendus, Dyffryn, John Symmons, Tanybryn, Thomas Davies, Cwmyreglwys, William Meyler, Soar Hill, R Richards, Cwmyreglwys, William Gwynne, Cwmyreglwys, O.D Harries, Dinas Cross, Benjamin Harries, Bay View and D Thomas, Rose Cottage.

The jury, having been duly sworn, proceeded to view the body, after which evidence was called, the first witness being William James Raymond who deposed – I live at The Island, Dinas and am a farmer. Deceased was my brother. He lived at Henllan in the Parish of Dinas and was a farmer. He was twenty two years of age. He died at 6.30 on Friday evening.

Alfred Prowse was next sworn and said – I live at Dinas and am a coastguardsman. On Thursday evening last, at about 6.30, I met the deceased and William James at Brynhenllan near a place called Carreg y Fran. They were coming down. They had been shooting rabbits. They had a gun each. When the accident happened, the deceased looked at me and said “I'm shot” He said, “I'm done for this time, this will kill me”. He then let go his crutches, for he was a cripple and used two. I caught him by the two shoulders and set him down. I asked James how he had been so foolish and he said he had tripped over a stone. I sat Andrew (deceased) down, and when I saw blood flowing, I told him I was going for assistance. I went and met Mr Williams of Tygwyn and Mr Rowlands of Pwllgwaelod. Mr Williams came with me and the other went for the doctor. We returned and found the deceased still sensible. I only heard him say, “I am shot, this will kill me”. The deceased was a competent shot. The other was a stranger to me. Both were sober at the time. We took him here to the house. He said William James was not to blame for the accident. I do not know how

the accident happened as I did not see James at the time. He was about three or four yards away when deceased was shot. I was close to the deceased when it happened. We were talking at the time. William James dropped his gun and I picked up both his and deceased and put them on one side. I took the cap off the barrel of one gun which was a double barrel breechloader. The other was a single barrel and it was discharged.

William James was then called, and having been sworn, deposed – I live at Brynhenllan and am working in a colliery in Glamorganshire. I knew the deceased. We were brought up together since children. I spent the greater part of my time with the deceased when I was at home. On Thursday last, I was out with deceased shooting rabbits. We went out early in the afternoon and got to the Island about six o'clock. We were there about quarter of an hour before we came to the place where the accident happened. We had parted for a while, then met up again. We met Mr Prowse the coastguardsman. The right barrel only of the deceased's gun was loaded, the other had been discharged at a rabbit. I did not try to put the hammer down. I did not hear the deceased say there was a rabbit. He said he was going further up to look for a rabbit. Mr Prowse was walking alongside of him. I was walking abreast of them, but a little further down. I slipped over a stone as it was very rough there. The stock of the gun struck the ground and the barrel was discharged. I did not know that Andrew was shot until Prowse shouted out. I carried the gun in my left hand as I expected to see a rabbit. When Prowse went to get assistance, deceased told me not to cry as I could not help it.

The next witness sworn was John Williams who said – I live at Tygwyn and am a farmer. On Thursday evening I was met on the road by Mr Prowse a former witness and from what he told me I went with him to the place called Carreg y Fran. I saw the deceased there. When he saw me he said he was shot. William James was walking back and fore and crying. I said to him, "Don't cry William bach, you couldn't help it". Both were very good friends.

Henry Bowen Perkins, having been sworn, deposed – I am a medical practitioner in Newport. On Thursday evening last, I was called to see deceased about quarter to nine. I saw him about quarter to ten. He was lying upon a bed and in a state of collapse. I examined him and found a lacerated wound about two and a half inches in diameter. Around the wound were several small puncture wounds. I found that the hip bone was perforated and the whole charge was lodged in the abdomen. I saw at once that it was a gunshot wound and I would say that it was certainly not more than three or four yards away when the shot was fired. The only thing I could extract was the thick wadding that is over the powder. Deceased was quite conscious all the time. He said he had been shot and that it was an accident. He knew he would not recover. I knew at once that the case was hopeless. It is my belief that he was shot from behind and slightly on the right. The direction of the shot was inwards and upwards. The cause of death was shock from a shot wound.

This concluded the evidence and after some consideration the jury returned the following verdict – that the said Andrew Campbell Reymond, about seven p.m. On Thursday the nineteenth instant at Carreg y Fran on Dinas Island, while rabbit shooting, received the contents of the barrel of a gun in the hands of one William James and which became discharged by the latter's stumbling, in his right side and died therefrom at six-thirty on Friday the twentieth instant, at Dinas Island aforesaid upon the oath do further say that at the time and place the said deceased died of shock occasioned by the gunshot wound accidentally received as aforesaid.

THE FUNERAL The mortal remains of Mr A C Raymond were laid to rest in Dinas churchyard on Monday afternoon, immediately after the inquest. The funeral was very

largely attended, which showed the respect in which the deceased gentleman was held and the sympathy felt for the family in their sad and sudden bereavement. The officiating clergymen were the Rev Lloyd Lloyd, vicar of Fishguard and the Rev Mr Williams, rector of Dinas.

Marriage: September 24th at the Registrar's Office, Haverfordwest, Mr W J Allen Phillips of Letterston and Miss Martha Ann Thomas of Dinas Cross.

10 October

A serious fire took place at Parkymorfa Farm on Friday morning last when considerable damage was done. How the fire originated is not known.

The ordinance of baptism was performed by the Rev J W Maurice at Tabor Chapel on Sunday morning last in the presence of a large number of people when three persons were immersed.

The friends worshipping at Brynhenllan purpose making the meetings to be held on the first Tuesday and Wednesday in November a great success of which further particulars will be given shortly.

17 October

Martha Ann Harries, Parke, Dinas charged David Thomas, farmer, Tygwyn, Nevern, to show cause etc. Mr W L S Tombs solicitor, Fishguard, appeared for the complainant and Mr H R Daniel solicitor, Cardigan, for defendant. The evidence in this case revealed a very curious state of things. It appears that the applicant had lived as a servant with defendant for something like 19 years and that an aunt of hers had live there for about 30 years who now appeared to give evidence against her niece, but the cross examination of the old lady by Mr Tombs practically decided the case. There did not seem to be any dispute that the defendant was the father of a child which the applicant had had before and that he had frequently promised to marry her but had failed up to the present to fulfil his promise. The Bench made an order for 4s per week for 13 years and defendant to pay all costs including the medical and advocate's fees.

24 October

The anniversary services of the church at Tabor will be held on Tuesday evening and Wednesday next week, October 29th and 30th. The officiating ministers are the Rev W Harries, Trecynon, Aberdare, Rev J R Evans, Llwynhendy, and then Rev J Evans, Rhydwlilm. Collections will be made Wednesday morning and evening.

7 November

The anniversary services were held at Tabor Chapel Dinas Cross on Tuesday and Wednesday of last week when eloquent sermons were delivered by the Rev Harries, Mill Street, Aberdare, Evans, Llwynhendy and Evans, Rhydwlilm.

12 December

Announcement: Wednesday 25 (Christmas Day) Lecture at Gideon, Dinas by Rev B Rowland. Subject: "Ffraethebion ein Cenedl"

21 December

The Rev B Rowlands, the respected pastor of Gideon delivered his popular lecture on “Ffraethebion ein Cenedl” at the above place on Wednesday evening last. In the unavoidable absence of Capt Harries JP through illness, Capt Peregrine was voted to the Chair and discharged his duties in a very creditable manner. The audience was large and appreciative. Unfortunately, the reverend gentleman suffered from a severe cold, but in spite of this, it was one of the best lectures that has been delivered in Dinas for a long time. The audience was very orderly with the exception of one young man who evidently came there with the intention of being rowdy, but after a severe drilling which he received from the lecturer and chairman, he left the chapel a “sadder man”.

1896

30 January

Presentation: Lately, Mr T D Maurice, a third year pupil teacher at Dinas Board School and the youngest son of Rev J W Maurice, the much respected pastor of Tabor Baptist Chapel was transferred to the Wattstown Schools under the Ystradfodog School Board. The Staff and children, led by Mr J Harries, the able and successful headmaster of the schools, on the occasion of his leaving, presented him with a beautiful writing desk, a pupil teacher's course (4th year) and Moffat's Deductions from Euclid. The general feeling was that the Staff and children honoured themselves as well as Master T D Maurice by this spontaneous and worthy deed. The prevailing feeling of the Presentation was one of sincere prayer for the future success of the amiable and able pupil teacher in his new sphere as also for that of his worthy father and highly respected family.

Tabor: On the evening of Friday February 7th, a very interesting meeting will be held at the above chapel when recitations and singing of various well selected pieces will be rendered under the leadership of Messrs J Howells, J Harries (Board Schools) and M Lewis. The inhabitants, as they are wont to do when anything of this kind is to be held at Tabor are looking forward to a grand intellectual feast. The meeting will commence at 6.30 p.m. And at the close a collection will be made to defray expenses.

9 April

Letter: Macpelah Cemetery, Dinas.

Sir, Permit me a small space in your widely read newspaper to draw the attention of the proper authorities to the necessity of repairing the hedges of the above cemetery. They have been for some time in a dilapidated state and cattle etc may enter with ease from the mountainside and trample over the graves. The expense of repairing would be but very small and I trust a hint to the wise is sufficient. Yours truly, A Parishioner, Dinas.

FISHGUARD PETTY SESSIONS. The above sessions were held at the Town Hall, Fishguard on Thursday last before J Worthington Esq. (Chairman), Dr Williams (Drim), Dr Havard (Newport) and Capt Harries (Dinas)

DINAS PUBLIC HOUSE CASE. Mrs Rosina Williams of the Glanffynon Hotel, Dinas was charged with selling beer during prohibited hours to persons not being “bona fide” travellers or persons lodging therein on Friday night the 7th day of February. Mr Walter J Vaughan, solicitor, Fishguard appeared for Mrs Williams.

P.S. Rosser stated that on the night in question he visited the defendant's premises at 10.25 and found in a room at the back of the house 8 persons from the vicinity of Dinas, and there was a large number of cups and glasses, and a quart jug containing beer on the table. He drew the landlady's attention to the time.

Supt. Phillips: What time did they come out of the concert?

P.S. Rosser: At 9.4, Sir.

Cross examined by Mr Vaughan: As to the time, 10.25, where did you get that time from?

P.S. Rosser: We are supposed to keep the correct time.

Mr Vaughan: Where did you get it from?

P.S. Rosser: The town clock

Mr Vaughan: When you went in, what were they doing?

P.S. Rosser: Enjoying themselves.

Mr Vaughan: Were they not reading a piece that was competed for at the meeting at Tabor?

P.S. Rosser: I heard something about a piece.

Mr Vaughan: What did Mrs Williams say when you drew her attention to the illegal hours?

P.S. Rosser: She said she was very sorry it occurred, that they had only just come out of the meeting at Tabor Chapel, and asked him not to report it.

Mr Vaughan: Was there any attempt at concealment?

P.S. Rosser: No, I opened the door myself.

Supt. Phillips referring to an observation made by Mr Vaughan as to the time, produced a copy of an Act on the point which stated that - "Whenever any expression of time occurs in any Act of Parliament, deed or other legal instrument, the time referred shall, unless it is otherwise specifically stated, be held in the case of Great Britain to be the Greenwich mean time."

Mr Vaughan: I am aware of that, and if you refer to Stone's Justice Manual you will find a note referring to the Act."

Mr Vaughan, in addressing the Bench for the defence, admitted that Mrs Williams had been guilty of a technical breach of the law; that it was unintentional and in the face of the exceptional circumstances under which it occurred, he asked them, as they had power to do, not to proceed to a conviction, but to dismiss the information with costs. He stated it was her first offence, and mentioned the circumstances of the case, pointing out that there was a discrepancy as to the time, as according to Mrs Williams who stated that she regulated her clock by the Post Office time and always kept the same 5 minutes fast, it was only 10.25 by the clock when P.S. Rosser left the house, and which was 10.20 by the correct time.

After the charges against the eight persons found on the premises had been heard, two of whom were present in court and pleaded guilty, the Bench imposed a fine of 10s and costs upon Mrs Williams (the license not to be endorsed) and 1s each and costs upon the two defendants who appeared in court, and those defendants who did not appear were fined 2s each and costs.

30 April

SUICIDE AT DINAS The inhabitants of Dinas were thrown into a state of commotion on Monday last when it became known that Mr John Evans, carpenter of Cwmyreglwys had committed suicide by hanging himself. It appears that Mr Evans had got up from bed as usual on Monday morning and went out to look for his cows. He returned about 7.45 a.m. And called his wife to go and milk the cows. After she

had done milking. The cows she returned to the house, and not seeing her husband she called out 'John', twice or three times, but receiving no reply she thought he had gone out, but upon entering a back room she was horrified to find her husband hanging by the neck to a bar that crossed the room. Assistance was at once called for and the rope was cut but life was extinct. Deceased was well-known and highly respected in Dinas. An inquest was held on the body on Wednesday when a verdict was returned that Mr Evans had committed suicide whilst in a state of temporary insanity.

MARRIAGE April 28th at Ebenezer Chapel Haverfordwest, by the Rev W Mendus, the bride's uncle, Rev T Tudor, Congregational Minister, Ebbw Vale, to Louisa, the youngest daughter of Capt W Richards, Hill Park, Dinas Cross.

The sad news of the death of Capt Howells of the above place was received on Monday. He was Captain of the barque "Raglan Castle" and homeward bound from Iquique for Falmouth, and on Sunday the vessel passed the Lizard and signalled that the captain had died that morning. The greatest sympathy is felt for Mrs Howells.

FUNERAL OF CAPT J HOWELLS OF DINAS CROSS. In our issue of April 20th it was announced that the beloved Capt John Howells of Rose Place, Dinas was dead. He suffered from pleurisy at Iquique, the port of loading on the coast of Chile before the vessel started on its homeward voyage. Under good medical care and good nursing, he recovered from that illness, but having been at sea for about a week, signs of dropsy shewed itself and he grew worse during the passage, until, when in sight of Old England on the morning of Sunday April 26th, he suddenly expired when off the Wolf Rock. The body was landed at Falmouth in the afternoon of the day of his death. The Chief Officer, who is also a Welshman, gave directions that if no one claimed the body before Tuesday afternoon, it was to be buried at Falmouth with due respect and solemnity as behoved the burial of a Christian gentleman. The body was claimed and brought home to Dinas by Capt B Harries, Bay View on Wednesday April 29th. On the following Friday, May 1st, an interment took place at Macpelah and the funeral was one of the largest as well as one of the most respectable ever seen in Dinas. The Rev J Jenkins, Newport (who himself has since been laid in his grave) very touchingly read and prayed in the house and the Rev J W Maurice delivered a short sermon from the 57th Psalm, 1st verse, a text selected by the widow, as an expression of her experience and determination in her sad and sudden affliction. At the grave, the Rev M Mendus spoke a few very appropriate words and the Rev B Rowlands, Gedeon closed by prayer. At the request of the sorrowing family, the hymn "*O Fryniau Caersalem ceir gweled*" was sung in the house. "*Mae nghyfeillion adre'n mynd*" was also sung on the way between the house and the graveyard and the old "*Delyn Aur*" was sung at the graveside. The choir was ably led by Mr J Harries, headmaster of the Board School.

Capt Howells was the oldest son of the late John and Ann Howells of Trewrach. Until, about twenty years or more, he worked on the farm with his parents and promised to become one of the most useful men in the whole place. He was a good singer and an eminently good member of the Church at Tabor. He married Miss Winifred Davies of Rose Place who was then well known as a poetess of some repute. After his marriage, he took to the sea as is generally the case with the young men of the place. Having served the required time, he passed all his exams for his certificates and in due time he was appointed to the command of the Barque "Raglan Castle" belonging to a Liverpool firm and on board of which he died on the Sunday morning in question. We are glad to say, though Capt Howells was a seafaring gentleman, he

took his religion with him on all his voyages and held a religious service on board his ship always when convenient. His death is greatly lamented by a large circle of friends, by the Church in which he was a member and especially by his dear family, for whom the greatest sympathy is felt and may the Great Comforter be with Mrs Howells and her daughters in a special manner and their relatives and friends.

14 May

A BURGLARY AT FISHGUARD. In front of the Bench was George Carter, a young man of no fixed abode who was charged with burglariously entering the dwelling house of Mr Thomas, Delyn Fach near Fishguard. Called to give evidence was Mary Ellen Stephens of Clover Hill public house, Dinas who said that the prisoner came to their house about midday on the day in question and was supplied with beer at the door and went away. He returned later in the day with two other men and were supplied with drink for which the prisoner tendered pay. They left the house and returned about 8 p.m. The prisoner with two other men returned again next morning and at the prisoner's request was served with breakfast and afterwards with drink, the prisoner paying for all. Anne Harries, Star Inn Dinas, also deposed to serving the prisoner and another with drink at their house, for which the prisoner paid. PC Morgan of Newport deposed to arresting the prisoner about half a mile from Cardigan and subsequently bringing him to Fishguard Lock Up. The prisoner made no reply to the charge and, after a consultation, the Bench remanded him to the next Quarter Sessions at Haverfordwest.

11 June

CWYMYREGLWYS DINAS CROSS To the Editor of the County Echo
Sir, Allow me a small space in your valuable paper to lay before the people of Dinas, and especially the parish council, the state of the dear old burying ground of Cwmyreglwys. I say dear because, I think it is so to all true-born Dinasites, for I truly believe that almost of them have some very near relatives resting there. The use that is made of the ground lately is barbarous to every true-thinking Christian. It has been turned into a regular farmyard or hay guard, a spreading place for fishing nets and the once valuable tombstones are used for drying floor mats, rags etc. and other unsightly use is made of the place. In the year 1882, after the sea had made a large breach in the sea-wall, a few of the "better spirits" went loyally about the work of repairing the wall. Although a great deal of enquiries and correspondence were made, no responsible authority for the repairing of the ancient burying place was found and rather than the sea should take possession of the place, a few loyal parishioners went about the work and collected a sufficient sum to repair the sea-wall and all the walls around. People contributed liberally but I venture to say no one from the Bishop down to the poorest of the inhabitants ever thought that the sacred place of the dead would be turned to such abominable use as at present. I hope the parish council will wake up in the matter to a sense of their duty, for they are the real authority to deal with this abandoned place. I would like to see the dear old place closed up and thus prevent it being monopolised in the disgraceful way it is at present. I am, yours truly
A LOVER OF THE SPOT

18 June

CWYMYREGLWYS (DINAS CROSS) BURYING-GROUND. To the Editor of the COUNTY ECHO

SIR,- I was very pleased to read in your valuable paper last week a letter by a "Lover of the old Spot". There are many other "lovers of the old spot" at Dinas besides your correspondent and I have no doubt but that it is the wish and desire of most of the parishioners that the Dinas Parish Council should take possession of Cwmyreglwys burying-ground, and close it up, so that the place might be saved from being further degraded. I believe that Capt. Harries, JP was for years in the habit of renting the ground, and is still doing so, and I feel sure, if it is in his power, he would willingly hand over its control to the parish council, together with a full statement of accounts from the year 1882. Yours truly, DINASITE.

To the Editor of the COUNTY ECHO

SIR, - Having read the grievance of a "lover of the spot" in your last week's issue, I should like to know through the medium of your paper, for the sake of public interest if his grievance arises from a good motto and respect, or is it malice through a family quarrel. He seems anxious to awaken the public mind with something new, but it is not so, for I remember it 20, 30 and forty years ago when an old mare called "Betsy" was a constant boarder at the churchyard and knocked down many of its tombstones. I also remember loads of furze being placed where the hay-rick complained of stands at present, and some kind friend set fire to them. But, alas, the place has changed hands, but never mind, it is still with some of the family! The parish council, I thought, (but it may be my ignorance), were elected to look after the interests of the "living" and not the "dead", at any rate I think the "living" have the first claim for the council's attention, and if "lover of the old spot" will kindly ask one or two of the parish councillors to accompany him to Jericho and there examine the small stream of water, and follow its course to Ffynnonwen and the Rectory, and thence to Cwmyreglwys, where 18 or 20 families have to make use of it, and they will find it is unfit for the "living". And if they will proceed further down they will find the following:- "Add virtue to beauty; subtract envy from friendship; multiply amiable accomplishments by sweetness and temper; divide time by sociability and economy, and reduce scandal to its lowest denomination" - Yours etc., INHABITANT

25 June

CWMYREGLWYS (DINAS CROSS) BURYING-GROUND. To the Editor of the COUNTY ECHO

Sir,- Having closed my letter last week without giving a full statement of the so-called degradation of the churchyard, will you kindly grant me space in this week's issue to do so. In the first place the "nets" which were referred to by your correspondent belonged to two fishermen, and it will be remembered by all interested that sometime ago one of them was prosecuted, and having no other place to dry his nets was permitted to place his poles on the old playground where there are no graves, and thus dry his nets. The other fisherman, in company with the owner of the hay, rents the churchyard. The "rick of hay" referred to is placed at the entrance to the churchyard where there are no graves. The "rags" referred to were clothing, spread on the briars around the churchyard hedges to dry, and the "mats" mentioned were the property of some person from Dinas, and were washed in the tide and hung upon the walls to dry, which is a common occurrence during the house-cleaning season. I challenge anyone to deny the accuracy of my statement. The churchyard was never in the memory of anyone living in a better state than at present. There is no one who would like to see a reformation at Cwmyreglwys more than the writer, but let us begin in the right way and in the right place. First of all, let us have clean, wholesome water, and secondly

let us have better roads, for they are in a deplorable state in wet weather. If we can have the necessary improvements, ten minutes will suffice to clear the churchyard of its encumbrance. I shall leave your readers who are acquainted with the place to judge for themselves, but I wish it to be understood that I do not say that it is right to monopolise this or any other consecrated spot, but our liberties at Cwmyreglwys are very narrow, and some evil disposed persons want to make them still narrower. I may here state that a petition will be forwarded to the parish council in our behalf. Many applications have been made from time to time, and many promises have been made on the part of the inspector of nuisance, but we are still obliged to use filthy water.
Yours truly, INHABITANT

To the Editor of the COUNTY ECHO,
Sir,- I have read INHABITANTS letter in your last issue and I must say that he gave a very fair account of the dear old burying-ground of Cwmyreglwys since the big gale of October 1859, or what is generally termed the "Royal Charter Gale" when all the sea wall and the greater part of the south wall were washed away and there was nothing left to prevent cattle etc from going into the churchyard and trample over the graves. But as I said in my former letter, the place was closed up in 1882, with a promise to the public that nothing in the future should disturb its peace. But, alas, the place had been infested now with all sorts of nuisances. I feel proud of the "kind friend" that set fire to the load of furze in question, and I would be glad if some other "kind friend" would set fire to the present rick of hay, nets and netpoles. I say this from pure principle and not from malice. I find the "Inhabitant" refers in his letter to "family matters", but all I say is, "him that is without sin among you let him first cast a stone". The point I had in view was to show to your numerous readers the disgraceful state Cwmyreglwys burying-ground is in, and "Inhabitant" has rendered valuable assistance in exposing the matter. I was rather amused at "Inhabitant's" suggestion that I and some members of the parish council should inspect the water supply at Cwmyreglwys. I fail to understand what has that to do with the question at issue. We, as ratepayers are already over-burdened with rates and taxes and it would be unfair for the parish council to incur further expenses by having a new water supply for freeholders and landlords at Cwmyreglwys,
Yours etc, "A LOVER OF THE SPOT"

DEATH. On June 28th at Tymeini, Fishguard, Mrs Elia Mendus, wife of the Rev John Mendus, aged 78 years.

16 July

On Friday next, Tabor Sunday School will journey to Carnwnda, Pencaer for their annual outing.

23 July

TABOR SUNDAY SCHOOL TREAT As is usual with this Sunday School to go for a day's outing in the month of July (between the hay and the grain harvests), the same good custom was followed this year. Last year, Rosebush was the place at which the pleasant day was spent. On that occasion about two hundred children and their friends were conveyed in all sorts of vehicles that the people themselves could supply. This year, Garnfawr in the parish of Llanwnda was selected as the spot on which to give the tea and to enjoy the innocent recreative games, and a better spot could not have been selected. There is more to be seen from Garnfawr than any other place in

Pembrokeshire, if not more than any other place in Wales. Garnfawr stands at the western extremity of Pencaer, and was at one time a British encampment, all the lines of which can be distinctly traced today and many parts of which are in a good state of preservation today. From the summit of this grand old rock which at one time offered shelter and protection to eight to ten thousand men, may be seen nearly the whole of Pembrokeshire; large portions of Carmarthenshire and Cardiganshire; the island around Milford, the Small, the Bishops, Skomar, the coast of Ireland and the whole of Cardigan Bay up to Bardsey, Aberdaron and Pwllheli. We could see no less than sixteen parishes, but failed to see the churches of Llanwnda and Manorowen. The visit to Garnfawr will surely afford satisfaction to anyone in quest of the *beautiful*, the *awful*, and the *sublime*.

On Friday morning, July 17th, we started from Tabor at nine o'clock in the morning, about two hundred and fifty in number, in twenty-one traps etc., including two donkey carts drawn by pairs and which during the whole journey to and fro played their part as well as any two horses in the procession, and seven of the largest brakes Dinas, Newport, and Fishguard could supply. The procession, headed by Mr G E O Davies, of Garn, went through Fishguard by Rhosfelen, Ffynnonrhidian, Caerau, Penysgwarne, and Harmony, to Garnfawr. I am happy to state that not a hitch or an accident of any kind occurred during the whole day, thanks to the experience of the drivers and the able management of the stewards – Messrs Howells, Laugharne, Thomas, and Evans. When we reached Garnfawr we found a convenient little field that had been selected on which to lay the clothes and to enjoy the good things provided for us and also that Mr Thomas Vaughan, Tanymynydd had lit the fires and boiled the water in readiness to accommodate us. Having done justice to the tea and cake, some set out to enjoy innocent games, others to enjoy the scenery and fresh air on Garnfawr, and others to explore this and other Cairns in the neighbourhood. It was soon evident that everyone had come to enjoy himself in the best way he could, and also to contribute to the enjoyment of his neighbours. Whatever differences may have occurred between friends and neighbours since our visit to Rosebush are now forgotten, and buried at Garnfawr and never be raised to cause any trouble or pain again. There is nothing like a good day's outing to make people forget their differences, indeed, it is a veritable day of jubilee. During the afternoon, Mr and Mrs Llewhelin, Bristgarn, Mr and Mrs Llewhelin, Maildy, Rev W Rees, Harmony, Rev J Phillips, Trefasser, Mrs Crunn, Trehilin, Mrs Vaughan, Tanymynydd and their families joined us and did all in their power to make the outing as pleasant as possible. After a second tea, the singing of the old Welsh hymn, “Bydd myrdd o rhyfeddodau“, and some school tunes by the schoolchildren (under the leadership of Mr John Harries) and passing a vote of thanks to Mr T Vaughan and family, we made for home through Goodwick and Fishguard and reached Dinas safely about half past eight in the evening. It would be invidious, perhaps, to make a distinction between one lady of gentleman or another, especially where all contributed all in their power to make things pleasant and successful, but we must in justice mention the leaders. Great praise is due to Mrs Davies, Garn; Mrs Howells, Hescwm Mill; Mrs Maurice, Tabor Villa; Mrs Gronow (the veteran of fifty annual days of the kind) and the host of young lady workers that assisted them so readily and ably and to Messrs G Davies, J Reynolds, S George, J Howells, G Laugharne, David Thomas, Evan Evans, and Mr J Harries; and it is only right to say that the minister of the church was present, and appeared as usual, fond of his people and thoroughly enjoying himself, and doing anything he could to make the people happy and the day's work a grand success. We are now looking forward to a similar day of enjoyment at some other place next year.

May the Lord spare us until then, and make us better people. Before we conclude, we beg, as Sunday School and Church to return our most sincere thanks to Dr Perkins of Newport for his kindness in sending his horse and trap to carry our dear pastor and his family to and from Garnfawr. May the Lord bless him and make him a blessing.

ONE OF THE PARTY

DINAS SCHOOL BOARD To the Ratepayers of Dinas and Fishguard

Ladies and Gentlemen, - The report of annual examination of this school has just come to hand, a copy of which we give for your information and is as follows – *Mixed School*. – This school has passed a very good examination in the elementary work and recitation, English and geography have been well taught. The singing by note was very good. The needlework exercises were fair.

Infants Class. The Infants did well in the elementary work and objects lessons. The use of fingers in counting should be discouraged. The result of the drawing examination was also “excellent”. The result shows that the mixed school has obtained the highest possible grants in all things, save sewing, and we hope to secure the highest mark for this subject also. The above shows that the steps of the Board were reluctantly compelled to take two years ago have been justified and the charges brought against them at that time have been fully refuted. The school has been raised from the state of inefficiency in which our able and worthy master found it eighteen months ago to the highest state of efficiency possible. The school has also been exempted from examination next year. We hope to maintain the efficient state in which it is at present and hope you will extend to us the help we so much want by keeping your children in school regularly.

Yours obediently, (for the Board), W J ROWLANDS, Clerk

Rev J W Maurice, Tabor Villa, Dinas wrote a series of long articles on the Landing of the French at Fishguard in 1797.

6 August

Through the courteous invitation of Mr Raymond of Dinas Island, Sir Marteine Lloyd, who is now resident at Newport Castle, got a fine wild goat on the sea rocks last Friday. Sir Marteine had an interesting stalk of 2 hours and finally got a galloping shot.

DINAS VISITORS. Clover Hill, Mr Williams and Mr and Mrs Gronow and family, Pontardawe.

27 August

DINAS PEMBROKESHIRE Important Sale of Valuable Freehold Dwelling Houses MR W GEORGE JAMES has been instructed to Offer for Sale by Public Auction at the Glanffynon Hotel, Bwlchmawr on Friday, 28th day of August, 1896 at 2.30 p.m. Precisely the undermentioned Freehold Dwelling Houses and Premises situate in the village of Bwlchmawr adjoining the road leading from Fishguard to Newport, in the parish of Dinas county of Pembroke, viz: Lot 1 – a Dwelling House, large walled Garden, and Premises, with front and side entrance in the occupation of Mrs E Morris at the yearly rent of £6 5s. Lot 2. A Dwelling House and Garden to the east side of Lot 1, now occupied by Mrs Mary Anne Gronow at the yearly rent of £5. Further particulars may be obtained of the Auctioneer, at his Offices, Fishguard, or of Mr Colin Rees Davies, Spring Gardens, Haverfordwest, Solicitor to the Vendor.

Dinas Pem.- Sale of 200 Mows of Corn -

W M WILLIAM REES CARVER has received instructions to sell by auction on Tuesday, August 25th, 1896, AT FFYNONONY in the parish of Dinas, a large quantity of oats and barley of the finest quality and harvested in the best possible condition consisting of 65 mows of Black Oats 45 mows of White Oats, and 90 mows of Barley Sale to commence at 2 O'clock sharp Also on Wednesday, September 23rd the whole of the stock, implements, and household furniture. Credit on Conditions

3 December

Dr H Bowen Perkins becomes Mayor of Newport. Born at Trevalgarn near Fishguard on 10 September 1863, his father being Mr Henry Perkins and his mother, the former Elisabeth Davies of Ffynnonofi, Dinas.

10 December

The Schoolchildren's Concert, which will be held at the Dinas Schoolroom on Tuesday, December 22nd, promises to be huge success. Among the items – 26 in all – appear the following; - “Fat Boy's Chorus”; “Laugh and grow Fat”; “Fire Brigade”; “The little Cooks”; “Little Haymakers”; “Kaoo Band”; “Little Sailors”; “Scarf Drill”; “Musical Drill”; “Musical Drill (with bells)”; “Twummy Mamgu”; “British Flag”; “Chinese Lantern”; and “Sospan Fach”. Mr Ted Owen, the well-known and popular comic, will relieve the children with a few songs. There will be no tickets sold at the door, and therefore we would advise those who intend to be present to secure their tickets at once which may be had of the schoolchildren on and after Saturday next. As this will be Mr Harries's last concert it is to be hoped that the schoolroom will be packed.

31 December

A grand concert was given by the Board School Children, as previously announced, on Tuesday evening, on December 22nd. The following programme was gone through in a most able and satisfactory manner: - Chorus “Beautiful Moonlight”, children: dialogue “Lady Doctor,” Miss E M A Thomas and Party: song “Twummy Mamgu”, seven little girls: song, “Whist the Pussey Cat,” Miss McKinsley and party: chorus “Laugh and Grow Fat,” children: song, “We shall not go to School any more,” song, “The Little Sailors,” nine boys: “Scarf Drill,” ten girls: song, “The little Haymakers.” five girls and three boys: song, “The Little Cooks,” eleven little girls: song, “Chinese Lantern”, song, “The Kasoo Band,” “Drill Instructor” Master Hugh Reynolds; chorus, “Ehedydd Bach Mwyn,” children; dialogue, “The Sick Dolly,” Master H. Reynolds and Miss E.M A Jenkins; song, “When I was young.” Mr J Harries; “Musical Drill with bells,” eight little girls; song, “Stocking Menders,” twelve girls; chorus, “Fat Boys,” eight boys; chorus, “Burlesque Band,” children; song, “The British Flag,” thirteen boys; chorus, “The Fire Brigade,” children; “The Minstrel Troupe,” in which masters H. Reynolds and B Davies figured prominently; finale, “God Save the Queen.” It was the best concert ever held in the place in every respect and we very much doubt whether such a concert was ever given in the county. It is a great credit to Mr Harries and a great satisfaction to the Board to find that the school is in such a high state of efficiency. Mr Harries (master) was the conductor and accompanist; the Rev J W Maurice, chairman; and the audience was about twice as many as the room could comfortably hold. “Melus, moes eto.”

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13 January

The North Pembrokeshire Annual Ploughing Match will be held at Hescwm Farm (by the kind permission of Mr T.C Bennett) on Wednesday February 2nd 1898. Open to all comers. Chairman Mr John Williams, Tygwyn, Dinas Cross. Treasurer Mr E S Bennett, Castle Hill, Dinas Cross. Secretary Mr James Howell, Hescwm Mill, Dinas Cross. For further particulars see posters.

20 January

Statement of Account of the children's concert on December 24 1897 –

– to amount of money received by the treasurer for tickets sold	£4	10s	6d
– to amount received on the night of the concert at the door	£1	3s	6d
Receipts	£5	14s	
– Expenditure – for the children's Jubilee Medals		12s	2d
– Mr Harries for song books and use of organ		1s	10d
– Mr D Harries for oranges		5s	
– Mr David Harries for erecting and removing platform		5s	
– Mr L Evans for printing		3s	6d
– Mr Bennett for two hanging lamps for the school	£1	17s	
– Mr Bennett for braid and wadding		2s	3½d
– 'Shipping Gazette' fund	£1		
– for cleaning room		2s	6d
– Cash in treasurer's hand		8s	8½d
– Signed THOMAS PEREGRINE.			

10 February

Ploughing Match at Dinas. The annual meeting in connection with the North Pembrokeshire Ploughing and Agricultural Society took place on Wednesday the 2nd inst. At Hescomb Farm, Dinas – this being the scene of operations. The genial host and hostess, Mr and Mrs T.C Bennett entertained all comers in the most hospitable manner. In the ploughing classes, twenty-seven ploughs put in an appearance and the work was pronounced to be above the average for the past two years. The judges were also agreeably surprised to see so many good horses and especially commended the brood mares.

In the Extra-Champion class A – the 1st and 2nd prizes were divided between Messrs. W J Hughes, Penylan, and William Williams, Vron.

Champion, class B – 1st prize Mr T Rowe, Cwmcenne; 2nd Mr D Morgan, Berry; 3rd, Mr E Evans, Island.

General class C – 1st, Mr Marsden jun. Ffynonddofn; 2nd Mr O Harries, Garn Vach; 3rd Mr H Harries, Trellwyn, 4th Mr J Howells, Holm House; 5th, Mr H Vaughan, Tredafydd.

Class D – 1st prize Mr James Evans, Garn; 2nd Mr William Morris, Pant; 3rd, Mr Peter Owen, Hescomb

The judges were Messrs. D Llewelin, Maildy; D Richards, Rhydymaen, Nevern; and Evan Thomas, Whitchurch, Eglwysrwr. The secretarial duties were very efficiently carried out by Mr James Howell, the Mill. The treasurer was Mr E S Bennett and the chairman of committees, Mr John Williams, Tygwyn, and needless to say these duties were also admirably carried out. We offer the committee our heartiest congratulations on such a successful issue.

The following is a statement of the accounts in connection with the ploughing match.

Receipts

In hand from last year	£ 0	6s	6d
Total subscriptions received	£10	1s	6d
£10 8s			

Expenditure

Cost of tape measure	£ 0	7s	6d
Entrance fees returned	£ 0	12s	6d
Printing, stationery, postage etc.	£ 1	5s	6d
Amount of prizes given	£ 7	7s	6d
£ 9 13s			

Amount carried forward of aid of
special ploughing match

£ 0 15s
£10 8s

The committee beg to publicly tender their best thanks to J Worthington, Esq., and J Wynford Philipps for their kind contributions; and also to all other local subscribers to the fund. Also to the judges who gave general satisfaction and to host Bennett, for his capital spread. The above accounts were audited and found correct by the financial committee, J Williams, chairman; J Howell, Hescomb Mill, secretary; E.S Bennett, treasurer.

Mr Stephen Davies, the blacksmith, was never so jubilant as he was on Wednesday, His beaming countenance, rosy cheeks, and winning smiles, were objects of general remark. Moreover he walked hurriedly from place to place, meanwhile ejaculating wildly and waving his arms in the most excited manner. What was the cause of all those wild and eccentric movements on the part of our 'gof y plwyf'? We ultimately found our blacksmith had good reason for such wild rejoicing for eight of the prize ploughs were either manufactured or repaired by him. Mr Stephen Davies would be glad to receive orders for new ploughs.

WEDDING A very interesting wedding was solemnized at Bethania Baptist Chapel, Cardigan, on Thursday the 3rd instant, the contracting parties being Captain Llewelyn Owen Llewellyn, eldest son of Mrs A Llewellyn, Jericho and Miss N E Williams, eldest daughter of Mr John Williams, Tygwyn. Mr Dewi Harries, Cambria Terrace, undertook the duties of best man, assisted by Mr Tom Llewelyn, brother of the bridegroom, while the bridesmaids were Miss Maggie Williams, sister of the bride, and Misses Anna James and Mabel Rees, cousins of the bridegroom. The bride was given away by her father, the Squire of Tygwyn. The nuptial knot was tied by the Rev J W Maurice, Tabor Villa, and this ceremony over, the joyous party adjourned to the

Commercial Hotel, where full justice was done to the sumptuous repast which had been catered by the landlady. The happy couple left amid a shower of rice, old boots, etc. and with the best wished of all, for Cardiff, where the honeymoon will be spent.

Amongst the guests at the breakfast at Tygwyn were the following, Revs J W Maurice and J Williams, rector; Capt And Mrs D Harries, Soar Hill; Mr and Mrs Dewi Harries, Cambria Terrace; Mr and Mrs Vaughan, Pistyll-Meigan; Mr T Llewellyn, Misses Anna James and Mabel Rees and Mrs James. Newport. Mr John Jenkins with his Jubilee Gun took command of the shooting, and Mr David Mendus, Rose Hill, acted as his lieutenant.

The Ploughing Match committee met at Glanffynnon Hotel on Monday evening, Mr John Williams in the chair. It was decided to hold another match at Tyrhos next Monday February 14th, and that the surplus money of the previous match be given there in prizes. A competition will be for the champion and general classes, but open only to locals and the competitors of the 2nd instant.

It is not often we come across an A B who can hold his own in agricultural pursuits. Mr Peter Owen has not been home long but still he proved his mettle at the ploughing match, by beating many tillers of the ground at their own game.

Dinas was well represented at the Methodist meetings at Fishguard. The good folk at Brynhenllan mustered together in a strong array and seemed to have been well repaid for their trouble. When they came home we could hear nothing but Gwalchmai! Gwalchmai!

The Rev J W Maurice is suffering from the election fever. His convincing argument wrought a great impression in the mind of the Newport electors last Friday night.

The curfew tolls the knell of departing rabbits! They have hired a Pembroke slaughterer at the Island and he plays sad havoc upon these little creatures. Scores are killed daily and we may look to see the last of the bunny tribe ere long. 'Slaughter stay thy cruel hand and spare the poor little creatures a wee bit longer, I.e. until I have my gun ready.'

Service for Sunday:- Tabor, Rev J W Maurice. Brynhenllan: Rev James Harries, Clarboston. Gedeon: Rev J Pethian Davies, Solva. Church: Rev J Williams, rector. Outward-bounders:- Messrs. D Mendus, Rosehill and William George, Penwennol.

17 February

PLOUGHING MATCH. This match was brought off in favourable weather at Tyrhos Farm, on Monday 14th instant. The character of the work was a distinct improvement of that of the previous match at Hescwm. Seventeen ploughs entered the area and the prizes were distributed as follows - - Champion, Class A - 1st, Mr E Evans, Brynhenllan; 2nd prize, Mr William Thomas, Pentre; 3rd prize, Mr William Rees, Carnmadog. Champion, Class B - 1st prize, Mr Theophilus Harries, Trelwyn; 2nd and 3rd prize divided between Messrs W J Harries, Tygwyn, and D George, Mynyddmelyn; 4th prize, Mr Henry Evans, Ffynonovy. Class C - 1st prize, Mr Thos. Lewis, Werndew; 2nd prize, Mr John Thomas, Dyffryn; 3rd and 4th prize divided between Messrs Henry James, Brynhenllan and James Davies, Hescwm. The members of the committee beg to tender their warmest thanks to the judges, secretary, and treasurer

for the efficient carrying out of their various duties. The judges were Messrs. W J Hughes (Penylan), W J Williams (Vron), James Howells (Mills), and John Williams (Tygwyn); secretary Mr Dewi Harries; treasurer Mr E S Bennett. The host and hostess of Tyrhos also deserve thanks for providing so well for the inner man.

Bravo, Stephen! Thou hast still more reason to be proud. Your excellent ploughs won a good victory against all comers on Monday.

Several ploughs of English make, including a Hornsby, were in the field of play, but they cut up sadly against those of our Gof Stephen's ploughs, without a single exception took all the prizes and that is a remarkable if not a record achievement in the annals of ploughing matches. Oh! Stephen, have a little mercy for the "Made in Germany" articles or else you will soon receive orders from Germany.

Everyone complimented Mr Thomas James on his quick despatch. He finished first while his competitors failed to complete their task. Given three weeks, and Mr Thomas James would plough the whole of Dinas. The prizes in the Championship Class A were equally divided, but Mr William Rees, Carnmadog received a special prize, he being the only one to complete the work allotted to him.

Many complained that the judges made too much use of the tape while overlooking the quality of the work done. They are going to agitate next year to get Messrs. Thomas Rees, John Thomas and David Thomas, carpenters, to act as judges.

NEXT SUNDAY SERVICES:- Brynhenllan Rev J Griffiths, Cilgerran; Gedeon Rev Morris; Tabor, Rev J W Maurice; Church Rev J Williams, rector.

GEDEON, DINAS Prydnawn sabath diweddaf, claddwyd yr hyn oedd farwol o Moses Williams, Tai-ceimion, Dinas, yn 83 mlwydd oed. Efe ydoedd yr aelod a'r swyddog hynaf yn yr eglwys uchod. Yr oed dyn weddiwr nerthol ac yn drysorydd gonest. Ni chafwyd le i amheu ei onestrwydd na'i gywirdeb Bu "fyw yn sobr, yn gyfiawn, ac yn dduwiol". Gwasanaethwyd yn y ty, a phregethwyd yn y capel i dyrfa fawr a pharchus gan y Parch. B Rowlands, oddiar 1 Thess., v. 10. Cynorthwyd ar lan yr bedd gan y Parch. J G E O Morris, Trefdraeth.

17 March

DINAS CROSS The annual parish meeting of the above parish was held at the Schoolroom, on Monday evening last, the Rev J W Maurice in the chair. The following gentlemen being returned unopposed, were duly declared elected parish councillors for the ensuing year:

George Morgan, Tyhen	E Murrow, Tyrhos	D Harries JP, Soar Hill
W E Bennett, postmaster	W J Richards, Hill Park	T Harries, Star Inn.
E Evans, Brynhenllan	W J Raymond, Island	David Thomas, Rose Cottage
D George, Pantydwr		

Messrs James Howells, The Mill, and J Symonds, Tanybryn, will probably be elected unopposed members of the district council.

Sad death of Mrs E Griffiths, Glynhenllan, Dinas Cross We deeply regret to have to report the death of Mrs E Griffiths, Glynhenllan, Dinas Cross, which sad event occurred at Llandruidian, on the 11th instant, under painfully distressing circumstances. There is something wonderfully piteous in her death. Only three weeks ago she left her home apparently in her usual health to be in attendance on her nephew, Mr John James Harries, whose condition at that time was very precarious. She tended her nephew in his dangerous illness, watching night and day with the

tenderness of a mother, and the skill and patience of a nurse. Indeed it would be difficult to gauge the extent of the sufferer's indebtedness to her loving help and motherly devotion. But, alas! "the Lord moves in a mysterious way his wonders to perform" and poor Mrs Griffiths was herself laid low. The restless activity, sleeplessness and excitement proved too much for her already weak constitution and she who came to nurse remained to be nursed. Doctors Owen and Sweet, Fishguard, and Dr Havard, Newport, attended daily. Every thing that could possibly be done was done, but the sufferer was not destined to leave Llandruidian alive. The pulses of life were beating low. In the solemn hush of that mournful house where was such grief as has rarely hallowed any deathbed. A wife, a sister, an aunt, a friend endeared by every quality by which woman in such relations can win the love of the people, was passing into the Silent Land and her loving glance, her wise counsels, her cheerful sayings should be known among them no more. When the clock struck seven that night, the last long-drawn breath ceased and her noble spirit had fled. What lends an additional painfulness to the sad affair is the fact that the deceased's husband, to whom she was devotedly attached, was at the same time and place, in a very grave condition. On Sunday, his condition caused grave anxiety, and the doctors reported him in a "sinking condition", but happily on Monday there came a change for the better, and late on Tuesday the welcome news arrived that he was convalescent. Llandruidian has been a veritable hospital for the last month. Miss M A Harries, Castle Stores, and the head servant, beside those already mentioned were laid low at one and the same time, but we are pleased to say that the remaining four invalids are making satisfactory progress towards recovery. To Mr Griffiths, the husband, Captains James and William Harries (brothers) and all kind relatives and friends, we respectfully tender our heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement and distress.

THE FUNERAL The funeral took place on Monday, and the record concourse testified to the high esteem in which the deceased and relatives are held in Pembrokeshire. Going from home to die was a most pathetic incident, and one which went home to the hearts of all. The grief of the parish was universal, and the mourners must have found solace and relief in the sympathy of that huge crowd. After the Rev W J Rees, Harmony, had read a portion of the Scripture, and offered a fervent prayer, the mournful procession wended its way from Llandruidian for Tabor Chapel. The procession consisted of the following; carriages – 1st carriage Capt Harries, Bay View; Revs J Mendus, Tymeini, and W J Mendus, Haverfordwest; Captain and Mrs Harries, Soar Hill, Mrs and Miss Meyler, Soar Hill; Mr and Mrs Griffiths, Henllys; Mr and Mrs Griffiths, Bayvil; Miss Owen and sister, St Dogmell's; Mr and Mrs George, Trevoel; Mr Lewis, Maildy; Mr J Llewellyn, Bristgarn; Mr Jenkins, Trefelgarn; Mr W.D James, JP, Llysyrannen; Mr G Davies, Garn; Mr T Griffiths, Capel; Mr James Howells, Mill; Mr T C Bennett, Hescomb; Mr James Reynolds, Cilwenen; Mr D Reynolds, Fishguard; Mr Williams, Tygwyn; Mr Mendus, Dyffryn; Mr Symonds, Tanybryn; Mr B Rowlands, Spring Hill, Mr Stevens, Clover Hill; Mr E Murrow, Tyrhos; Mrs Llewellyn, Maesgwynne; Mr Davies, Trip, Cilgerran; Mr Ivor Evans, solicitor; Mr and Mrs Morris, Broyan; Carriage conveying the following ministers – Revs J W Maurice, W J Rees, E Watkins, B Rowlands, and G S Bowen. The bearers were Messrs Griffiths (Henllys), Griffiths (Bayvil), Griffiths (Pantygroes), George (Glynhenllan), S Picton (Coedcenlas); Llewellyn (Bristgarn), Davies (Garn), and J Williams (Tygwyn). At Tabor the Rev G S Bowen (Penuel), read and prayed and the Rev E Watkins (Cilgerran) delivered a short sermon. Both gentlemen were visibly affected and their sympathetic remarks brought tears to the eyes of many in that vast

crowd. The latter chose as his text, 13th verse in the 14th chapter of Revelations “and I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, etc”. The rev gentlemen spoke of the immense loss sustained by the church through the sad demise of Mrs Griffiths, and prayed that God in His infinite mercy and blessing would spare Mr Griffiths to be a pillar of strength to the cause for many years to come. He also appealed for sympathy on behalf of the deceased's brother, Capt Harries, Castle Stores – and the absent brother – Capt W J Harries, now resident at the Cape. The procession then resumed its march towards Macpelah. At the graveside the Rev J W Maurice paid a high tribute to the character of the deceased and her relatives and after the Rev G O Morgan had offered up a most touching prayer, the mortal remains were consigned to mother earth, amidst universal manifestations of regret. “Every dark cloud has a silver lining and the bereaved ones find comfort in the fact that deceased had gone safe into the arms of Jesus”. She sacrificed her life for the sake of others.

Beautiful wreaths were sent by Miss Drew, Bryn-Terrace; Capt and Mrs Harries, Soar Hill; Miss Meyler, Soar Hill; and Mrs Devonald, Letterston. The funeral arrangements were in the experienced hands of Mr David Thomas, Rose Cottage.

24 March

The name of Worthington is everybody's lips at Dinas just now. May the good old Samaritan never want the services of the professional nurse. We beg to offer him the Irish toast, “May he live for ever, and when he dies may all the hairs on his head be changed into wax candles to show the way to glory.” – J H.

7 April

The scholars who had attended the evening school were entertained by Mr and Mrs Harris to a sumptuous tea at the School on Tuesday afternoon last, Over sixty sat down at the tables including the members of the board. Full justice was done to the excellent cake and “Terwerin tea,” supplied by Mr O D Harries, New Cross. The evening school was brought to a close by a grand concert at the school, following the treat. The admission was only one penny. The items on the programme were solely contributed by members of the evening school and each earned well merited applause. It was pronounced by all present to be the most successful concert of its kind ever to be held in Dinas. The chair was very ably filled by Mr John Thomas, one of the senior scholars – while the proceedings were conducted by the Rev J W Maurice. The latter gentleman was in one of his best moods .

In the interval, Miss Maurice and Mrs M E Gronow ascended the platform. The former, in a most felicitous speech, spoke of the great progress she had made at the evening school, and urged other to join next winter. The latter in a brief but neat speech, spoke in the same strain, and said she had great pleasure, on behalf of her fellow pupils in presenting their worthy master with a magnificent set of silver moulder carvers and rests, in a case. However, Mr Harries was quite taken aback, for he was taken totally unawares and seemed to be at a loss what to say. He suitably responded and cherished the hope others would join the “happy family” next winter.

Mr John Thomas was rather reluctant to take the chair, but being pressed his “courage mounted with the occasion.” To a gentleman who ventured to offer him a few hints he retorted with the remark, “Yr ydyw fi wedi bod yn ysgol y nos, ac ydwy wedi dysgu llawer.” And such it proved to be the case, for he was an ideal chairman – Mr James Howells, The Mill, very kindly adjudicated on the year test competition. Three competitors came up – Misses D E Harries, Star Inn; Lily Thomas. Rose Neath;

and M A Thomas, Bennett Terrace. Each had all the tests correct and they received 6d. Each. There were two competitors for the impromptu speech, Mr William Harries, Bwlchmawr, and Miss Jesse Maurice. Both gave a masterly speech, and the adjudicators – Rev J W Maurice and Mr John Thomas – could do nothing better than divide the prize. The following were the most faithful members of the school and in accordance with the promise made at the beginning of the session their fees were returned – Mrs M A E Gronow, Misses Dorothy Jenkins, Rebecca George, Sally Edwards, D E Harries, Lily Thomas, M A Richards, and the chairman, Mr John Thomas. Many were the wails of lament in the class-room during the concert. The pupils looked back with pleasure to the happy times spent after school, and all regretted to see it coming to a close. The following was the programme: - Address by the Chairman, overture on the organ, Mr J Harries, reading Miss Jesse Maurice; solo, “Yr hen Freuddwydion”, Miss Griffiths, Capel: glee, “Ymlaen a Ni”, “Ladies Choir (led by Mr D.E Evans): duet “All's Well,” Misses R Howell and M A Evans, solo “The Gypsy's warning”. Miss Thomas, Pentre: Impromptu speech, prize 1s, divided between Mr W J Harries and Miss Maurice; solo, “O peidiwch a dweud wrth fy nghariad,” Miss M E Davies, who appeared (in Welsh costumes), Misses R Howell and Polly Harries, Bay View; solo, “Douglas Gordon,” Mrs Harries, Rosehill; Am y gân orau, I ysgol y nos, Mr W J Harries (first), Mr Walter Reynolds (second); duet, “Morning gilding,” the Misses Griffiths, Capel: presentation of fees to faithful pupils; presentation to Mr Harries, master; “Men of Harlech” (arranged for ladies voices), Ladies Choir; finale, “God save the Queen.”

Our readers' attention is called to the lecture to be given at Gedeon, on Monday evening next at 7 o'clock, by the Rev E S Evans, Tyrhos. The admission will be free, but a collection will be made at the close. The subject is a very interesting one, and the lecturer has proved his mettle on several occasions. The subject is – “Taith I America a Fair y Byd.” It is hoped that there will be a crowded attendance.

NEXT SUNDAY'S PREACHERS: Tabor, Rev J W Maurice; Church, Rev J Williams, Rector; Gedeon, Rev D S Evans, Tyrhos, Brynhenllan, Rev Davies, Whitland.

28 April

On Sunday, April 24th, at Tabernacle Baptist Chapel, Cardiff the marriage took place of Miss Harries, late of Dinas Cross, now of Cardiff, and Mr Watts of Llanelly, the ceremony being performed by the Rev Charles Davies, pastor. All her Dinas friends will join in cordially congratulating Mrs Watts on her marriage.

12 May

DINAS ISLAND TO LET. TO BE LET from September 29th next the farm of DINAS ISLAND, now in the occupation of Mr James Raymond as yearly tenant. The farm contains over 400 acres of land – For all particulars apply to Mr J S Davies, 21 Old Square, Lincoln's Inn, London.

24 May

The Sunday Schools and choirs have been busy since Easter preparing for the Festival on Monday next. From what we hear, they are all ready and fit for this annual event, and may be relied upon to give a good account of themselves. We are sure that their performances won't detract from the creditable ones of the past. Mr James Howells will be as usual interested with the Tabor baton. Tabor will sing “Y Meirw ni

Foliannant yr Arglwydd"; Brynhenllan, "Marwolaeth y Cristion," and "Ternasoedd y Ddaear"; and the Church, "Canaan Glyd". Tabor and Gedeon will be at Newport, and the Church at Nevern, but the Methodists will be at home for their festival. Arrangements have been made to entertain the visitors to a sumptuous tea at the school. A good supply of Huntley and Palmers cake and Trewerin tea have been ordered by Mr W D Harries, New Cross.

Gideonites have been singularly fortunate in securing the services of Mr Thomas Jones, Treorky, as conductor. We know what to expect from that place. Its noble sons have appeared before Her Majesty the Queen, who was delighted with the fine singing. Mr Jones, beside being imbued with the Treorky style of singing is himself an able organist. We understand that pressure is being brought to bear upon Mr J D Thomas, the talented and successful leader at the Newport National Eisteddfod, to join the Gideon ranks. Mr Thomas has been confined to his house with influenza, but we are pleased to report that he is on the mend.

We regret to announce the serious illness of Mrs J W Maurice, the wife of the respected pastor at Tabor. She sustained a severe shock to her system on Sunday evening and has ever since been in an unconscious state. Her condition on Monday was so alarmingly critical that it was deemed advisable to wire for Mr T D Maurice, the son, who is now an assistant master at Penygraig School, Rhondda Valley. The patient was slightly better on Wednesday, but her precarious condition still causes grave anxiety. We offer Mr Maurice and family our heartfelt sympathy in their distress.

The Klondyke agent has been very active in Dinas of late, bringing his persuasive influence to bear in inducing farm servants and others to emigrate to that land of promise. The servant of Tygwyn, but for the timely intervention of his master, would have gone ere this. Others talk a deal of going, but we are afraid it is a case of "all bark and no bite."

Mr John Jenkins – our Edison-genius, was brought to the test again this week, and as usual the old stager came out with pennons streaming. A miniature life protector of French design and manufacture was brought to his notice for repair. The owner had tried all the well-known Fishguard and Newport people without avail, but our old Jubilee gunner was not long in solving its intricacies, and in putting it right again. Good old John!

Maenclochog Fair did not realise the high prices which were anticipated. We met one young man coming home on horseback although we knew that he had a cart going to the fair that morning. It was thought at first that the cart had been sold, but when the young man emerged from a certain door, ejaculating wildly "Pa le mae'r cart; pw y un o chwi boys, sydd wedi mynd a nghart I gartref," and threatening some of the boys who stood near it was conjectured that something unusual had happened. Fortunately, someone was on the spot who was able to remind the young man of the accident which had taken place. The poor fellow had received such a shaking that "memory dear" had vanished, and he was quite oblivious of the fact that his cart had overturned in the vain attempt to climb a wall. It was also noticed that one of his cheeks was terribly swollen which might, and might not suggest an attack of quick firing toothache. Be that as it may, the cart was brought back next day in another.

*Many an one,
Many a cart have I ever drove,
Many an one;
To drive them straight I always strove,*

*To Maenclochog Fair I drove my cart,
It had two wheels,
and looked so smart
But when I came back to Dinas there was,
O, not one!*

A collection was made at the school towards the relief of those famishing scholars at Mid-Rhondda. The children and parents deserve hearty praise for the ready and liberal response to the appeal made on behalf of the starving little ones who are the innocent victims of the calamitous coal war. A committee has been formed of the teachers of the district and the subscribers can confidently trust these members who feel keenly the pitiable condition of the poor little mites. The collection realised £1 6s 7½d and a cheque for £1 10s 0d was sent by Mr Harries to Mr J P John, Treallaw Schools who has duly acknowledged the receipt of the same. These formed the committee; Chairman, Mr Tom John, Llwynpia; vice-chairman, Mr J W Jones, Tonypandy; treasurer, Mr T P John, Treallaw; secretary, Miss Evans, Penygraig, and a committee of Teachers. 4,000 are fed daily.

2 June

In Dinas Whit-Monday has for a generation or two been set apart by prescriptive right for the Sunday school and those who prophesy a gradual but certain death to the 'Pwnc' must have been most disagreeably surprised ere the day was far spent. Evidences were not lacking to prove that this event has a foremost place in the hearts of those who attend the Sunday school. The children had long looked forward to this great day, and rising with the lark, paraded Feidr Fawr with light hearts and in clothes of every hue, waiting for the brakes, traps, wagonettes, etc. to convey them to their respective destinations. The enthusiasm displayed was unbounded, and we are bound to admit that the "Pwnc" bears no trace of consumption – either rapid or slow – but on the contrary is growing in popularity. "Old Sol" was conspicuous by his absence, and several of the old seadogs were heard speaking of dark clouds and falling barometer. One of them exclaimed excitedly "O Marget fach, ble mae dy mackintosh di? Mae yn well I tl fynd I ymofyn hi, anyhow." The scholars were afraid lest the rain would seriously interfere with their day's enjoyment. However, Mr John Jenkins – who is a shoemaker, inventor, painter, cementer, mariner, and weathercock rolled into one – soon brought relief to the anxious crowd by exclaiming - "Oes dim glaw ynddi heddyw, fallai bydd yfori". The Yankee is not in it with our John. Fortunately John's prediction was right this time again, for although "Old Sol" denied his lovely presence during the day there was no rain to mar the children's enjoyment. All the schools were marshalled on Feidr Fawr and left in their respective conveyances for Nevern and Newport.

Mr Stephen Davies conducted the singing of hymns on the way. Some disappointment was felt that no provision was made to convey the little Taborians. The large brake at Tyrhos was disengaged and if we desire the Pwnc long life we must give every encouragement to the rising generation.

The Methodists assembled at Brynhenllan and comprised the following churches:- Dinas, Glanrhyd, Gethsemane, and Newport. The chair in the morning and afternoon was ably filled by Capt D Harris JP, Soar Hill. The various school went through their work in the following order: morning, (1) Dinas; Conductor Rev Ll Griffiths; (2) Glanrhyd; conductor Rev Ll Griffiths; (3) Gethsemane; conductor Rev T Lamb. Afternoon: Newport; conductor Rev G E O Morgan. It would be invidious to

make a distinction when one and all gave such admirable renderings. The singing of the respective anthems showed that the various choirs had been in constant practice for weeks, Mr Davies, Trewilyn, remarking upon the excellent voices possessed by the Dinas ladies. The children, under the baton of Mr Davies then sang several tunes, the conductor remarking that their renderings bore traces of elementary school teaching. At this stage the Rev G E O. Morgan explained that the absence of the Rev John Mendus, Tymeini was due to illness and proposed a vote of sympathy with him. The Rev T Lamb seconded and expressed a hope that the Almighty would be pleased to extend his life to be with them for many years to come. He went on to praise not only their number but also the excellent manner in which they went through their work. The time at the disposal of the conductor (Mr T Jones) was so limited that he deemed it inadvisable to sing the anthem. However, the choir gave beautiful renderings of *Rhondda* and *Armageddon*. The deacons are to be congratulated for the favourable impression their school made during the day. “Yn mlaen yr eloch”. Mr Lewis, Moylgrove, conducted the Gedeon Sunday School.

The church had their festival at Nevern church and were joined there by the churches Cilgwyn, Newport and Nevern. The Rev John Williams had every reason to be proud of his flock. They, like Gedeon, made a record attendance and went through their work in highly creditable manner. The churches recited in the following order:- (1) Cilgwyn; (2) Nevern; (3) Dinas; (4) Newport. Extreme regret was expressed at the absence through illness of Mrs W E Bennett, Ashgrove. She was a tower of strength to the Dinas ranks in voice and manipulation of the organ, and we trust she will soon recover to take her place at church. In her absence, Mr J Harris had to conduct and play and he did not seem at all nervous at the work. The “gannan gleed” was given an excellent style. Cilgwyn church gave a splendid account of themselves, and shared with Dinas the honours of the day. The quartet was excellently sung by Mrs Prouse, Misses F Alderson, M Drew. E M Jenkins, Madge Davies, and Messrs T C and E Bennett.

Taborians held their festival at Bethlehem, Newport. They were conducted by their worthy pastor, Rev J W Maurice. They were joined by the churches of Caersalem, Jabez, Glandwr and Newport. The Taborians mustered in strong force and the concourse shows that the Sunday school at Tabor is in a very flourishing condition. We are told that the Tabor took the palm in singing and “pwncing” “Oedd Jim wrth y lliw a phwy rhyfedd.”

Mr T G E O Evans, son of Capt J Evans, Black Horse, has been appointed chief mate of the barque “Dalhama” commanded by Capt Giles. When Mr Evans secured his 2nd mate's certificate he was soon appointed to the barque “Dalhama” the fact that he was again called back to the same ship soon after obtaining his chief mate's certificate speaks for itself. We hope that when he secures a captain's certificate, the same luck will befall him.

23 June

The funeral of Master John Archibald Bowen Perkins – the hope and joy of Doctor and Mrs Perkins – took place on Tuesday 14th instant. The sad intelligence of his untimely death which took place at Barking, Essex, was telegraphed here on Friday the 10th instant and the mournful news was everywhere received with deep regret. Little Archie, as he was familiarly called, was taken ill on the Sunday prior to his demise. The battle between life and death was one of short continuance, and the issue was awaited with keen anxiety in every household in Newport and Dinas where the

parents are so deservedly popular. Everything was done to keep the loved patient from death's door, but it pleased God to take the dear one to "yonder happy home" on Thursday 9th instant. The remains were conveyed to Crymmych Station and a large and representative procession of carriages thence to Dinas spoke volumes of the high esteem in which the grief-stricken parents are held by everyone.

We noticed the following carriages among others: Rev J Williams, rectory; Mr E.M A Davies, Inland Revenue Officer; Dr Williams, Parrog; Rev Benjamin Rowlands, Dinas; Dr Rees, Mr J B Morgans, chemist; Doctor Havard; Mr Daniel, Cnwcke; Mr George John, Golden Lion; Captain Davies, Mayor of Newport; Mr Henry Evans, Ffynonovy; Mr H. Perkins, Hendrewen; Mr LL Gilbert, Llystin; Mr W J J Vaughan, Fishguard; Mr D Lloyd, Newport; Mr J Owen, Newport; Mr and Mrs Dewi Harries, Dinas; Rev E Jones, Newport rectory; Mr G E O Griffiths, Bayvil; Mr A W J Evans, Fishguard; Mr John Harries, schoolmaster, Dinas; and the Rev J W Maurice, Tabor Villa.

The mourners were: Doctor and Mrs Perkins (father and mother); Master Rees O Perkins, (brother); and the Misses Bowman (half-sisters);l Messrs Henry Perkins, W J Perkins, Tom Perkins, and Gwynne Perkins (Hendrewen); and Mrs Rees, Haverfordwest. (Grandfather, uncles and aunt); Rev Lemuel James, Usk, Monmouth, uncle. At the Church the Rev J W J Rees, Newport read the service, and the Rev Gomer Price, Ton[?], (godfather) preached. The Rev Lemuel James, who was visibly affected officiated at the grave.

After the choir had "O Fryniau Caersalem, ceir gweled," all that remained of the loving and tender child were laid to rest amid general manifestations of regret. The plate on the coffin bore the following inscription - "John Archibald Bowen Perkins died June 9th 1898 aged 5 years, 8 months." The coffin was covered with magnificent wreaths and crosses sent by the following:- Father and Mother, cross; Misses Bowman, cross; Rev Ll James, cross; Dr and Mrs Mason, Barking, crown; Mr and Mrs Wilson, Barking, cross; Doctor W J Pell, cross; Miss Perry, Barking, governess, cross; Mr Arthur Goodman, Barking, heart; Mr and Mrs Ridley, Barking, harp and a broken string; 2 baskets of flowers from schoolmates, Barking; Rev J W Rees and sister, Newport, cross; Mr W.V. Thomas, Llwyngwair Arms, wreath; Mrs May Nicholas, and Hilda John, wreath; Miss Alderson, cross; Mr and Mrs W J Vaughan, 1 wreath each. Visitors of Llysmeddyg will recollect how Dr and Mrs Perkins spoke with pride of the dear one just departed. We offer the sorrowing ones our heartfelt sympathy in their great affliction.

*Years will go, and years will come,
But the boy they loved so well
has now vanished from their home;
how they miss him none can tell.
Angels to their starry home
called the gem they could not keep
there he waits until they come
little Archie's gone to sleep.*

We beg to remind our readers that the concert by the Fishguard Harmonic Society will be held at the Dinas Schoolroom on Friday evening next.

Concert at Dinas. On Friday evening last, the Fishguard Harmonic Society made its debut in the concert line, selecting as a first scene for this the village of Dinas. It is intended to hold a series of concerts to enable the members of the choir to get a “free passage” to the forthcoming Solva eisteddfod where they will compete for the chief choral prize, the test piece being “O Father whose Almighty power.” The proceedings were announced to commence at 7.30 but a little unavoidable hitch in the arrangements in which the society's pianoforte was not carted from Fishguard until the last moment, the members being likewise delayed. The concert did not commence until about 8.15. A large assembly of Dinasites awaited the party by the Schoolroom; as usual the younger contingent clamouring for speedy admittance. Luckily the doors of the schoolroom were saved in a great measure from being besieged and blocked by the presence of Mr Thomas Owen who stood at the outer door to ward off the impecunious curious and much resembled the proverbial ubiquitous gentleman as he chased the obstreperous nippers with the ground end of a walking stick in hand which of course was all brandish and no “bash”. Capt E Harries, Dinas, the popular representative of Justice for the district was the chairman and in that capacity he has no superior. He knows just when to introduce a witty remark and when it is occasioned it comes in at so opportune a moment as to make the proceedings of incessant pleasure. A temporary stage had been erected and the school gallery came very available for the choir when singing their respective choruses. Miss Maggie Bevan, Fishguard, and Mr Jonathon Morgan of Tonypany were the stars of the concert and both fully sustained the high reputations that had reached Dinas before them.

The opinions of all coincide as to what was the single feature on the programme. However far a certain portion of the audience may be blamed for disturbing the singers (and we regretted to notice some of our Fishguard friends among them), yet we must say that for this special feature they gave Miss Maggie Bevan absolute quietness. She sang her song “He was despised” in a manner truly superb and this grand solo which has been regarded by the greatest musical critics as containing some of the most pathetic strains that ever flows from the heart of a musician received the rapt attention and reverence that it justly merits. A vociferous encore was the result and Miss Bevan treated the audience with “From Cross to Crown”, the contralto solo at the recent Pembroke Dock eisteddfod and which prize she brought home to Fishguard with a high praise bestowed by the adjudicator. Mr Jonathan Morgan was also well received. Fresh from the success achieved in the eisteddfod arena of Glamorganshire, he made excellent hits with his song and received deservedly great applause and encores. The Harmonic Society was heard to great advantage, and before the concert concluded they were requested by the influential portion of the audience to give a repetition of the test chorus, “O Father whose Almighty power.” It is unnecessary for us to dwell upon the merits of Mr Tom Perkins as a choir conductor – these are all well known throughout the district, and the fact that he has led the choir to various successes speaks in itself of his ability to train a choir.

Another test chorus at the forthcoming eisteddfod for male voices is “The Little Church” which was given under the baton of Mr Price. This was none the less successful in its mission to delight and edify than those previously mentioned, as male voices chorus always claim a considerable amount of attention and appreciation. Mr J Evans a flautist of great merit thoroughly delighted the audience with his solo of Welsh airs, and various variations on the piccolo. The Fishguard quarter were up to their usual standard of excellence, led by Mr Arthur Davies's party also gave a spirited

rendering of "Mai". The thanks of the choir are due to Mr D Harries, the schools, Dinas, for the ready way in which he undertook to carry out the arrangements of erecting a platform and also for his kind services at the pianoforte. Mr W J Davies and Mr Edgar Evans also accompanied the singers. The following is the programme; solo, "Mor o Garn, yw Cymru I gyd," Miss M.L Bevan; solo, "Y Bachgen Ffarweliodd a'i wlad," Mr W J Howell Jones; duet "Dring, dring I fynny", Messrs Owen and Perkins; trio, "Fair Flora decks," Messrs Morgan, Price and Davies; solo "Baner ein gwlad," Mr James Owen; solo, "Neges y blodeuyn," Miss Griffiths; quartet, "Blodeuyn bach wyf I mewn gardd," Misses Bevan, Messrs Owen and Perkins; chorus "O Father whose almighty power," Fishguard Harmonic Society; glee, "Mai" Mr Arthur Davies and Party; solo, "Ora pro nobis," Mr Jonathon Morgan; glee, "Y Gwlyithyn" Harmonic Society; piccolo solo, Welsh Airs with Variations, Mr J Evans; chorus "The Little Church", Harmonic Male Voice party; "He was despised", Miss Maggie Bevan; duet "Gwys i'r gard", Messrs Owen and Perkins; duet "O lovely Peace," The Misses Bevan; Quartet "Nos Da", Misses Bevan and Messrs Owen and Perkins.

We are pleased to understand that Capt E Harries, Castle Terrace, eldest son of Capt B Harries, Bay View, has been appointed to the command of the Clan-Menel one of the Clan Line steamers. Capt Harries has been in the same employ for years and his perseverance, skill, and strict attention to his duties at all times have at last been rewarded. We beg to offer him our best wishes, safe and speedy passage, good returns, and early retirement with a heavy purse.

Notwithstanding the great changes made in the requirements of their certificates, our sailors are nothing daunted, but pursue their studies with a will and earnestness that would do credit even to graduates. The first certificate under the new syllabus to come to the parish are:- 2nd mate, Mr David Peregrine (Smithfield), 1st mate, Mr Thomas George Evans (Black Horse); captain's certificate, Mr James Harries (now captain of course), Castle Stores. We offer the above our heartiest congratulations and wishes, and to those unsuccessful ones we say "don't lose heart, go in and win. If at first you don't succeed, try, try, try again."

The Church folks decided not to bury their 1898 Pwnc at Nevern and chose Llanllawer as its burying place on Sunday evening last. The weather was glorious for the occasion. The journey thither was made in traps and brakes while scores also trudged on foot. Llanllawer deserved its name that night, for the church was packed. The Pwnc was well recited, but we fancy the rendering of the anthem "Canaan gleed" was not so good as at Nevern. Those who had come from Fishguard and elsewhere were well repaid for their trouble. The performers were also in the best of spirits and came home without mishap and in good time.

The farmers are now busy haymaking and are more than satisfied with their abundant crops. The Rev G E O Morgan, Tyhen, had the courage to give "ginger beer" in lieu of the usual "tablen" to the haymaker, and he deserves the thanks of temperance advocates. The hateful and inhuman practice of giving intoxicants to little boys cannot be too severely condemned, and it deserves a censure of all well-meaning and conscientious persons. The rev gentleman is 10s in pocket through supplying ginger beer and we are glad to understand that this net gain is to be sent to the little sufferers in the coal war.

We are very pleased to have to record the success of Mr Alfred Raymond, East View, in passing the requirements of a 2nd mate's certificate. He is the second in this parish to secure this certificate since the "new syllabus" came into force, Mr David Peregrine being the first. We trust that the evening continuation school will be well patronised this coming winter, so that some of the new difficulties will be overcome.

A grand concert was held at the schoolroom on Friday evening, the first inst, by eight Merthyr-Vale colliers, who have been compelled through the disastrous coal war to leave their homes to find food for their famishing wives and children. Unfortunately, the inclement weather militated materially against a good gathering – from two to three score only being present. Notwithstanding the meagre attendance, the artistes went through all the items in the praiseworthy manner, so characteristic in the music-loving people of Glamorganshire. The listeners were so delighted with the fine singing that they persuaded the singers to hold another concert on Tuesday evening. Delightful weather favoured them on this occasion and they had a splendid house. The behaviour of the audience was most satisfactory; the singing, which was of a very high order, and the chairman's appropriate tales keeping them in a very cheerful mood. The chair on both occasion was taken by Mr J Harries, schoolmaster

14 July

Accidents are rife even at haymaking time. John George, son of Mr George, of Penwennol, when in the act of crossing a hedge on Parkglas on Tuesday in last week missed his foot and fell with such force as to dislocate his knee. He was conveyed to Newport in a trap, and the medical aid of Drs Havard and Rees was procured. He progresses favourably and will soon be able to resume his duties at Mr John Thomas's mansion.

Mr S Williams of Yetyresgeym, whilst haymaking on Mrs Wood's field, was seized with an acute attack of paralysis. He was conveyed home and Dr Rees was soon in attendance. We regret to say that his condition is so precarious that his relatives have been summoned to his bedside. We trust however, that the case is not so serious as circumstances make it appear, and hope that the silver lining that tints every cloud will continue to broaden as the days go by.

The Rev J W Maurice is one of the shining stars of the Welsh pulpit and his sermons are always powerful and give evidence of earnestness and deep thought. He is getting old, perhaps, but his discourses are as fresh as ever. He was never heard to such advantage as on Sunday last, for he was then at his best. His text on Sunday morning was 1st Corinthians, 11th chapter, part of the 23rd verse, "that the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed, took bread." Sunday evening, 11th chapter of Luke, from 2nd to 4th verse inclusive.

Dinasites have not had a busier time with hay for many years past, and it is a subject of much comment that the condition of the hay is equal in primeness to that of the 70s. Among those who have gathered in their crops in Dinas are: - Mr Jas. Howells, the Mill; Mr G E O Davies, the Garn; Mr T Griffiths, Capel; Mr D George, Panytydwr; Mr J Williams, Tygwyn; Rev J Owens, rectory; Mrs Wood, Brynhenllan; Mr T G Mendus, Dyffryn; Mr W J Bennett, Castle Hill; Mr T C Bennett, Hescomb; Capt Harries, Soar Hill; Mr H. Evans, Ffynnonovy; Mrs James, Parkglas; Rev J Hopkins, Belle Vue; Mr G E O Murrow, Tyrhos; Mr James Evans, Smithfield; Mr

James Raymond, Henllan; Mrs David Thomas, Rose Cottage; Rev G E O Morgan, Tyhen; Mr Stephens, Clover Hill; Mr Jas. Reynolds, Cilwenen; Mr D Morris, Bwlchmawr; Mrs Thomas, Spring Hill; Mr John Davies, Clun; Mr Stephen George, Hescwm; Mr Henry James, Brynhenllan; Rev J Mendus, Tymeini.

Mr J Harris has received a letter from a Rhondda schoolmaster soliciting help for the starving children. The letter told a pitiful tale of woe and suffering – children fainting by the score in school from lack of food, babes in arms having to subsist five days on a ½d milk, etc., and adding that the 2000 children who have been fed daily for 10 weeks would soon see the soup kitchen close up for want of necessary funds. It is understood that one more collection will be made at the school next week. Our readers will understand that their subscriptions will go direct to the children's relief fund. The committee is entirely made up of teachers who have the welfare and comfort of the scholars at heart. All outside subscriptions will be thankfully received by Mr Harries our schoolmaster, and duly acknowledged in the daily papers. There is no doubt that but for the humane efforts of the members of the scholastic profession South Wales, thousands of children would long ere this have been buried and their energy, devotion and willingness at all times to help the innocent starving one deserve our hearty sympathy and practical support.

21 July

FREEHOLD PROPERTY FOR SALE AT DINAS CROSS – FOR SALE, by private treaty at Dinas Cross, TWO DWELLING HOUSES known as “Sydney Terrace” with Gardens and Outhouses complete, all being in thorough good repair, and now occupied by the Coastguards. Also TWO PLOTS OF LAND known as Rhosissaf near Yetybontpren and suitable for building purposes, all being freehold property. Applications to be made to Mrs Davies, Freemasons Arms, Dinas Cross.

OBITUARY. Almost before the news of his illness was known to our readers, through the columns of the “Echo” last week, Mr Stephen Williams of Yetyresgeyrn had passed into the Valley of the Shadow from whose mysterious bourne no traveller returns. It will be remembered that whilst haymaking some little time back he was seized with an acute attack of paralysis. He was conveyed home and Dr Havard attended, but in spite of every effort to save his life he succumbed on Thursday morning last at the age of 65 years. The news of his death was received everywhere with expressions of sorrow, as by his many pleasing traits, his quiet and unassuming manner, “Uncle Stephen”, as he chose to be called, had won for himself a host of friends. The interment took place at Macpelah on Sunday last, and a point which speaks the great popularity of deceased is the fact that his funeral was one of the largest ever seen in Dinas. A large contingent of the Kemes Lodge of Oddfellows of whom the deceased was a member journeyed from Newport in conveyances supplied by Mr W.H. Thomas of the Llwyngwair Arms Hotel, and also by Mr G E O John of the Golden Lion. At the house the Rev J W Williams, the Rectory, read, and the Rev J W Maurice prayed. The Rev J Griffiths, Cilgerran officiating at the graveside. On account of the severe heat the funeral sermon was not given at the house as it was first intended but at Tabor Chapel in the evening when the Rev J W Maurice, pastor, taking for his text the one chosen by deceased, delivered an eloquent sermon that touched the hearts of all his hearers. The following were the mourners: [?] (nephew), Mrs E James, niece, Mrs Mary Jones, Llandyssil, niece, Mrs Capt Williams, Cambria (niece), Mrs Capt Thomas, Gate (niece), Mrs Margaret Williams, Gate, (cousin), Mrs

Rees, East View (cousin), Capt D Harries, Soar Hill, (cousin), Mr William Williams, (Rhiwelly), Mrs Bett Harries (Maesteg), Mr John Thomas, cabinet-maker, late of Rose Cottage and now of Rhoshelyg was the undertaker, and the arrangements were carried out with the greatest possible care and taste. The oak coffin was a magnificent one reflecting great credit upon the workmanship of Mr Thomas.

A collection for the relief of the sufferers in the coal war was made at Tabor Baptist Chapel on Sunday evening last, which realised the sum of £2. It was decided to divide the amount between the soup kitchens of Treorky and Pontygwaith.

In Dinas just now, cycling is the recreation, and ginger beer the drink-topic. The ladies in particular have gone in for the wheel in real earnest and in the early morn, at noon and night, the village is made alive by the cheery ring of bells, the rattle of chains, and flashes of lamp light. The wobbling tracks are numerous at present, but these will straighten in time. Meanwhile let us be well provided with wax vestas.

Our readers will be glad to hear that Mr John Jenkins, our Edison, who has been laid up for a few days is now progressing favourably. Dinasites and the clerk of the weather have been strangers since Mr Jenkins has been ill, and it is to be hoped he will long be spared to give his friends a weather forecast gleaned from the observatory of Veidr Fawr.

The “ginger beer” craze does not at al [sic] “catch on” at Dinas. All the farmers, except in two instances, have supplied their haymakers with the customary beverage, and there has been nothing approaching a disgraceful scene anywhere, each one drinking like a christian and no more. The hardy sons of toil vow vengeance on the ginger beer fields in 1897 and it is freely mentioned that the hosts in question will have to enlist the services of the Rechabites of Newport-Pem.

Tabor has lost another of its most faithful and conscientious members (by death) in the person of Mrs Ann Thomas, She has been ailing for some time and her great age added to the hopelessness of her case. Her death took place at Park-gwynbach about three 3 o'clock on Monday afternoon, the 18th inst. She was a widow of the late Mr Titus Thomas, whose memory is so dear to the Sunday School scholars at Tabor. Deceased was 79 years of age and the funeral will take place today, (Thursday) afternoon at Macpelah, the Rev J W Maurice officiating. The Rev G E O Morgan, Dinas has, we hear, forwarded a postal order of 5s. to the colliers relief fund at Blaina.

28 July

At a meeting of the Dinas Parish Council held on Monday evening last, there being present Rev G E O Morgan (in the chair), Messrs W E Bennett, D Harries, W J Richards, B Thomas, David Thomas, E Evans, W J J Raymond, and D George – A scheme for laying water from the Fron to the rear of Sydney Terrace by means of pipes was brought up for consideration and after some discussion the matter was adjourned.

Joseph Thomas Francis, aged 12, a scholar at the Dinas Board Schools, and son of Mrs Francis, Glanhelyg, won an entrance scholarship to the Fishguard Intermediate school at the examination on Saturday week last, his name appearing third on the list of 24 candidates. John Mendus Richards, another promising scholar, secured fifth

place at the same examination. Both boys had been coached for the occasion by Mr J Harries, the headmaster of the Dinas Board schools.

The sad intelligence was received on Monday morning last by Mrs Ellen Rees of Yetyresgeym of the death by drowning, of her husband, Capt D Rees. The news has cast quite a gloom over the place, as deceased was highly respected by everyone who knew him. It was only about two months ago that we announced in the columns of "Echo" his departure from Newport, and strange to say Mrs Rees received a letter from him on Monday morning last, only too soon to be followed by the awful message of death! He leaves a widow and three young children to mourn his loss to whom we extend our heartfelt sympathy in this their great and sudden bereavement.

One of Rechab's most devoted champions has forsaken the cause of the Ginger Beer Brigade. During the haymaking he was discovered to be lost, or rather missing, with the consequences that a hue and cry was raised. To the astonishment of everyone he was found appeasing his dry palate by long draughts of the delicious "tablen," and as an indication of his determination to make up for lost time, a basin was nothing if not a true one.

The traction engine in the neighbourhood of Bwlchmawr is cutting stones in readiness for the coming winter. The Dinas cyclists will then have to give over the delightful pastime, the present season of which is likely to prove too short for some of the novices who are now just beginning to feel a little confident on their wheels.

Opposition is threatened in posting circles in Dinas. Mr D George, of 7, Pantydwr, purposes speculating in a wagonette to carry nine persons, which he will shortly place at the disposal of the public.

Our readers will hear with deep regret of the death of Mrs Morris, sister of the highly-respected Mrs Maurice, Tabor Villa, which took place at Glanamman on Wednesday, the 20th inst. Deceased was 57 years of age and leaves a widower and seven grown-up children to mourn her loss. The funeral was one of the most representative ever seen at Glanamman which testified to the great esteem in which the deceased and family were held in the locality. Mrs Maurice was prevented from attending through illness and Miss Jesse and Mr Johnny Maurice went instead. We tender Mrs Maurice our deep sympathy in her sad bereavement.

4 August

On Tuesday last, at Bethaniah Chapel, Cardigan, the marriage took place of Miss Sarah Jane Davies, Capel Farm, Dinas to Mr Alfred John Francis, Central Arcade, Cardiff. The officiating ministers being Rev J W Maurice, Dinas and Dr Gomer Lewis, Swansea. An interesting ceremony took place at the breakfast when Mr Croesgochiad Griffiths, on behalf of Salem Sunday School, Splottlands, Cardiff, presented the bridegroom with a handsome Bible, a token of the high esteem in which he is held by the scholars. Dinner was partaken of at the Commercial Hotel, Cardigan, after which the happy pair left for the honeymoon.

A brief report appeared in our last week's issue of the marriage at Bethaniah Chapel, Cardigan of Miss S J Griffiths of Capel Farm, Dinas., and Mr A J Francis of the Central Arcade, Cardiff. The bride was tastefully arrayed in a dress of white moiré

silk, with silk lace trimmings and the bridesmaids were the Misses M A and M L Griffiths, and Miss Francis, who were dresses of a peacock green shade, well set off with white silk and chiffon trimmings. The hats were of white silk velvet, trimmed with white silk ribbon and lace with orange blossoms. The wedding party left Dinas in conveyances about 10.30 a.m. Arriving at their destination at about 10 o'clock, the weather being delightfully fine. Officiating at the service was the Rev J W Maurice, assisted by Dr Gomer Lewis of Swansea. The bride was given away by her father Mr Thomas Griffiths, and Mr W J Griffiths acted in the capacity of best man. After the ceremony, the party (about 16) adjourned to the Commercial Hotel and sat down to a well-served dinner. The happy couple left afterwards left [sic] for Tenby there to spend their honeymoon. Congratulations were literally showered on them. Below is a list of presents received by them, but, unfortunately, it cannot be presented complete as a list of presents sent by the Cardiff friends is not to hand. Mr and Mrs Griffiths, Capel, cheque and dinner service complete; Mr W J Griffiths, Capel, a complete set of cutlery, Miss M A Griffiths, Capel, tea service; Miss M.L Griffiths, Capel, parcel of macramé work; Miss S Griffiths, pair of fancy cushions with teacosey; Mr Own Griffiths, Capel, cheque; Mr and Mrs Griffiths, Treharris, silver cruet stand; Miss Thomas, Glynamel, one doz solid silver teaspoons; Miss M A Francis, Cardiff, cochineal table cover and velvet sofa cushions; Miss E Francis, Cardiff, pair of parlour vases; Miss Addie Francis, Cardiff, three pairs of photo frames; Mr and Mrs J Francis, Cardiff, tea service; Mrs Anne Evans, Capel Newydd, butter stand; Miss Mary Evans, Capel Newydd, silver tray; Mrs Gronow, Maesygarne, tablecloth; Mrs Capt George, Garden Terrace, tea cosy and set of toilers; Mr and Mrs Laugharne, Maesygarne, damask table cloth; Miss Bowen, Treget, feather pillow; Mrs Capt Gronow, Spring Gardens, set of dinner trays; Mrs Capt Gronow, Roseneath, pair antique ornaments and tray cloth; Miss Rachel Davies, Garn, fancy work bag and pair of letter racks; Miss M A Davies, Garn, fancy worked cushion; Miss Parry, Bryn Cottage, teatray; Miss E Thomas, Pentre, counterpane; Miss Thomas, cook, Glynamel, Windsor table-cloth; Mrs George, Cilauwen, silver mounted butter-cooler; Miss Lizzy Owen, Yetybontpren, cheese stand; Mrs Capt Thomas, Castle Green, counterpane; Mr T D Ladd, Cardiff, oil paintings and engraving; Mrs Jenkins, Morning Star, breadknife; Mr and Mrs W J James, Fishguard, counterpane; Mrs James Howells, Felyn, tablecloth; Mr W J Evans, tailor, Cardiff, Marble timepiece; Miss Mathews, Richmond Villas, Swansea, set of bedroom toilets; Mr Seaton, electrical engraver, Cardiff, silver teapot; Mrs Davies, Charing Cross, Clynderwen, feather pillow; Mr Davies, Tudor Road, Cardiff, coal scuttle.

18 August

The inspector's report of the Dinas board school came to hand last week., and we are pleased to hear that "the high efficiency of this school is still maintained." All the teachers passed. Miss James, third year pupil teacher, passed "well," earning the highest grant viz. £3. The grants earned (including fee grant) amount to £202 19s and 3d, the highest amount ever received at Dinas.

The Gideonites had their annual tea at Tregidifor on Friday, the 12th inst. The deacons determined to avail themselves of Mr and Mrs Levi Owen's generous hospitality to hold their tea at his place, and no one had reason to regret the acceptance. The day opened beautifully fine but there was a high wind blowing which slightly interfered with the day's outing. The host and hostess deserve the gratitude of all for their untiring efforts to please the young and old. Milk and butter was given gratuitously by

the kind host, who also provided water, fuel, and every thing necessary to make things "hum." Tea over, the company formed a huge sing, and under the presidency of Capt D Harries, Soar Hill, several hymn tunes were sung. Mr J D Thomas, the hero of the Newport National eisteddfod, conducting. Speeches were delivered by Mrs J D Thomas and Rev D C Jones, London. These gentlemen, after returning thanks for their kind invitation, spoke in eulogistic terms of the flourishing condition of the cause at Gideon, and wound up with "three cheers" for Mr and Mrs Levi Owen for their kindness in placing their services and place at the disposal of the Sunday School. Gideonites were never so united as at present, and we shall soon see them joined in one united whole. The singing and speeches over, the young indulged in the time honoured "Bobby Bingo", etc. until "plurvious" sadly brought their enjoyment to an abrupt close, All enjoyed themselves immensely, excellent cake was provided by Mr O D Harries, New Cross.

PRESENTATION On Friday evening last, Tabor chapel was filled to overflowing on the occasion of a presentation meeting, the happy recipient being Mr James Howells, who was presented with an 8-guinea writing desk in recognition of his brilliant services as conductor of the singing at Tabor for the past thirty years. The Rev J W Maurice presided and the meeting proved one of the most interesting and enjoyable that has ever been held in the place. Speeches and singing were indulged in.

1 September

We are glad to hear of the success of Miss Elizabeth Harriet Hopkins, of Belle Vue, Dinas, in passing the senior Oxford examination (First Division) held recently. We congratulate Miss Hopkinson [sic] on so distinguishing herself and hope she will continue to achieve successes that will reflect credit both up herself and her native home. We understand that this young lady was formerly a pupil at Dinas Board School.

8 September

The Rev J W Maurice, pastor of Tabor Chapel, is this week attending the Baptist Union meetings held at Aberdare.

Mr J Harries of the Board Schools, who, by the way, seems to have derived much benefit by his trip to the Wells, was on Tuesday last shewn one of the finest specimens of the "dragonfly" that had been seen in the Principality for many years. It was captured by a Fishguard cyclist on Garngelly Hill and measured 4¼ inches from head to tip of body, and across from wing to wing about 7 inches. It was beautifully coloured, the body being orange and black, and the gauzy wings, glinting in the sun's rays, tinted with pink and blue.

15 September

The Sunday School Union comprising the churches of Tabor, Newport, Jabes and Glandwr held its half-yearly meeting at Tabor on Sunday last. The clouds looked dark and threatening and people looked askance fearing the rain would seriously interfere with the day's programme. However, beyond a sharp shower at noon, the rain kept away, and ere an hour had passed we heard the sweet and welcome strains of the Newport contingent as they passed in their conveyances. The morning conference was presided over by the Rev J W Maurice when the following resolutions were passed unanimously:-

- (1) That a scripture examination be held in January next the subjects being chapters 18-22 of Luke, both inclusive;
- (2) That there be four divisions, viz. Under 12, 16, 20 and over 20, and that there be a first and second prize in each,
- (3) That Mr J Harries, schoolmaster, Dinas, and Mr Miles, schoolmaster, Cross Roads, be appointed examiners, the same to draw out the questions;
- (4) That Messrs Vaughan, Penralltddu, and PC Morgan, Newport, help the examiners to conduct the examination at Tabor and Bethlehem, respectively. The Rev J Ll Morris presided over the afternoon service, while the Rev T Evans, Newport questioned the children in their pwnc subjects. Subjects of the pwnc were:

(1) Adgyfodiad Crist; (2) Esgyniad Crist i'r nef and (3) Ail ddyfodiad Crist

Tabor were admirably prepared for the occasion by Mr David Thomas, Rose Cottage. The responses were prompt and unanimous, had they been rehearsing together previously their performance could not have been eclipsed. The Rev T Evans made an excellent questioner and his homely and cheerful disposition was in perfect touch with the children's hearts and fancy. It was surprising also to hear the various schools going through their songs with such perfect intonation. Mr John Davies, Garn, had charge of the singing, and he came through the ordeal very well indeed. It would be invidious to single out a school for special praise, when one and all did so well. The friends at Tabor were true to their traditional hospitality. The rush of visitors to entertain them to a cup of tea was very brisk and the demand far exceeded the supply. To Tyrhos belongs the palm for entertaining the greatest number of visitors. In the evening Mr Roberts read a portion of the scripture. While the congregation sang, he was observed to be in distress, and after a hasty communication with the Rev J W Maurice, he left the building. Miss Jesse's and then her father's disappearance soon after caused some uneasiness, but relief was obtained by Mr Maurice's reappearance. Shortly after Mr Thomas Mendus Williams offered up a fervent prayer in his stead. Then followed a masterly sermon by the Rev J Ll Morris. The rev gentleman was never heard to such advantage. He spoke of the tendency of the present generation to discard the Bible for works of fiction, for periodicals and magazines. The present age, he said, clamoured for reading murders, breach of promise cases, divorce, cricket, cycling, football, sporting news, gambling, etc., and these papers are nothing but llwynogod lladron and Judasiaid. Thus saith the Rev J Ll Morris. He also said that the Bible in many instances was kept in a drawer to be brought out only to register births and when visitors were expected. He quoted an example of an old woman who found her spectacles in her Bible after a twelve month diligent search. After another excellent sermon full of fatherly exhortation to the young, by the Rev T Evans, the day's proceeding came to a close by singing "Y Delyn Aur."

Mr Roberts's illness was more serious than at first thought. Upon enquiry at Tabor Villa we ascertained that the gentleman had had a severe attack of illness. His condition became so grave that Dr Havard's attendance was immediately sent for. The patient was still very weak on Tuesday evening and the doctor has ordered him complete rest for six months. Mr Roberts is an Aberystwyth student of great promise and was on his round collecting. Much genuine sympathy was expressed on all hands, and Taborians showed theirs in a practical manner by giving him a large collection. We wish him speedy recovery.

The deputation from the Baptist Sunday School, Newport, Pem., who visited Tabor on Sunday week last, were most hospitably entertained by the genial Sunday School superintendent, Mr Geo Laugharne. The two gentlemen in question paid a glowing tribute to their host's kindness toward them on the occasion and as a superintendent they styled him "the right man in the right place." We are asked to publish this because a paragraph appeared in another newspaper last week, saying that Taborians allowed the visitors to return minus a cup of tea. We are pleased to understand that the charge was unfounded.

We are pleased to understand that the cause at Tabor is so healthy and that there is such a constant increase in the membership. The respected pastor baptised three by immersion on Sunday week last.

Our numerous readers will be delighted to hear the Mr E S Bennett is recovering from his protracted illness. Mr Edward is a boon companion and a highly respected person in Dinas. His kindness, wit, and droll sayings always cause roars of laughter, and we do not wonder that his friends are so numerous, and his enemies so few. His family is one of the most respected in the parish, and while offering the parents our heart-felt sympathy in these trying times, we also be [sic] to congratulate them now that their son's condition has taken a turn for the better. His reappearance will be joyously welcome by all his numerous friends.

The Rev J W Maurice has returned from the Baptist meetings at Aberdare. We hear that he made his presence felt especially with the Temperance Section and that he ran very close for the vice-chair. We hope next year to see him occupying it. Mr Maurice will not return for another two months and we trust the change at Llanwrtyd will prove beneficial.

Alas, Mr Raymond's last adieu to the Island after a generation's tenancy is now approaching. The genial old fellow notwithstanding the persuasions of his many friends has decided to quit for ever the place so dear to his memory. We are afraid that when the 19th inst. comes Mr Raymond will like Lot's wife, cast many wistful glances behind when taking his farewell of the old home, and what a huge pillar of salt he would make!

The children of the board schools had a rather unique experience one day last week. A mare – Tyrhos's latest acquisition – had, it seems, been grazing in the girl's playground, and on its way out, finding the side door open (because of the oppressive heat, we presume), walked boldly in towards the classroom. Great consternation prevailed among the children and the disciplinary powers of the headmaster were severely tested. However, with most commendable presence of mind Mr Harries bade all to remain quietly in their seats. The wisdom of this timely action was soon made evident, while the unwelcome visitor afterwards quietly made his exit to the immense relief of children and staff. Had anything occurred to excite the animal the consequences might have proved fatal "All's well that ends well" the children, were out of danger, chatted merrily and it was not long ere they recovered their "sang froid."

23 September

Newport and Dinas Baptist and Sunday School Union
To the Editor of THE COUNTY ECHO

Sir, In your last week's issue, there appeared a report, respecting the meeting of Baptist Sunday School Union which was held at Tabor Chapel. I was very sorry to notice that one of the most important chapels in the union was left out of the report. I do not know whether it was intentionally done, or whether it was an oversight on your correspondent's part, but perhaps your correspondent will be good enough to give an explanation in the next issue of the "Echo". In the same report, I was proud to notice that the union is taking steps to form a grand and instructive Scripture examination. I think it would have been prudent of the union to select examiners out of the teachers of the schools. We have many capable of undertaking the duties who attend the Sunday schools, regularly but still I do not for one moment disregard the abilities of the two appointed. I am etc. A SUNDAY SCHOOL MEMBER

29 September

Our apologies to the Caersalem Sunday School for the omission. It was simply an oversight.

Mr W J Rees, carver, conducted a splendid sale of crops at the Island on Friday last. The harvest being such a bounteous one everywhere, it was feared there would be no buyers. However, Mr Raymond's popularity served the auctioneer in good stead, with the result, ready buyers and excellent prices.

On Sunday evening last the pulpit of Tabor chapel was occupied by Mr Owen Jones, a student at Aberystwyth College, who preached an excellent sermon, taking for his text the 2nd verse in the 3rd chapter of John. Mr Jones is a powerful preacher, a true son of Wales, and is destined to soon occupy an honourable position in the Welsh pulpit.

Pwllgwaelod is making great progress just now in the shipping line, and promises to rival even Liverpool. Three Abs were shipped last week for a foreign port. Two Pwllgwaelod ABS – so says a Jericho wag – returned from Fishguard through the Board of Trade. Who were they? One of them, it is reported, spent his time in hugging the mast.

The unqualified success of last winter's evening continuation school has encouraged all concerned to resume it this coming winter. The school will be opened in the third week of October. Besides learning the solfa – theoretical and practical – the vocalist shall prepare for a Christmastide cantata performance.

Several complaints were made by cyclists some time ago regarding the large size of the stones on our roads. They were large enough in all conscience to kill the ardour of the most enthusiastic of wheelmen. There is something very becoming in the appearance of a lady on a bicycle, but we draw the line at 50 indeed. One lady, who works her best against advancing years, had a nasty fall when taking a preliminary spin near the Smithy. This unfortunate accident made her throw up the sponge, and we were lost the promised sight of a sixty year old in bloomers.

The good folk of Dinas would not sacrifice the great pleasure they experienced in perusing the columns of the "Echo" for the entire wealth they possess. It would appear that the devotion of the parish to this journal (the "Echo") is contagious and spreads as easily and effectively as the laugh or the yawn. There is scarcely a hut, cottage, villa or mansion in the place that does not see one at least every week, and

the familiar figure of “Villa” on Friday mornings with his pile of the coveted papers (“Echos”) under his arm is watched in a manner flattering alike to Villa and paper he disposes of with such effect and rapidity. “But the 'Echo' (says the seer of Dinas), “is worthy of everything said in its favour.”

The representatives of Tabor, Caersalem, and Jabez, met at Tabor on Monday evening to select tunes etc., for the Cymanfa Ganu to be held at Tabor chapel on Christmas Day. Representatives from Glyndwr and Newport had also been asked to attend, but for some reason or other they did not turn up. The Rev J W Maurice was voted to the chair. Excellent tunes were selected which should not fail to raise the “hwyl” to a high pitch. Judging from the enthusiasm which prevailed at the meeting, the festival will surely prove a musical success. Several of the representatives expressed the hope that all the singers in the respective churches would rally round their leaders, for in this way only can we expect the cymanfa to be a success. The selection of a conductor was deferred to another meeting.

INHOSPITALITY. A Dinas gentleman has been charged with being inhospitable towards two Fishguardians some few Sundays ago. The charge comes from an avowed enemy and all who know the accused well can take the assertion for what it is worth. It is true that two gentlemen came up from Fishguard on a recent Sunday to transact most important business, when it is alleged the inhospitality (?) took place, which is justifiable for three reasons:- (1) the time at which they arrived (6 p.m.) suggested that they had already satisfied the inner man; (2) the good wife was in chapel; (3) that the gentlemen had to return to Fishguard by 7.30 p.m. It might have been suggested that intoxicants should have offered, but the visitors were well aware that their host was a conscientious abstainer, and therefore were not disappointed. In any case, they would not be kept until the small hours of the morning, then to leave etc. Were we, when viewing the failings of others, to look more at home, we would often find much more food for reflection. We should certainly be less discontented with our own lot and less jealous of another's. “A man's home should be his castle.” Christian virtue! O fie! What Christian virtue is there in peering into another's domestic affairs, in raking and holding up to ridicule the sins of a brother or sister, in pursuing a down-with-everything-that's-up policy? Does the Bible teach us to be busy, malicious searchers of most secret affairs, common discourses of all matters, ready backbiters, sore nippers and spiteful recounters privily? Trow not. Such can only cater only to the low and ill-bred. Sweep thine own door first, friend!

Death of Mr Edward Smyth Bennett, Dinas Cross

We regret to announce the death of Mr Edward Smyth Bennett, the youngest and beloved son of Mr and Mrs Willm Bennett, which sad event took place at Castle Hill, Dinas Cross, on Tuesday morning last, in the 26th year of his age. Deceased was a victim of that most cruel disease – consumption, but he bore his lingering illness with wonderful courage, sweet patience and great Christian fortitude. He retained his cheerfulness and consciousness to the very end. About a fortnight ago, we had the pleasing duty to record a change for the better, but alas! our fervent hopes were doomed to disappointment. From 4 a.m. to 6 a.m. on the morning of his sad demise, he sang with his brother, Mr Carter Bennett, many times his favourite hymn:

*O Dduw! Rho i'm dy hedd,
A golwg ar dy wedd
A maddaeu'n awr fy meiau mawr
Cyn 'relwy' lawr i'r bedd.*

“Bydd myrdd o rhyfeddodau” and “Guide me, O thou great Jehovah”, were also among the favourite hymns that he sang. When his worthy father a little later read the 2nd chapter, First Corinthians, he made some beautiful remarks and seemed so cheerful that his parents and relatives thought they would have him with them for some time. His mother about 7.45 a.m. noticed with sorrow that he was gradually sinking and from that time on he became weaker and weaker, until shortly after 8 o'clock, at which time his spirit fled. His death has cast quite gloom over the parish where he and his family are so deservedly popular and respected. Only those who have had the blessing of nursing their own children truly know what it is to lose them, and we extend to the aged parents, the two remaining brothers and relatives, our heartfelt sympathy in their hour of trouble. Deceased will be buried in Dinas churchyard, his express wish being to lie outside the railings of the family vault in his favourite churchyard. The funeral will take place at 11 a.m. on Saturday. His numerous friends will please accept this intimation.

6 October

Funeral of the late Mr Edward Smyth Bennett, Dinas

AN IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY

The remains of the late beloved and respected Mr Edward Smyth Bennett, whose death was previously reported in our columns, were removed from Castle Hill soon after 11 a.m. On Saturday last for conveyance to Dinas churchyard. The day was beautifully fine, with a cloudless sky of deep azure blue above, and there was nothing to break the silence save the music of the soft breezes as they played along the surrounding foliage. The mournful procession was timed to start at 11 o'clock, but long before that hour the roads leading to Bwlchmawr were black with those who remembered their departed friend's ready help in every emergency and his unwavering friendship. He was a dear son and friend. What a blank his sad demise will cause at Castle Hill! How those outside the family shall miss him! A more representative gathering was never seen at Dinas. The day's proceedings commenced with a religious service at the house, the Rev J W Williams, rector, officiating. Following the service, the bearers reverently carried the coffin surmounted with magnificent wreaths outside. The coffin, made by Mr T Rees, was of polished oak with massive brass furniture, the plate bearing the inscription:-

Edward Smyth Bennett Died September 27th 1889 Aged 26 years

The parish wore a mournful aspect, every house having its blinds reverently drawn, the line of carriages contained the following mourners:-

Mr and Mrs Bennett (father and mother); Mr and Mrs Edwin Bennett (brother and sister-in-law); Mr Carter Bennett, Masters John Smyth and W.E Bennett and Miss Annie C Bennett (brother, nephews and niece), Mrs W.C Bennett, Miss Bennett, Miss Anita Bennett, Rev T.G E O Griffiths, Brawdy (cousin); Mr Percy Lewis (second cousin). At the entrance of the church the body was met by the Rector who walked slowly before it to the chancel repeating the customary burial sentences. There the remains lay while the assembly gazed sadly and sorrowfully on. The Rev J Williams, who officiated, read the lessons, and gave out the favourite hymns of the deceased - “O Dduw, rho im dy hedd,” but the singers were too grief stricken to give a keynote of buoyant hope to the sombre proceedings. The service over, the coffin was slowly

conveyed by the bearers to the graveside where, stripped of its magnificent wreaths it was lowered to the vault, the committal sentences being read by the Rev T G E O Griffiths, Brawdy. After singing "Bydd myrdd o rhyfeddodau," which was sung with much feeling by the large concourse, the people, with sorrowing hearts, retraced their steps homeward. The grave was lined at the bottom with red brick, while the open grave was most beautifully lined by Miss Alderson with moss, mingled with wreaths, crosses, posies of sweet smelling flowers, bedewed with the tears of many friends and relatives. We once more accord our heartfelt sympathy with the afflicted in their sad hour. We are told that the last words deceased uttered were, "Mother, if this is death, then it is very sweet." which showed how completely deceased had resigned himself to the Divine will. His soul is now with One who is "too wise to blunder and too merciful to be unkind." The kind relatives can find solace in the universal sympathy, and in the fact that they have one and all nobly done their part. The magnificent wreaths were sent by the following:-Mr and Mrs Edwin Bennett, Mr and Mrs W.C Bennett (Fishguard), Mr T.G E O Bennett and family (Fishguard), Miss Alderson (Harp with a broken string), Mrs Evan Thomas, Mr E Rees (Ferndale), Rev and Mrs J Hopkins (Belle Vue), Mr J Worthington (Glynamel), Miss Rachel Harries (Rectory), Miss A C Gettins (Trecwn),. The bearers were Messrs W J Raymond (Island), J Harries (Schoolmaster), James Howells (Mill), Capt W J Richards (Hill Park), Messrs J Vaughan (Pistyllbach), W J Evans (Parkymarriage), T Mendus (Dyffryn), J W Williams (Tygwyn), T M A Williams (Glanffynnon Hotel), John Samuel and Thomas Rees (Brynhenllan). We noticed the following clergymen in the funeral:- Revs J W Williams (rector), J W Maurice (Tabor), Benjamin Rowlands (Clydach Vale), John Mendus (Tymeini), Ll. Griffiths (Cwmyreglwys), T G E O Griffiths (Brawdy), J T Rees (Newport, Pem), and G E O Morgan (Tyhen). The funeral arrangements were admirably carried out by Mr T Rees.

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20 October

LOST at Dinas Island Sale a gentleman's Short Fawn MACKINTOSH (placed in wrong trap by mistake). Anyone returning the same to Jordanston near Letterston will be rewarded.

YET – YR – ESKYRN, DINAS FREEHOLD PROPERTY FOR SALE at Dinas, known as “Gate.” or “Yet-yr-Eskyrn, comprising a Dwelling House and Garden (occupied by the late Mr Stephen Williams). Applications to be made Capt W Williams, Brynymor, Dinas Cross.

The quarterly meeting of the Congregation Welsh Association of the county will be held next Tuesday and Wednesday at Gideon chapel, Dinas. Preaching services Tuesday evening, and all day Wednesday.

27 October

Welsh Congregation Association

Meetings at Dinas

As announced in our last issue, the quarterly meetings of the Congregation Welsh association for Pembrokeshire were held this week at Gideon Chapel, Dinas. The conference was held at 2 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon when the Rev W Thomas, Whitland, chairman of the Congregational Union of Wales presided. The opening prayer was offered by the Rev W M Davies, Fishguard, after a preliminary remarks [sic] by the chairman with reference to past meetings of a similar kind held at Gideon some years ago and proved so beneficial with an expression of desire for the present one to prove also as a blessing to the church and neighbourhood. The Rev J G Morris, Newport, (the faithful secretary of the association for many years) then read the minutes of the last meeting, and called the attention of the meeting to various matters calling for consideration.

Among other matters it was unanimously passed to make an appeal to the churches of the county in sympathy and support of the Rev T G E James's (late minister of Rhosycaerau) family. The Rev Morlais Davies was appointed secretary and the Rev J G Morris treasurer of the movement. There were present besides those already mentioned the following ministers: Revs. J T Phillips, Hebron; D Williams, Llandilo; J C Owen, Bethesda; R W Williams, Maenclochog; J Stephens, Llwynyrhwrdd; D T Evans, Tyrhos; E D Evans, Penygroes; E G Lloyd, St Dogmells; L T Jones, St Davids; W A Davies, Moriah; D Lloyd, Ford; J Jones, Zion's Hill; W B Richards, Llanbradach; and J Evans, Colwyn Bay.

Sympathetic references were made at the decease of the Revs W Jones, Moylegrove and D Jones, Ford – two good and faithful ministers that have borne the highest character for many years in the county. The preaching services were as follows;- Tuesday evening, the Rev W B Richards read and prayed; afterwards Mr Lloyd, Ford, preached from Matthew xiv, 25, 26, 33 verses; Mr Evans, Colwyn Bay, from Isaiah xl, last five verses; Mr Jones, Zion's Hill, from St John xv. 11th verse. On Wednesday morning, introductory part, Mr Evans, Penygroes; afterwards Mr Phillips, Hebron, preached from Gal. iii, 13th verse. Mr Thomas, Whitland, from Acts xxvii, 21 (Temperance sermon). Wednesday afternoon introductory, Mr Davies, Fishguard; afterwards Mr Owen, Bethesda preached from Isaiah lxiv, 6th verses [sic] and Mr Williams, Llandilo from Math, xii, 44 and 46 verses.

On Wednesday evening the Revs. Davies, Moriah, Williams, Maenclochog, and Jones, St Davids, were the preachers, The congregations were large and the

sermons powerful so that the meetings were all that could be desired, and will be very long remembered. Hearty thanks are due to the church of Gideon, for the kindness and hospitality shown towards the ministers and visitors, who had come from far and near to participate in the meeting.

10 November

We hear the Rev J Evans, of Colwyn Bay, has been extended an unanimous invitation to become pastor of Gideon Welsh Congregation Chapel, Dinas. The rev gentleman has not yet given his reply but if he decides in favour of the invitation, the church at Dinas will be fortunate in having secured a strict abstainer. A powerful and earnest preacher and an indefatigable worker for the cause.

8 December

LECTURE On Tuesday next "Dyfed" who has been well described as "Prif Fardd y Byd," will visit Dinas to deliver one of his brilliant lectures which is "Gwlad y Dyn Du". "Dyfed's" popularity is known in the remotest parts of Pembrokeshire, his native county, and on Tuesday next it is expected that our friends in Dinas will give him a bumper house.

MINISTERIAL. We hear that the Rev J B Evans, Colwyn Bay, whom we announced in a recent issue to have received an unanimous call to become pastor of Gideon Welsh Congregational Church, Dinas Cross, has decided in favour of the invitation and will commence in his new sphere early in March next. The rev gentleman has been described as a powerful preacher, and indefatigable worker, and will no doubt, prove an acquisition to the parish.

GYMANFA. Preparation for the Gymanfa Gerddorol which will be held in Tabor Baptist Chapel on Christmas Day are moving apace. Notwithstanding the fact that the several choirs now rehearsing for the occasion have had but an inconsiderable length of time to master the anthem and tunes, we hear that great progress is being made by all the choirs in the district, namely, Tabor, Bethlehem, Jabez, Caersalem, and Glandwr, and that when the great day arrives it is likely to prove the most successful festival held in the district.

22 December

The Baptist Musical festival which will be held at Tabor on Monday next promises to eclipse all others previously held in the place. The tunes and anthems have been so carefully selected as to please even the most fastidious. "Darnau arian", and a few others which have not been sung for years are also included in the list, and, we assure that our grey-haired fraternity will be in ecstasies over the rendering of their old favourites. What sweet reminiscences of the past will their resurrection bring forth". The rehearsal at Newport was a huge success, the singers and conductor (Rev S G Bowen, G & L.T.S.C.) were in tip-top form. There will be two meetings, viz., at 2 and 6 p.m. We hope to be blessed with seasonable weather. Every provision will be made for the "inner man" at the schoolroom and we can trust our ladies for that.

The School Board has at last given orders to close the school bank. Over £70 will be paid to the little creditors over the course of a few days. It is to be hoped that the Post Office Bank will swell accordingly.

The evening school which has been held (uninterruptedly) three evenings a week for the last two months has broken up for the Christmas holiday. School will be resumed on the 2nd January. There is good “esprit de corps” among the students, and the singing is better than ever. The choruses for the “Rose Queen” performance have almost been mastered and the Queen, Fairy Queen, Flora, and the other characters were selected on Monday evening. The performance will be in full character, and our readers can look forward to a splendid two hours enjoyment. Dresses and all requisites will be engaged from a Manchester firm, so that it will be the first performance of its kind held in Dinas. It won't come off until February, at any rate not until the singers are in splendid trim. We are told that the pupils intend having a picnic in the spring. Well, they deserve it.

Christmas is again with us, and many and diverse are the ways to celebrate the day. Geese, turkeys, fowls, dry goods and proverbial cards find their way from friend to friend. One Dinasite had a very unique, if not a commendable way of celebrating the event. He sent his beloved a four-and-a-half gallon cask of good, strong ale, hoping thereby to win her love. The young lady, however, belonged to the T.Total class, and of course, the gift was declined “with thanks”. Romeo is now left to mourn the loss of his Juliet by his indiscretion. We know of many houses where the cask would be retained, but, indeed, “Tom” while we offer you our sympathy in your hour of trouble, we are bound to say, “Camsynaiast dy fochyn, yn wir Tom bach”.

29 December

Our report of the Cymanfa Ganu is unavoidably held over until next week.

The paragraph re the cask of ale which appeared in the last edition of the “Echo”, has caused no little offence to the one concerned. It seems that the young lady has two lovers “on the string” and that our friend sent her a cask of good, strong ale because his rival had previously sent some “bara currants a toffee”. We may also state that the cask rival was influenced by the Veidr-fawr Wax Committee. One of the members – an Oddfellow to boot – proposed that he should send a nine-gallon cask, but the grey haired president thought that a four-and-a-half gallon was good enough for a start.

The Dinas bakers had a very busy time of it last week. One of their cakes grew too large for the tin and had to be re-tinned at half-time.

Another correspondent writes:- I called at a public house in Dinas last Friday evening and soon after, another Dinasite joined me, or course conversation turned on the cask of ale. My friend when he came in, said it was a four-and-a-half, but after taking a few glasses he swore it was a nine. When he had taken another quart, he would have it that the cask was an 18 gallon one. I saw that my friend was fast losing control of his eyes and reason, and so I took my leave.

To the Editor of the “County Echo”

Sir, The one as published account of the amorous young swain and his lady love and the Christmas present of the drink that cheers and also inebriates in the “Echo” published on Dec. 22, has made one mistake, which is in regard to quantity. It was not 4½ gallons, but nine gallons, which can be verified by reference to the books of one of our enterprising merchants. Another thing your correspondent left out that that was there, was two amorous swains instead of one. The other thought to balance the wet

with the dry by sending a cake for Christmas and as a dessert, a nice little present of half-a-dozen of the best oranges procurable. Let us hope that the presence of each young lover will not lessen their present affection and friendship to one another, Yours truly,
ONE IN THE KNOW, DINAS CROSS

1899

5 January

It had been arranged to hold a social evening at the Schoolroom on New Year's Eve, but New Year's Day falling on Sunday, the promoters wisely abandoned the affair.

SUDDEN DEATH It is with extreme regret that we have this week to chronicle the death of Mr Thomas Lewis which took place very suddenly on Monday morning last at Brynhyfryd. Deceased was a deacon at Tabor Baptist Chapel and was recognised by all as a man of undoubted ability and sound common-sense. At the inquest which was held on the body on Wednesday it was stated that deceased, about 2 a.m. On Monday made one or two attempts to sit up in bed, but fell back each time. His wife, having several times spoken to him without receiving a reply, got alarmed and immediately got up to light the lamp. Then she found that her husband was alive but quite speechless. She went at once to the nearest house for assistance and Messrs Timothy Lewis and John Lewis, Vagwrmeredith were soon in attendance, but deceased was beyond human aid before they arrived. It seems that deceased was attended about two years ago by Dr Havard (Newport) who reported that he suffered from heart disease and the medical gentleman was therefore not surprised to hear of his painfully sudden death. A verdict of "failure of the heart's action" was returned. Deceased leaves a widow who has our deepest sympathy in her sad bereavement. The mortal remains will be interred at Macpelah today (Thursday) the Rev J Maurice officiating.

NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATIONS All the respectable fraternity in Dinas have had ample cause for many years past to regard the "coming in" of the New Year with anxiety and uneasiness. Many of them will even now relate how they have got up on New Year's Day only to find that their gates, stable doors, barrows etc. had been taken away during the night and deposited elsewhere. Horses and other livestock, on such occasions, are let loose and allowed to roam about at will. Such has been the custom in Dinas for years past of celebrating the advent of the new year, and who can blame the victims for not joining in the season's felicitations when their equanimity was so disturbed. This custom may be worthy of the barbaric age, but it certainly does not commend itself to any person gifted with any sense of decency and reason, and the sooner the custom is abolished the better. It has been observed, however, of recent years that these proceedings were not carried out to such extremes as in former years and many hoped that the hateful custom would very soon die a natural death. Bearing this in mind, and the fact that New Year's Day fell on a Sunday, persons naturally prophesied a quiet night. However, those who anticipated thus had a rude awakening and they soon found that there were persons in Dinas who had no respect for the Sabbath. Not within the memory of the oldest person living were the proceedings carried out to such extremes. The amount of havoc made in various parts of the locality suggest that there must have been more than one party engaged in the dirty work. One gang, it is evident, could never have accomplished such wholesale destruction in such a comparatively short space of time. These moonlighters must

have been busy soon after midnight. Traps, cars, gates, doors, ladders, in fact everything came for ill usage. Three window panes at the school were completely smashed; Tyrhos trap found a resting place at Rhoshelyg and another from Clun was found at Hescomb. Still these fenians were not satisfied. They must needs crown their dirty work by an attack on Tabor and Brynhenllan chapels.

Happily, however, for Taborians, they were frustrated in their attack on Tabor by the timely appearance on the scene of Mr Daniel Morris. But at Brynhenllan they had a clear field and were not long in destroying the monumental structure surmounting the gateway. Having got these loose, they deposited one at each doorstep leading to the chapel. This was a crowning piece of filthy work by which the perpetrators have made themselves unenviably notorious. It is to be regretted that we have in Dinas men capable of attacking a place of worship. We are suddenly taken aback to the time of Henry VIII when the monasteries were suppressed. Such conduct under whatever circumstances, was wholly unjustifiable and inexplicable, but it seems that the delinquents were caught red-handed by Mr Prouse the coastguard, and acting upon his evidence, PC Morgan of Newport, very soon tracked the culprits to earth. They were taken over to Soar Hill, and forgiven on condition that a letter of apology be forthcoming from each, and all damages made good. We compliment the friends of Brynhenllan for their leniency in the matter and for tempering justice with mercy. To err is human, to forgive Divine. We trust the culprits have received a salutary lesson and that we shall see no repetition of such dastardly proceedings again in this parish.

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12 January

DEATH OF AN OLD INHABITANT, The remains of Mrs Anne Harries, the beloved wife of Mr David Harries of Park-y-dinas, were interred at Gedeon on Tuesday last. The deceased has been a faithful and consistent member at Gedeon for many years. Park-y-dinas is situated on the side of the mountain facing the sea between Dinas and

the Gwaun Valley. A number of friends were in the habit of visiting the deceased during the 40 years she has lived there, and they always found her kind and genial. She will be missed by a large number of friends, and we can sympathise with David Harries in his bereavement, and trust he will be able to say as the patriarch of old – “The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away; blessed be the name of the Lord.” The Rev B Rowlands of Clydach Vale, (her late minister) and the Rev J G Morris officiated at the funeral.

19 January

PLOUGHING MATCH AT DINAS On Wednesday (yesterday) a ploughing match took place at Forest Farm, Dinas Cross, in very unfavourable weather, which was against a lot of entries, but on the whole the event was in every respect a success. The judges were Messrs. T Griffiths, Ffynondruidion; D Richards, Rhydymaen; T Rees, Virianog; and J Raymond, Henllan, Dinas. The secretarial duties were admirably carried out by Mr Dewi Harries, assisted by an energetic committee of management. The following were the prizewinners in each class; Class A (extra champion): first prize, W Hughes, Penlan. Class B (champion): first, David Morgan, Berny; second, R R Marsden, Ffynonddofn; third, Dan Thomas, Dyffryn. Special prize by Mr Dewi Harries for the best ridge in the field, first prize, W Hughes, Penlan. Class C (general class): first, John Howells, Holmhouse; second, B Evans, Blaenmainy; third, James Davies, Cross; fourth, Owen Harries, Garnfach. Class D (for those who had not won a prize in any ploughing match whatever) first, Wm. Morris, Brynhenllan; second, J Thomas, Tycanol; third, Thos. Lewis, Cwmyreglwys; fourth, John H James, Parkglas.

2 February

DINAS COMMON To the Editor of the “County Echo”

Sir, As a constant reader of the “Echo” may I be permitted to ask you or some of your numerous correspondents, to publish in its columns the principal statements concerning the alleged encroachment on the Dinas commons. The report is current that the enclosure wall of the above alleged encroachment has been demolished, and that the issue will shortly be before the law courts. Such a case is of more than local interest, and the information thus supplied will be invaluable to those who have to deal with similar cases, as there are many such cases in different parts of the country. Yours truly, A COMMONER.

9 February

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Sir, Being interested in this common, I beg to thank “commoner” for giving the encroachment publicity in your last issue and would be thankful if he would give some particulars of it, as there are many like myself who would like to know more about it. I know of one encouragement,[encroachment?] but I think it is not the one referred to. Such land-grabbing should be put a stop to. Yours truly, ONE INTERESTED

16 February

DINAS COMMON To the editor of the “County Echo”

Sir, The reference in your recent issue to Dinas common is no doubt to the plot of land to the eastern side of the Clover Hill public house, Dinas. This land was presented to the late Mr Ebenezer Davies of Ffynonovy in October 1868 by the Lord of the Manor, which is signed by some thirteen jurors present to Mr Ebenezer Davies

from the parish of Dinas in the county of Pembroke (subject to his settling with the barony for the same), all the waste land situated on Dinas Common bounded on the north by Carnwen, south by the high road leading from Newport to Fishguard, on the east by David of Carn Wen and on the west by land presented to Eleanor Owens and a piece of land to be worked by [?] Raymond and Mr Thomas George. A correct copy of the entry in the [?] dated the 25th day of October and signed by Wm. Griffiths, steward [?] Griffiths. The sum of two shillings and sixpence has yearly ever since the above date [?] rent. On the death of Mr Ebenezer Davies the land was bequeathed to Dr Perkins who afterwards sold his interest therein for five pounds to Mr Thomas Stephens of Clover Hill Inn, who some eighteen months later commenced enclosing the plot in question without any interruption by anyone. The steward and the jury of the Court Leet advised everyone that sent meant to enclose their plots which has been done. Mr Stephens was completing the work of enclosing his plot after much expense and trouble but on 25 [?] last Mr Davies, representing [?] of the manor, Sir Martine O. Lloyd, brought down four labourers together with PC Morgans of Newport to [?] the disgraceful work of demolishing the [?] which they were allowed to do without interruption, at the same time leaving the enclosures untouched. I should ask any one of your numerous readers if they can explain the fairness of such an action. Yours truly, Dinas Cross.

FORTHCOMING CONCERT The concert which will be held at the Board schoolroom, Dinas, on Wednesday evening next, promises to be huge success from every point of view. The artistes have been in constant practice, under their able leader for the last fortnight, and they can be relied upon to give a splendid account of themselves. The dresses and other paraphernalia will be supplied from Reading. The decorations will, it is believed, be sufficiently elaborate to satisfy even the most fastidious. The rush for tickets has been extraordinarily brisk, but we hear that the number sold will not exceed the accommodation, a section of the Newport Male Voice Party (under the leadership of Mr J R Jones), with the Dinas Schoolchildren will assist the Evening School Scholars in the performance. The artistes in the cantata "The Rose Queen" will be arranged in a semi-circle previous to the lifting of the curtains, and undoubtedly the little children in a kneeling position with fans and various colours, will present a beautiful and striking effect. All those interested are deeply grateful to the kind squire of Glynamel for his patronage and timely subscription towards defraying the cost of the decorations. The chair will be taken by W Davies, esq., mayor of Newport.

9 March

A meeting of the Pembrokeshire Presbytery held at Dinas considered the question of bringing out a biography of the departed ministers in the county, and the Revs G Williams, V D Thomas and W Evans M.A, were appointed to prepare the work.

We beg to welcome to our midst the Rev John Evans who commenced his ministry on Sunday last at Gedeon Congregational Church. For the last four and a half years, he has been pastor with much success at Colwyn Bay church, and at the farewell gathering the rev gentleman was presented with a handsomely framed illuminated address on behalf of the congregation. The rev gentleman is impressive and is also a splendid musician. It is said that he intends starting a bible class and a Band of Hope. The latter is much needed in the parish, and we are sure the Revs J W Maurice and G Morgan will assist.

A parish meeting was held at the schoolroom on Tuesday evening to receive nominations for the parish council. Mr James Raymond occupied the chair. All the old members, with the exception of two, were re-elected. Messrs Harries and Stephen Davies (smith) were elected in place of Messrs. Daniel George and David Thomas, resigned.

We are sorry to understand that Mr James Evans's (Smithfield) condition is still very precarious. The poor fellow has been low for the past few weeks and has often stood between life and death. He is a faithful member at Brynhenllan. Hosts of friends have called at Smithfield and have shown their sympathy in a practical manner, and we join with them in wishing his complete recovery God speed.

DEATH We regret to announce the sad demise of Mr Thomas Jones, which event took place at his residence in Jericho, Dinas on Tuesday Feb. 28 at the age of 67 years. He was a most faithful member of Gedeon, and he was a familiar figure at all the services. He never missed a prayer meeting, Sunday School, or service, and all callers at his house invariably found him with his Bible in hand. He was highly esteemed by all who knew him. He never had an unkind word to say of anyone, and his large funeral on Saturday last plainly showed how deeply beloved he was by all. Deceased was an Oddfellow and the Newport section attended to pay the last tribute of respect to his remains. Deceased's widow and son will sorely miss his benign presence, and we deeply sympathise with them in their sorrow and also with the brethren at Gedeon, for they have lost a true and noble brother. The remains were interred at Gedeon, the Rev J Evans officiating. Wreaths were sent by Miss Meyer, Mr J E Setchfield, Cardiff, and others; and letters of condolence were received from the Rev D.C Jones, and Mr Griffiths, Fishguard.

CONCERT On Wednesday evening, March 1st, a grand performance of the cantata "Rose Queen" was given by the scholars of the Dinas Evening School, assisted by half a dozen of the Newport Male Voice Party and a number of schoolchildren. Long before the hour of commencing the schoolroom was packed by a large and appreciative audience. The various characters were taken p by the following:- Miss M A Evans, Miss Jesse Maurice, Miss F Alderson, Miss M E Davies, Miss M Drew, Misses M E Harries, E A Thomas, Polly Harries, Rebecca Howell, Mary J Thomas, Sally Edwards, Paulina George, L Hopkins and M A Richards, masters J S and W E Bennett, and Mr T C Bennet. All the choruses and solos were rendered in splendid style. The stage never presented such a brilliant scene at any concert before in Dinas. The walls, portal, throne, and the floor being gaily decorated in evergreen (kindly given by Rev T G Mortimer, ivy, artificial flowers, flower pots, etc. and the sight of the choristers in white dresses and coloured fans was a never-to-be-forgotten one, Indeed, the ladies worked nobly and well to get up such a beautiful scene. The chair in the unavoidable absence of the mayor of Newport (who, we are pleased to understand is gaining rapidly in health) was kindly taken by Mr James Raymond, chairman of the board, and we congratulate him on the good conduct of the audience, Never before did they conduct themselves with such credit to themselves. That rowdiness so characteristic of Dinas audiences in the past was conspicuous by its absence. Mr J Harris conducted and accompanied with his usual skill. The committee desire to thank the Rev T G Mortimer, MA, the Court, for his kindness in supplying evergreens for the decorations and also to the proprietors of the Fishguard Temperance Hall for the loan of the chairs.

30 March

DEATHS It is our painful duty this week to record the death of Mrs Mary Harries, the much beloved wife of Capt Harries of Bay View, which lamentable event took place on Monday morning last after several years suffering at the age of 63 years. She was one of the most esteemed inhabitants of Dinas and although an invalid for about twelve years she bore her affliction with Christian fortitude. The interment will take place on Friday at 2 pm at Brynhenllan.

On Wednesday, another link in the chain of the old residents of Dinas was broken by the death of Mr James Evans, smith, of Veidr-fawr, we referred some time ago in these columns to his illness, and we then hoped for the best, but a change for the worse set in and our friend, on Wednesday, passed peacefully away to the "great majority" from the midst of a large and loving family and host of relatives and friends. Deceased, who was 53 years of age, was a faithful member at Brynhenllan, and we feel sure the Church at that place will miss him sorely.

A case of necessitous circumstances, and one that needs the attention of the district councillor, and relieving officer for Dinas, is that of Margaret Williams, of Penllaen. Until about six months ago this person was in receipt of parish relief, but under the belief that she possessed some means she was deprived of her three shillings relief. Enquirers, however, failed to discover that she had any private means, and the poor woman has been left all the winter without, practically, any means of sustenance. She has been indisposed for some time past, and we firmly believe that her case is one that should receive the attention of the charitably disposed inhabitants of Dinas.

6 April

FFYNONWEN FARM, DINAS CROSS TO BE LET with possession at Michaelmas next, the above Farm with almost 60 acres of excellent meadow pasture and arable land. Apply, Capt. David Harries, Soar Hill, Dinas Cross.

At Pont Tabor on the left hand side of the road from Newport, no little damage had been caused by a traction engine sinking into the ground. The width of the road at this spot is only about 11 feet and owing to the great fall close to the edge it is a danger to the public. We learn that the question is to be brought forward at the next meeting of the Dinas parish council with a view of inducing the county to take the matter in hand and put it in a thorough state of repair.

27 April

Dinas Parish Council A meeting of the Dinas Parish Council took place last week when there were present the Rev G Morgan (chairman), Captain W Richards, Captain B Thomas and Messrs E Murrow, E Evans, D Harries, S Davies, E Bennett, and Dewi Harries with the clerk (Captain Davies).

DECLARATION OF OFFICE

The declaration book was signed by each councillor present and it was agreed that the two absentees – Captain D Harries, JP, and Mr W J Raymond – should be allowed to sign at the next meeting.

APPOINTMENT OF OVERSEERS

The Clerk, referring to this matter, said the two overseers, who had not finished the work, should be reelected, and not leave the dirty work of getting arrears into fresh men. The chairman thought it would be well to have a change, because Mr Mendus

had been overseer for the last two years; but Mr Evans, Ffynnonovy, had only been in office since last January. Mr Dewi Harries proposed and Mr Evan Murrow seconded that Mr David Harries (Star Inn) be elected overseer in place of Mr Mendus. This was carried.

PONT TABOR AND THE COMMONS

Mr Dewi Harries asked the chairman if the District Council had taken any notice of the letter sent them after the last meeting with regard to the bad state of the road near Pont Tabor; and what of the question of common land that was before the last meeting. He (Mr Harries) would like to know if the enclosure was sanctioned by the Board of Agriculture. The Chairman replied that as far as he was aware no notice whatever had been taken of their letter to the District Council and he had been informed that an application had been sent to the Board of Agriculture to pass the enclosure, but it was not granted. Mr Edwin Bennett proposed that a letter should be written to the District Council asking for a reply to the letter sent in January. He added that he should also like to know the reason the Board of Agriculture had for refusing the enclosure. The proposition, having been seconded, was adopted.

THE COUNCIL'S FINANCIAL POSITION

Several bills to the amount of 16s 5d were passed for payment. The Chairman asked how much money the council had in hand, and Mr E Bennett (treasurer) replied that there was £6 1s 1d.

THE REPAIR OF A ROAD

Mr Dewi Harries proposed, and Mr S Davies seconded, that the clerk should write to the Haverfordwest district road surveyor and also to the clerk of the Main Road Committee in reference to the state of the road near Pont Tabor and the top of Veidr-fawr. This was carried.

11 May

We learn that Mr S Davies (parish councillor) for Dinas will be the future tenant of the Freemasons Arms, the previous holder of the licence (Mrs Davies) having left the neighbourhood for Sydney, South Australia.

A FORTUNATE DINASITE We assure every inhabitant of Dinas will rejoice to hear that Captain William Mendus (Cambrian Terrace, Dinas) has been placed in command of one of the largest cattle boats crossing the "herring pond". We must congratulate Captain Mendus on his appointment and we have every reason to feel proud of having such a fortunate person residing in our midst. The worthy captain has had a most successful career, and we wish him the same luck in the future as in the past. He is spending a few weeks with his family at Dinas prior to his leaving England.

LADIES CHOIR We are informed that Mr J Harries (Schoolmaster) is about to form a ladies choir to compete at the forthcoming Cardigan eisteddfod in August next. There is a plethora of musical talent amongst the ladies of Dinas who have already been selected and they will be assisted by the cream of Fishguard and Newport. Mr Harries, as the wielder of the baton, is certainly the right man in the right place, being a musician of no mean repute, and under his careful training, the choir should prove a hard nut to crack.

GEDEON CHAPEL In connection with this place of worship, recognition services were held on Tuesday and Wednesday last. The new pastor (Rev J Evans of Colwyn Bay) commenced his ministry at Gedeon on the first Sunday in March, and since that

time he has been most active in matters connected with the church and especially he has endeared himself to the young folks of the place.

25 May

THE REV B ROWLANDS AT TABOR During last week, the Rev B Rowlands of Clydach Vale (formerly pastor of Gideon chapel) was on a special visit to the district, and his endless number of friends and admirers in this locality were pleased to see him looking so well. When it became known that he was on a visit to the place (where he had been a minister of the gospel for upwards of thirteen years) there was a strong desire that he should be heard preaching before his return, and with this view, the brethren at Tabor Baptist Church (being the largest chapel in the place and where everyone could have the pleasure of hearing him) specially asked Mr Rowlands to remain at Dinas over Sunday and officiate at their evening service. This the rev gentleman very kindly promised to do and on Sunday evening last the large edifice was filled to its utmost capacity, Dinasites are well aware of Mr Rowland's abilities as a preacher and it is almost needless to state that he fully maintained his reputation on this occasion, when he delivered a most powerful and effective address. Indeed, it is no wonder the people of Dinas envy the friends at Clydach Vale, for having as their pastor such an effective preacher as Mr Rowlands, and it is no surprise that the church under his charge there is increasing in membership, but what is our loss is their gain, and they can well afford to make much of him at Clydach Vale after having secured his service. We learn that Mr Rowlands will shortly be invited to deliver a lecture at Dinas, being that he is as fluent as a lecturer as he is effective and powerful as a preacher.

FUNERAL On Tuesday last the interment took place at Macpelah burying ground of the mortal remains of Mrs George, the beloved wife of Mr Daniel George, Pantydwyr. The Rev J W Maurice officiated at the house, and the Rev B Rowlands (of Clydach Vale) at the graveside, when he delivered an impressive address. Deceased was 70 years of age, and had been a faithful member at Tabor Chapel for a great number of years.

1 June

LADIES CHOIR

The Dinas, Newport and Fishguard United Ladies Choir are determined to do their utmost to secure the prize at the forthcoming Cardigan eisteddfod. The first practice will take place in the school-room (Dinas) tonight (Thursday) at 7.30. The conductor is Mr J Harries (schoolmaster, Dinas) and if anyone will lead the choir to victory, he will, as he is a born musician and it is no wonder that the ladies are in such high spirits. It is gratifying to note that the ladies are always punctual and regular in attendance at the choir practices, so different to the male members. The choir will number 36 members.

TRAP ACCIDENT A trap accident, which happily was not attended with any serious results, occurred on Monday evening last on the Newport road. It appears that one of the vehicles containing several of the Dinasites who had been reciting the "pwnc" at Caersalem and Brynberian was returning home when the wheel suddenly came off, and the trap, being upset, the shaft became broken, and the occupants were precipitated into the road. They had a most miraculous escape, and they must feel thankful that they were so fortunate as to be able to proceed homewards without

feeling much the worse for their adventure. We think it fair to inform our readers that it was not Mr Murrow's trap that was damaged on this occasion.

OBITUARY. We regret to have record the death of a very old and much respected inhabitant of this parish, in the person of Miss Nanny Hughes, who passed peacefully away on Sunday night at the advanced age of 75 years. The old lady had been living for a number of years in a house adjoining Gedeon chapel of which place of worship she acted as caretaker. She remained in the house by herself until a week prior to her demise which took place at Bwlchmawr where she received every care and attention at the hands of Mrs E Davies, and it should be said that Mrs Edwards of Rosehill, also acted as a friend to the deceased in her hour of need. Deceased was caretaker of Gedeon chapel for upwards of 20 years, and was regularly in receipt of parish relief, but strange to say, it was her wish that she should not be interred in a parish coffin and, considering her long connection with Gedeon, it was expected that such would not be the case, but it was no little surprise to many to hear that a parish coffin was obtained for the interment of her remains. The delay, too, in connection with her coffin, reflects no credit upon the guardians of the parish, but had the circumstances of the case become known in time, there would have been found plenty of willing subscribers who would have come forward to defray the cost of a coffin according to the wish of the deceased. The interment took place on Wednesday afternoon.

PWNC The Baptists and Independents of this place recited their “pwnc” at Caersalem and Brynberian respectively on Monday last, and those who had the good fortune to be present were soon convinced that the “pwnc” was as popular as ever in this district. The day was gloriously fine, and there was a large attendance, notwithstanding the fact that the death of Mr J Williams (Tygwyn) militated against the presence of a good many Dinasites who were to have taken a prominent part in the singing and recitations. The anthems and recitations were rendered in a praiseworthy manner. The party left Dinas in conveyances supplied by Messrs E Murrow, J Richards, Capt W Davies (Commercial Hotel, Newport), and the Commercial Hotel, Fishguard. Mr James Howells led the Taborians with his customary ability. The Gedeonites were under the efficient leadership of Mr J Harries (schoolmaster) and also took part in the singing at Caersalem. The schools were respectably catechised by the Revs J W Maurice, and J Evans.

SAD DEATH Quite a gloom was cast over the village of Dinas on Saturday evening last at the sad tidings of the death of Mr John Williams of Tygwyn. The deceased gentleman who was only 47 years of age had the misfortune to break a blood vessel about twelve months age, and ever since that time he has lost ground daily, having been a victim of that dreadful malady – Bright's Disease. The deceased was seen out of doors on Saturday last, but he was looking very pale and about a quarter to six of the evening of that day he was seized with a paralectic [sic] stroke, which rendered him unconscious and he remained in that state for 24 hours when he passed away. Dr Rees (Newport) was summoned to the house on Saturday evening and everything that could possibly be done for the patient was done, but all their efforts proved futile. The deceased gentleman was a well-to-do farmer; he was respected by everyone in the locality, having made no enemies, and as a father he was most kind and considerate. He will be greatly missed by the church where he was a regular attender, and was always looked upon as a conscientious churchman. In his business transactions, he was most honourable and thoroughly straightforward. As a “vet” it would be difficult

to find his equal, and his loss in this respect will be an irreparable one to the farmers of the locality, because he always gave his services gratuitously. The deceased gentleman was the last of a trio of three bosom friends, who were inseparable three years ago, all of whom have now gone over to the "great majority". We allude to the late Mr Edward Smyth Bennett and the late Mr Andrew Raymond, both of whom were highly esteemed during their lifetime. The burial of deceased will take place this (Thursday) afternoon and the cortege will leave the home at two o'clock for Macpelah. A report of the burial service will appear in next week's "Echo".

8 June

DEATH On May 28th at Bwlchmawr, Dinas, Miss Nanny Hughes, aged 75 years, on May 28th at Tygwyn, Dinas, Mr John Williams, aged 47 years.

FUNERAL SERVICE On Sunday evening last at Tabor Baptist Chapel, the Rev J S Maurice (pastor) preached a very impressive sermon to the late Mrs Catherine George, whose death was recorded in our columns a fortnight since.

Although the fine weather has come, the bicycle craze has not yet caught on at Dinas. Many of the young ladies are anxiously awaiting the appearance of the last year's instructor (Mr Jones of Newport).

A full report of the funeral of the late Mr John Williams, of Tygwyn, Dinas, came to hand too late for publication this week, and will appear in our next issue.

On account of current topic at Dinas regarding the paragraph in our last issue, touching upon the death of Miss Nanny Hughes, we find it necessary to state that we did not receive the paragraph in question from our regular correspondent at Dinas.

GUN ACCIDENT On Monday morning last, Mr Carter Bennett of Hescumb, was out shooting at the Castle (Dinas) when the gun he was carrying suddenly exploded, but fortunately he escaped without sustaining any injuries.

The Choir in connection with Tabor Baptist Chapel, easily took the palm in singing at Caersalem on Monday in last week, and on all hands we hear nothing but praise for the members and their able conductor, Mr James Howells.

Mr Jenkin Jones BA, son of Mr David Jones, Werndew Mill, Dinas Cross, has been admitted as a student to Mansfield College, Oxford, and has been awarded a scholarship of £50 a year for three years. Mr Jones graduated in London University last October, and intends to proceed to Oxford next October.

We are now in a position to state that Capt Wm Mendus (Cambrian Terrace) has had the command of the ss "Roman" an Atlantic liner trading between Boston and Liverpool, and we understand that he sailed for America on Wednesday last. It is interesting to note that the new captain's predecessor some time ago towed a French passenger boat to safety, and was rewarded with £1,000. We hope the same mantle will fall on Capt Mendus.

LADIES CHOIR The local section of the Dinas, Newport, and Fishguard Ladies Choir had their first practice on Thursday evening in last week, at the schoolroom (Dinas), under the baton of their popular conductor (Mr J Harries, schoolmaster). Everyone of the ladies selected namely 18 was present, and a very good start was

made. Another rehearsal took place on Wednesday evening last. We learn that the accompanist will be Miss M Drew (Dinas), and that as soon as a piece has been mastered by the Dinasites, they will join the Newport section.

15 June

Dinas Parish Council. A meeting of the above council was held on Thursday evening last., when there were present the Rev G Morgan (chairman), Capt Harries, JP, Capt. Richards, Messrs Evan Murrow, Dewi Harries, William Raymond, David Harries, Evan Evans, Stephen Davies and Edwin Bennett, with the clerk (Capt Davies).

MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. It was noticed by several of the councillors that no mention was made in the minutes of the reason why the common land question did not pass the Board of Agriculture.

THE ROAD AT PONT TABOR

A communication was read from Mr George (Haverfordwest) clerk to the county council re the above road. Capt Harries intimated that no notice whatever had been taken of the letter sent on the 28 of April to the county council, and he would propose that the clerk be instructed to write to the chairman of the main road committee, asking for a reply to the letter. Mr Wm Raymond seconded, at it was carried. The clerk was also instructed to write to the clerk of the main roads committee (Mr Eaton Evans) on the subject. Capt Harries: The more we give in on this matter the more we shall have to suffer. They ought to reply to the letters sent.

DRAINAGE OF THE PARISH

The clerk reported the receipt of a letter from the clerk to the Haverfordwest District Council on the question of the sanitary condition of Dinas, together with Dr Sweeting's report on the present drainage system, which he (Dr Sweeting) condemned, and pointed out the necessity of the parish being properly drained. Capt Harries asked what was meant by the words "drainage of the parish". Did it imply that they were recommended to drain the village only or the whole area of the parish?

Mr Dewi Harries then proposed and Mr Edwin Bennett seconded, that the council did not consider the drainage necessary at that time, but they would be glad to meet a deputation with a view of providing a proper drainage system where absolutely necessary—carried.

FINANCIAL

On the application of the treasurer (Mr E Bennett) the chairman and Mr David Harries signed the bank book for the withdrawal of £2. It was not stated however, what the money was required for, neither was the application put before the council, and consequently it was not passed in the ordinary way.

THE LORD OF THE MANOR AND THE COMMON LAND

Before dispersing, a discussion ensued with reference to the charges made for carting clay and stone from the common land in the parish. It was pointed out that for every load of clay or stone raised on this land, 2d had to be paid to the Lord of the Manor. It was contended that the common land belonged to the parishioners and they considered this charge an imposition. Several of the members stated that if they required any stone or clay they would not pay for it, and some of the councillors suggested that it would be well to have a test case, to see whether the Lord of the Manor was really entitled to this money.

CLEYN WELL

Some of the council expected that notice would have been taken of the meeting at Cleyn Well which had been condemned by Dr Sweeting and was closed for some

time, as the water was unfit for dietetic purposes. No mention however, was made of the matter.

It is rumoured in Dinas that a wealthy English gentleman has taken part of the Island for a building site, on which he purposes erecting a splendid mansion. A syndicate, we understand, has also been formed for acquiring the land between Cwmyreglwys and Pwllgwaelod for building purposes – a grand future for the Sailor's Safety “home-brewed”.

A most amusing incident occurred in the neighbourhood a few days since. It appears that three well known gentlemen in North Pembrokeshire – one a fledged teetotaller, the second a confirmed teetotaller and the third engaged in the tea trade – were driving through this parish in a donkey cart, when “old neddy” suddenly made for Rose Cottage and the gentlemen in question experienced the greatest difficulty in getting him away from the public house. Needless to say, John Barleycorn remained untouched and the poor old donkey had to proceed on his journey without indulging in the “cup that cheers”.

£5 FOR A THRUSH Dinasites say just now that that beautiful songster the thrush, has not been heard to pour forth its melodious song in this parish since the very severe winter of 1895. We are informed that a well known farmer of Dinas, has offered £5 for every thrush seen in the district. Of course, we draw the line at thrushes made in Germany.

At Tabor Baptistry on Sunday morning last, Mr Caleb Cornock, who is at an advanced age, was baptised by the Rev J W Maurice (the respected pastor of Tabor). The scene was a very impressive one.

FUNERAL The funeral of the late and deeply-lamented Mr John Williams of Tygwyn, took place on Thursday, the first day of June. The service at the house had been announced for 2.30 p.m., but for hours previous to that time, traps, conveying friends and relatives arrived in quick succession, while crowds wended their way on foot. If anyone wished a testimony of the deceased's noble character, his kind-heartedness at all times, his willingness to do everyone a good turn, and his immense popularity amongst all classes of people, no better one could be found than in the huge concourse which assembled to pay its last tribute. There is something very pathetic on a June burial. Summer is naturally associated somehow with life and joyousness; the trappings of woe seem not in keeping with the rays of the brilliant sun. It would seem far more fitting to lay a body to rest amid the falling of the rain or the moaning of the wind. However, nature is not sentimental, and man goeth in the sunshine as well as in the shadow. The Rev J W Maurice read and prayed very efficiently at the house and the remains were afterwards conveyed to the church where a short service was held.

There were magnificent floral tributes to the memory of the dear departed. The coffin bore the inscription “John Williams, died May 28, 1899, aged 47 years.” The accommodation of the church was taxed to its utmost capacity and scores had to remain outside. The funeral service was conducted by the popular rector (Rev J Williams) of whom the deceased entertained the greatest respect. The service opened with the singing of the touching hymn “Mae hyfryd meddwl ambell dro wrth deithio anial le”. The text for the sermon which was delivered with much feeling by the

respected rector is to be seen in Psalms XXXIV, 8th verse - "O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in Him." After the singing of that very appropriate and touching hymn - "Mae 'nghyfeillion adre'n myned", the huge procession re-formed and made for Macpelah. At the graveside the Rev J W Maurice delivered a very impressive address, speaking in eulogistic terms of the deceased's noble character and great generosity. The Rev J Williams went through the funeral rites and so closed the last scene in the career of poor John Williams (Tygwyn) whose memory will be cherished for many years to come. Hundreds gazed with tenderness and tear-filled eyes upon the wreath covered coffin, ere they left the graveside. Deceased was a conscientious churchman, but he was buried in Macpelah because there some of his relatives already sleep the sleep of the just. The list of mourners present would take a whole column and so we must be pardoned for giving only the names of the principal ones, viz, Mrs E Williams (widow), Mr Evan Williams, Gloucester (brother), Mrs M E Llewellyn, Bay View, (daughter), Miss Maggie Williams (daughter), Messrs James Owen Williams (Manchester) and John Williams (sons). Mr John Thomas (Rhoshelyg) was the undertaker.

A HOAX The gun accident at the Castle was only a hoax after all. Enquiries have been made, but they proved it was only a stretch of the reporter's imagination. It was no "gun" in the air but plenty of "Castle" and that has come down long since.

Everyone in the parish was delighted to see the familiar faces of Doctor H Bowen Perkins and his wife in Dinas on Friday last. The genial doctor was greatly interested in the common land question, and, we learn, that he expressed his surprise at the parish council not knowing the reason why the Board of Agriculture did not approve of the application of the Dinas Parish Council regarding the common land, forwarded in January last.

To the Editor of the COUNTY ECHO,

Sir, In your last week's issue, I could not help but noticing one of your correspondent's remarks - that the choir in connection with Tabor Baptist chapel easily took the palm on the "pwnc" day at Caersalem. Mr Editor, I do not for a moment disregard the singing of Tabor choir neither did I appreciate its singing more so than one or two others, still, I was not aware we had adjudicators there for that purpose, therefore, I think it very unfair of your correspondent to give his decision on one choir more than another on such an occasion. We all know these annual gatherings are for the benefit of furthering the good cause amongst the various Sunday schools, and not for adjudication. And as your correspondent must know, there was an eisteddfod for that purpose in the evening, which proved a grand success. Yours truly, A WELL WISHER OF THE GOOD CAUSE.

22 June

We hear on trustworthy authority that Mr W Lewis and Ll Gilbert (Newport) will run daily conveyances to Goodwick as soon as the new line is opened. Their moderate charges will be a great boon to the residents of Dinas. But do not let us forget Mr Murrow as well.

The doubts entertained of the tenancy of the Freemasons Arms, vacated by the departure of Mrs Davies to Australia, were set at rest on Friday last. There were many applications, but Miss Maria Laugharne proved the fortunate one.

The Rev J Evans, the popular minister at Gedeon, and his wife have left the district for fortnight's holiday at Bangor – Mrs Evans's native place. We trust that our friends will enjoy themselves thoroughly in North Wales.

We are sorry to hear that Mr T D Maurice (teacher under the Mynydd Yslwyn School Board and son of the renowned pastor of Tabor) has been ailing lately. The Board have considerably given him a fortnight to recuperate his vitality. We wish him speedy recovery.

The evening school scholars have decided to get their picnic on Friday the 23rd inst. It will take the form of a drive through the Gwaun Valley, and tea on the sands at Newport. The party will number from 50 to 60, and will be conveyed by brakes from the Llwyngwair Arms, Newport. It was at one time thought that the police-court proceedings at Newport sometime ago would deprive the scholars of a day's enjoyment, but happily, the master escaped scatheless from fine or gruel.

Hurrah! Mr Evan Murrow, we are pleased to learn, has started posting again and is fast gaining lost ground. There is no better driver or a more sociable companion on the road than the squire of Tyrhos. He is deservedly popular with all classes, and his return to the monopoly of the post bag business will no doubt be hailed with delight by his numerous friends.

The ladies and conductor of the Dinas section of the Ladies United Choir are very pleased to hear such flattering reports of the enthusiasm of their friends at Fishguard. Mr Perkins's musical taste is something after the style of our schoolmaster (Mr J Harries). Both gentlemen have had a consultation re the style of rendering and we hear their views are perfectly alike, so that uniformity of style is assured. The Newport section under Mr J R Jones, can likewise be depended upon in every way.

We are exceedingly pleased to welcome Capt T James, Ashgrove – the popular skipper of the s.s. “Eshcolbrook”, to our midst. He is a typical mariner, loves the sea with all his heart, and has never been known to utter a word of complaint to the “clerk of the weather”. His visits have always been hurried ones and we are looking forward to the time when he will settle down to enjoy a well earned rest in his contemplative mansion at Cwmbach. His career has been highly meritorious and singularly successful. As a patron of Dinas labour, he ranks head and shoulders above any other skipper past or present with all the home applicants for berths in the “Eshcolbrook”, it seems to be the case of “Ceisiwch a chwi a gewch”, and what is more with all his skilful seamanship and courtesy Dinas may indeed be proud of him. He does not look as well as we would wish him to be, but we hope that his short stay amongst us will soon bring him round again.

The Methodists held their musical festival at Newport (Monday) and St Dogmells (Wednesday). The singers at Brynhenllan have been busy for the last few weeks preparing for the event. They were trained by Messrs T Lewis (chemist, Fishguard) and W A Harries (Dinas). Brynhenllanites have always been good factors towards making the festival a success, and, as usual, they were well in evidence this year.

again. They were conveyed to Llandudoch in brakes supplied by the Commercial, Fishguard. All speak highly of the “turn-out” and the very moderate charge.

We learn that Mrs Williams of Tygwyn farm, purposes retiring from farming, and that the farm is about to be let to Mr James Raymond, (son of Mr James Raymond of Henllan). We also learn that Capt Harries, JP, has let Ffynnonwen farm to his nephew, Mr Dewi Harries, who takes much interest in farming work. It is stated that the farm has been in the family's possession for over a hundred years. Mr Morris Williams has been a tenant for the last 30 years, and is now retiring from farming. This speaks well of Capt Harries as a landlord. In taking to farming, Mr Dewi Harries has no intention of relinquishing his position as representative of several well known firms in the beer and spirit trade in the counties of Carmarthen, Cardigan and Pembroke.

29 June

The 1st of May was an eventful day in Dinas! Why? The sailor, like the soldier, is always cordially received on returning to his native place for a short period, after a long voyage. Dinasites are not behindhand in this respect, and we feel sure the re-appearance in Dinas, on Tuesday last, of Messrs Thomas, Gwilym Mendus, David Harries, and Danny Harries was gladly welcomed by one and all.

We learn that Mr Daniel George of Pantydwr, disposed of a valuable horse at Newport Fair on Tuesday last for £31.

WEDDING A very pretty wedding took place on Saturday last at Cardigan, the contracting parties being Mr John Evan Harries and Miss Lizzie Williams (both of Dinas). The bridal party drove up to Cardigan in the morning, and returned to St Dogmells during the day, at which place the honeymoon will be spent. We wish the happy couple all success in their marriage life.

EVENING SCHOOL OUTING Friday last, the 23rd inst, was a “red letter day” with the scholars of this school. It will be remembered that the session finished off with a concert and part of the surplus was kept for the outing. Between 11 and 12 am 3 brakes from the Commercial Hotel, Fishguard, arrived in front of the school, and in due time a move was made towards Fishguard. The party numbered in all about 58, mostly young lady and children, with a sprinkling of the sterner sex, Mr Raymond, Henllan, being one of them. The route selected was Fishguard, through the Gwaun Valley, up past Caersalem and then to Newport Sands. The day turned out exceedingly fine and everyone seemed to be at the best of terms with herself or himself. On the journey, the young people exhibited their musical talent by singing their school songs, and the hymns of the “cymanfa ganu” at Tabor.

On going down the hill at Llanychaer, most of the company had to alight from the brakes on account of the steep hill, but to relieve the monotony, a derby race was started between three young ladies, but the blue ribbon was, after an exciting race, won by the one dressed in black. In this way the destination was reached too quickly. The sands were reached about 4 o'clock and needless to say all felt more or less peckish, but in due course, tea of excellent quality with ample supply of cake, bread and butter, and fruit were supplied.

Some of the choristers had brought music books with them, and there was a call for the “Gypsies Chorus”(“Rose Queen”) and as the party was about to commence, someone hinted they were too near Newport and that the fresh air blowing

at the time would waft the music to the ears of PC Morgan, and be the means of bringing that gentleman to the scene, so that fell through, and the performance had to be dropped like a hot potatoe [*sic*]. A few games were then indulged in, and a scramble for sweets, and the time arrived to retrace step to Newport, where a short practice of the United Ladies Choir (Newport and Dinas sections) had been arranged; 27 performers were present, and the several renderings were given under the leadership of Mr J Harries. The Dinas section re-entered their conveyances and started for home as happy as the marriage bell.

6 July

Despite the fact that the railway was open to Goodwick on Saturday last, Mr Murrow (of Dinas) who happened to go to Letterston instead of Goodwick to meet the 7 o'clock train, had the good fortune to return to Fishguard with six or seven passengers in his conveyance.

We are sure all Dinasites are glad to hear of the safe arrival in London of Mr David Griffith Jenkins of Brynhenllan, son of Capt Jenkins of Dinas, who was in command of the "Emerald" (the third vessel to enter the port) at the time of the Crimean War, and was an eyewitness of the Balaclava Charge.

13 July

Next week we shall publish in these columns the first of a series of Welsh articles on the history of Tabor Baptist Church, Dinas.¹

As the regatta for 1889 has been abandoned by the Newportonians, it has been proposed by a few of our most active parishioners to hold one this year at Cwm-yr-eglwys. The proposal once mooted will no doubt find plenty of warm supporters. Mr Dewi Harries, it appears, has secured the influence and support of some of the leading residents at Newport, so that everything augurs well for a most successful and at the same time enjoyable day at Cwm-yr-eglwys.

Dinas is looking up yet! We have now a butcher in our midst and his meat is pronounced by all his customers as "par excellence". We refer to Mr W Rees, who has just started business at Clover Hill, and it is to be hoped that the butcher in question will be given a fair trial, and that his meat will be like Pears Soap "Once bought, always bought".

There is nothing like competition to bring down prices! Mr Lewis, Newport, is prepared to take Dinasites to and from Cardigan for 2s 6d each, the same gentleman purposes running a wagonette to Fishguard every Thursday, reaching Dinas about 9.30 a.m.

The Rev W J Maurice, the respected and popular minister at Tabor, baptised four by immersion on Sunday morning last. Three others were seeking membership at the evening meeting of the same day. This ever constant addition to the numerical strength of the Taborians speaks well for the energy and good tone of the cause at Tabor, and is no doubt a source of comfort to the deacons and pastor.

¹ These articles, with much additional historical material, are published simultaneously with this work by the Dinas Historical Society as "The Church of Tabor, Dinas Cross" (2013)

Well done, Murrow! Heartiest congratulations for your success so far! Mr Murrow's return to form has been so rapid and sure that even his most sanguine supporters find room for surprise. It is healthy to see the loyalty of the sailors to their friend at Tyrhos. With them all it is the same cry. One of Murrow's most enthusiastic friends told a rival carrier that he would stick to Murrow "tra bod un wheel yn Tyrhos".

Last week was an extremely busy one with the haymakers. We are glad to understand that the hay was brought in in excellent condition, but we hear that some of the farmers had consulted the President of the Veidrfawr Observatory with reference to the forecasts of the weather. Our John's predictions were, as usual, accurate, and the haymakers set out regardless of the threats of the Yankee prophet. The quantity is far below that of last year in all cases.

The following were the farms where the haymaking was carried on last week: Hescwmbe (Mr Stephen George); Hescomb (Mr Carter Bennett); Tanybryn (Mrs Symmons); Soar Hill (Capt Harries JP); Soar Hill (Miss Anne Harries); Soar Hill (Mrs Meyler); Ffynonovy (Mr Henry Evans); Garn (Mr G Davies); Mill (Mr James Howells); Tygwyn (Mrs E Williams); Henllan (Mr James Raymond); Rectory (Rev J Williams); Rose Cottage (Mr David Thomas); and Island (Mr Jones). In all cases, with one exception, the regulation supply of beer was given, the exception being the Island, where the "tablen" had to give way to "water and oatmeal." Last year we had occasion to make mention of the loathsome practice of giving beer to young children attending the haymaking, but we are glad to observe that such was not the case last week. There was a "battle royal" at the Island between "John Barleycorn" and "oatmeal". The oatmealites chose as their representative for the fray Mr James Richards, Veidrfawr, and he had as his opponent the burly and sinewy village blacksmith. Contrary to general expectation the little man soon began wearing down the "tablen" representative. At the end of the 14th round, the smith showed visible signs of fatigue and soon after threw up the sponge to leave for Pwllgwaelod. The little man was as fresh as a lark, and but for his mighty efforts and the introduction of the pitcher, the hay at the Island would have been in a sorry plight indeed. The smith's backers now palm off the defeat of the their champion by saying that (1), his opponent has not done a day's work for years, and consequently he had stored a lot of energy and strength during that time and (2) that whilst Stephen gives everybody a helping hand, his opponent's only appearance this year was at the Island. However we beg to congratulate the "dyn bach" on his brilliant victory against such odds.

*Mwy na ofidiwch, Dinasyddion,
Gawn fynd i Aberteifi'n gyson,
Ie, mynd a dod am haner coron!
Gan Lewis O! Hen pen dyn!*

*Fe aiff a wagonette yn iachus
Ag wyth neu naw yn eithaf hapus.
A phob yr un yn teimlo'n hwylus,
Mwy na ddisgwylir wrth un. (Talcen slip)*

20 July

Piano lessons are being given in Dinas by Misses L Hopkins (Bellevue) and M.A. Davies (Cnwc) and we hear that the number of pupils receiving tuition is weekly on the increase and that splendid progress is being made by each and every one.

FORTHCOMING CONCERT We understand that a concert will be held at Dinas Board School on Friday, August 18th, when the cream of Fishguard, Newport and Dinas will take part. All the solos. Duets, trios, and quartets at the Cardigan eisteddfod will be sung by the competitors, and the Ladies Choir will also twice

render “Telyn fy Ngwlad”, the competitive piece at Cardigan. The choir will number 60 voices and will doubtless prove an attraction. We learn that the piece has been already well learnt by the ladies under the excellent tuition of Mr J Harries [sic] (their popular and talented leader) and that practices are held twice a week. A piano has been hired from Mr Mackenzie of Haverfordwest by the Dinas section for one month and the same instrument will be retained for the concert. The accompanists will be Mr J Harris and Miss Drew, two first class pianists.

The new landlady of the Freemasons Arms (Dinas) has had very bad times since taking possession. She has enjoyed very indifferent health and for the last few days has been confined to her bed, her mother being in close attendance on her. One day last week, while she was attending to her daughter's needs upstairs, someone stole the contents of the till. Her condition on Tuesday morning was very precarious and the doctor had to be wired for. We trust that under the skilful treatment of Drs Havard and Rees (Newport) she will soon recover from her severe illness and be a comfort to her aged mother and son.

Everyone here is delighted with the idea of having a regatta at Cwmyreglwys this year. The enthusiasm excited so far has exceeded all anticipations. Mr Dewi Harries has been promised subscriptions from many quarters, and the affair will, it is presumed, put Fishguard Regatta in the shade. Besides the usual prizes we hear that a prize will be offered for the heaviest cartload of culm which can be brought up the hill from Pwllgwaelod by one horse and for this event Mr William Williams' (Rhywelly) “Hen Cel,” and Mr David Williams's (Vron) “Mabon” are the favourites. The latter is open so the owner says, to take five cwts more than any other horse. A prize will also be awarded for a donkey race, and bets are even on Mr Dewi Harries's “Billy” and Mr Carter Bennett's foundling “Patrick”, although the former may reach the tape first by a neck. Both “neddies” are in strict training for the event. In addition to those enumerated above, the committee contemplates giving a prize for the most ill-conditioned horse in the parish, and it is conjectured that this item will be keenly contested. The date of the regatta will soon be fixed and will appear on the columns of the “Echo”.

Messrs Thomas Jones; John Harries, Tabor; Thomas Lewis; Thomas Davies, Cwmyreglwys; Billy Harries, Bwlchmawr; William Beddoe, Cross; and John Williams, Rhywelly; are spoken of as being experts at roofing hayricks, but for guidance, voluble talk and command, we heartily commend Mr Evan Bowen. Given plenty of good servants, patient and obedient enough to do as bidden, Mr Bowen is ready to challenge the world.

The Dinas Male Voice party under the leadership of Mr Gwilym Mendus gave a splendid practice on Tuesday evening last. Owing to the fact that the Ladies Choir had the schoolroom that evening, the boys held their practice outside in the open air. Mr Jimmy Murrow, Tyrhos, was the leading tenor and sang the “solo obbligatos” in fine style. It is to be regretted that the singers had not learnt the solfa notation, for they possess excellent voices. However, they are still young and “it is never too late to mend”.

The parish Samson – the smith – who was a representative for John Barleycorn in the fray at the Island the week before last, waxed furious over the report “tablen versus

Water and Oatmeal” of the battle which appeared in last week's issue of the “Echo”. It seems the “boot was on the other leg”, and we tender the smith our sincere apologies for an incorrect report of the fight. We have made full inquiries into the matter and find there was ample justification for Stephen's bad humour. The water and oatmeal representative hadn't a look in from the very start and before the expiration of the thirteenth round had to acknowledge his defeat. The “dyn bach” was in a bath of perspiration and did not appear to take his defeat in good part (for he refused to shake hands with Stephen) and his sulky looks bore a striking contrast to his opponent's beaming smile. “Oes dim fel blased o dablen I wneyd dyn bach yn llawen.” Mr Stephen Davies took things very cool, and won in the easiest fashion. His opponent, however, felt so weak and faint with overwork that he had to be carried home on horseback. When passing Pwllgwaelod on his way home, Parkglas remarked - “Druan a dic bach; fe welais I amser cyn iddo gymeryd at y blawd cyrch a dwr, pan na byddai eisiau ei gario gartref wrth y gwair.” His opponent – Mr Stephen Davies – afterwards pitched a ten acre crop of hay on another farm and was at the smithy on the morrow as usual.

27 July

The lime kiln at Pwllgwaelod will soon be taken in hand by Messrs Murrow (Tyrhos) and J Rowlands, (Garnwen), the former will have the assistance of Mr James Evans (St Davids) and the latter Mr John Richards, (Alltwen). There will be sufficient lime to supply the farmers and others for miles around.

A wedding was announced to take place at the Parish Church on Monday morning last at 8 o'clock. The banns had been published at the church three weeks ago. The caretaker (Miss Mary Williams, Pantybach,) had everything prepared for the happy event and soon after 7.45 a.m. The popular rector, – the Rev J Williams – put in an appearance to tie the nuptial knot. Half past eight and nine o'clock passed without any sign of the intended bridegroom or bride, and it soon leaked out that both had left the place about 2 a.m. for Letterston on foot. We have read of many instances where the bridegroom has failed to come up on time, but never before of the failure of both parties. We earnestly trust that some kind clergyman has e're this done the needful and wish the happy pair every blessing.

Mr W Samuel's show on the commons on Monday evening was a rare treat to those who had never seen the cinematograph before. It was well patronised during the evening, and the performances afforded much merriment to all. Everyone spoke well of the affair. Mrs Samuel mourned the loss of three new towels during the evening, which some person or persons must have taken home by mistake; but they did not even leave three old towels behind as a recompense for the loss of the new.

The Dinas section of the Ladies Choir journeyed to Newport on Thursday evening last to meet their Newport sisters who have been trained by Mr Jones, schoolmaster, (Newport). There were over thirty present and the performance more than pleased the conductor (Mr J Harries.) A Cardiff gentleman, who has made a mark in the musical line, was amongst those privileged to attend the practice, and he was loud in his praise of the songsters. It was a complete surprise to him to find such beautiful singing so far from Cardiff. Mr Harries thanked Mr Jones and the Newport ladies for their perseverance and success, and said that he looked forward to meeting the Fishguardians and Newportonians at Dinas shortly.

Mr Dewi Harries is prepared to receive more subscriptions for the coming regatta at Cwm-yr-eglwys. He is one of the most enthusiastic of all its patrons, and will leave no stone unturned to secure its success. A day at Cwmyreglwys would be most enjoyable to all. We feel confident of the enthusiastic patronage of young and old, and the crowded attendance will no doubt bring back to sweet memory the reminiscences of the past, when Cwmyreglwys proved to be the hunting ground of all boys and girls. Success to the regatta!!

We regret to learn that the paragraphs re haymaking appearing under the above heading in the two last issues of the "Echo" have given offence to Mr James Richards of Veidrfawr, Dinas. The paragraphs in question were written to show the superiority of "beer" over "water and oatmeal" at the haymaking and were not meant either to cast any interpretations whatever upon or hold up to ridicule Mr James Richards. His name was selected to champion the temperance cause for the simple reason that he is a well known total abstainer. We apologise for any annoyance the paragraphs might have caused him, and we have no doubt that he will accept our explanation for them.

SCHOOL BOARD A school board meeting was held last Thursday evening, Mr Jas. Raymond being in the chair. The meeting was specially called by Capt James Harries, Castle Stores, – the clerk – to consider the Government report. The highest grants were again earned in all subjects, this being the fourth time in succession that the highest grants had been obtained. Mr Hugh Reynolds and Miss Paulina George also passed in the first year's papers. It was passed unanimously "That the clerk convey to the headmaster and staff the Board's satisfaction with the continued success of the school". It was decided to break up for the midsummer holidays on the 18th August.

3 August

We are glad to learn that Miss Maria Laugharne, the new landlady of the Freemasons Arms, is making favourable progress towards recovery from her serious illness.

A concert will be held at the Dinas Board School on Thursday, August 17th when solos. Duets, quartets and choruses will be rendered by Messrs Tom Perkins, J Owen and the members of the Ladies United Choir. Admission at popular prices.

Mr John Harris (schoolmaster) and Capt D Jenkins were, we understand, to have been the guests at the wedding which should have taken place on the 24th July last, but, as before stated in our columns, the marriage was not solemnised owing to the non-appearance either the bride or the bridegroom. We offer the invited guests our sympathy in their disappointment.

WEDDING A wedding took place on Thursday last at Penuel Baptist Chapel, Cemaes, the contracting parties being Mrs Eliza Rees of Maeshyhydryd (Dinas Cross) and Mr Benjamin Rees, JP, Granant (St Dogmells). The officiating ministers were the Revs. J W Maurice (Tabor), G Williams (Gerazim), and S.G Bowen (Penuel). The bridegroom is a staunch Baptist and a well-read man, and his advent to Dinas will be a decided acquisition. We accord him a hearty welcome to the parish, and we hope he will prove himself as useful in Dinas as he has been at St Dogmells. The honeymoon will probably be spent in the south of France.

A DISTINGUISHED MUSICAL CONDUCTOR We are very proud to see in Dinas once again, Mr and Mrs J D Thomas of Swansea, and we extend to them a most cordial welcome. Mr Thomas is the son of Mrs Thomas (Bwlchmawr) and the leader of the Cymrodorion Male Voice Party (Swansea) which was awarded the gold medal at the Newport meeting of the National Eisteddfod two years ago. The same party competed at the recent event at Cardiff a fortnight ago but owing to lack of attendance of the members at the rehearsals and the emigration of a good many of the veterans they failed to give justice to themselves. However, this defect we hope will so rouse them from their stupor that they will on a future occasion win the laurels for themselves and their famous conductor.

The visitors to Dinas are increasing annually and this season the number exceeds that of any two other years out together. It is to be regretted that the accommodation is somewhat limited, otherwise tourists would not lack in availing themselves of the advantages of the place. We are pleased to observe once more in our midst Mr and Mrs Wm Howell and family and bid them a hearty welcome. Mr Howell, is a native of Dinas, having been born at Trewrach. He is clerk and superintendent of the Ystradfodwg School Board, and Dinasites are exceedingly proud of his brilliant career. The family are staying as usual at Glanhelyg, and we hope that they will go away with their health fully recuperated so that they will be able to do battle with the Rhondda smoke until their advent in the summer of 1900.

LADIES CHOIR The three sections of the Dinas, Fishguard and Newport United Ladies Choir met at the Board School, Dinas, for the first time on Friday evening last. At the start the singing was not up to the usual standard, but it improved immensely before the close. With more attention paid to the intonation during the next few weeks, the choir will make a good fight for the trophy at the forthcoming Cardigan eisteddfod.

TRAP ACCIDENT One day last week the Rev S G Bowen (pastor of Penuel Baptist Chapel) met with a serious accident whilst returning in a one-horse trap from Garn to Penuel. The horse shied at two piles of stones on the roadside between Veidir Capel and Bryn Cottage and the animal rose on his hind legs causing the trap to capsize. Fortunately Mr John Davies (Garn) who was driving kept hold of the reins otherwise the accident might have been attended with fatal results. Mr Davies, luckily escaped without injury, but it was soon seen that Mr Bowen was in great agony, and with the assistance of Mr Enoch Lewis (butcher, Fishguard) and others, the rev gentleman was conveyed back to Garn where it was found that he had sustained a dislocation of the shoulder. Doctor Rees (Newport) happened to be in Dinas at the time, and he immediately wired for Dr Havard, as it was necessary to administer chloroform to the unfortunate minister. The limb was soon set right but it will be weeks before the Rev S.G Bowen will get rid of the pain. The rev gentleman has made for himself a name in the Welsh pulpit, and his invitation to preach at festivals are increasing. He is a very eloquent preacher and deservedly popular. Penuelites think the world of him and we sympathise with them in the enforced temporary absence of their popular and esteemed preacher.

We regret to have report the death of Miss Mary Ellen Evans, the beloved daughter of Mr Evan Evans, which occurred on Wednesday, July 27th at her father's residence in Brynhenllan. Deceased was only 19 years of age. She had for the last few year been in

service at Treorchy, but had to relinquish her duties on account of the indifferent health she enjoyed. She came home in May last, and her friends and relatives could not fail to observe her emaciated and woe-begone appearance. Her father was very attentive to all her needs and did everything that mortal man could do to stay the hand of death but alas! It was all in vain. Poor Mary Ellen was daily losing ground, and on the 19th July she took to her bed never to rise any more.

Deceased was a conscientious member of Noddfa, Treorchy, and was a regular attendant at the Sunday School and all other services connected with Noddfa Baptist Chapel. Her funeral took place on Saturday morning. The funeral procession left the home at 10.30 a.m. For Macpelah, the Rev J W Maurice officiating. He paid a high tribute to deceased's noble character, and (while sympathising with the family in their distress) praised God to give the father strength to bear up in his sad affliction. Only a few months have elapsed since the burial of Mrs Evans and we offer Mr Evans our deep sympathy in this his second sad blow, and trust that he will bear up courageously for the sake of his remaining children.

LIST OF VISITORS

Bwlchmawr, (Capt Thomas), Mr and Mrs J D Thomas. Misses Blodwen and Cissy Thomas, Swansea.

Tabor Villa – Mr Jones, Abercarn

Glanhelyg – Mr and Mrs W G Howell, Mr W Howell jun, Mrs Alice Maud Howell, Minnie Howell, and Lena Howell, master Stanley Howel, Ystradfodwg

Mount Pleasant (Mrs Clay) – Mr and Mrs Englefield and family, Gloucester; Miss Townsend, nurse,

Bryn Terrace (Mrs James) – Dr and Mrs Greener and family, and Miss Greener, Cardiff.

Bryn Terrace (Mrs Drew) – Mrs Leaning, Master and Miss Leaning, Cardiff.

Smithfield (Mrs M Williams), Mr and Mrs Prosser, Miss May Prosser, Mrs Williams, Miss Edith Williams, Master Daniel John Williams and baby, Treorchy.

Garn (Mr George Davies) Mrs Lewis and Misses Morris, Kendl [sic]

Bryn Cottage (Miss Parry) – Mr and Mrs Parry and family, Ruabon

Spring Garden (Mrs Williams) – Mrs Roache, Aberdare.

Cilwnenen (Mr James Reynolds) – Mr and Mrs Rees, Swansea

Hill Park (Capt Richards) – Mrs Tudor and Miss Olwen Tudor, Ebbw Vale.

Ash Grove (Mrs W.E Bennett) – Mrs Rees, Miss Alice Rees and Masters Alfred and Gwyn Rees, Newport-Mon

Gate (Mrs Mendus) – Mr and Mrs Jones, Misses Mary Hannah and Martha Jane Jones, Masters Daniel John and Gwilym Jones, Treorchy.

Soar Hill (Capt D Harries, JP) – Mrs J Griffiths and Mrs Olivia Griffiths, Cilgerran

Cambria Terrace (Mrs Dewi Harries) – Mrs Williams, Miss Maud Williams and Master Gwilym Williams, Newport-Mon

Brynymor (Mrs Thomas) – Mrs James and Miss James.

10 August

The Church folk have taken advantage of the Rev Gomer Price's sojourn in the place and have asked him to preach next Sunday. We understand that the rev gentleman has acceded to the request, and will thus officiate at the church on Sunday the 13th inst.

In the small hours of Friday last, a violent thunderstorm occurred in the parish. The vividness of the lightning flashes reminded many of the storm of last August. Mr

Henry Evans, while returning with the cows, had a miraculous escape. The lightning struck the ground so close to him that he was lifted bodily and fell forward on his face. He remained in this position for a long time unable to move either body or limb. He reached home subsequently but was quite speechless for half an hour. Mr B Vaughan, Fforest Farm, met with a similar fate the same morning. A sheep was killed at Ffynonovy farm, and a calf at Taiceinion. Another storm occurred last Sunday morning soon after 4 o'clock. The lightning struck a haystack belonging to Mr John Owen, Yet-y-bontpren, but the good folk at Hill Park saw the danger in time and with the assistance of the neighbours – who came upon the scene in their nightdresses with buckets of water – the fire was soon extinguished. It was found that a hole had been burned through the centre from top to bottom. Sympathetic references were made in all the places of worship and thanks were given that the storm had passed away without anyone having to mourn the loss of a relative or friend. Messrs James W J Raymond on their way to Maenclochog Fair were overtaken by the storm soon after passing Rhiwelly and they wisely beat a hasty retreat. The storm abated soon after 7, and then they made another start for the fair.

SAD NEWS FROM AUSTRALIA News has just reached here that Master Joseph McKinley, the only son of Mr and Mrs MckInley died from a diphtherial attack at Sydney. The sad news has cast quite a gloom through the parish, especially among his schoolmates and teachers. It is not many months since he played with the children here, when he strode about the road, whip in hand, accompanied by his pet collie “Chilla”. Last April Mr M P Davies, Mr McKinley, Miss Katie and Master Joseph McKinley sailed from London to join Mr McKinley, who enjoys a lucrative post in Sydney, and we can imagine with what joy the father looked forward to meeting his two little “bairns”. On the passage out, both the children were laid up with diphtheria, and on arriving at Sydney were in a precarious condition. The father's feelings when informed can be better imagined than described. The doctor having advised an operation as the only chance of Master Joseph's recovery, the poor little fellow was forthwith taken to the hospital for the purpose, but it was not fated that the dear little one should leave that institution alive. He only survived the operation for two hours. We are told that Katie's condition at the time of writing was also extremely critical. We trust that the daughter's life will be spared to be a comfort to the parents in their sore affliction. Master Joseph gave early promise of a bright future, possessing a good intellect and quick perception. We offer the father and mother our heartfelt sympathy in their hour of sorrow, and hope to hear news of Miss Katie's recovery soon.

We are pleased to hear that the Rev S G Bowen is making such favourable progress towards recovery. His arm is still in a sling, but is much less painful. The rev gentleman has been appointed conductor for the Baptist Festival which will be held at Newport next Christmas.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TREAT The Church people had their annual tea party at Cwm-yr-eglwys on Monday afternoon last. The day opened brilliantly fine, but before noon it soon became evident that a thunderstorm was nigh, and arrangements were made to have the tea at the school. There were a few flashes and violent peals of thunder accompanied by heavy showers of rain. Fortunately the storm was of a short duration and the sun soon shone forth in all its brilliancy, so that the tea after all was held at the “Fynwent yn ymyl y mor”. The bunch presented a very animated appearance and the church people vied with each other in attending to the wants of all. Messrs Thomas

Davies and Ll Griffiths very kindly placed their boats gratis at the disposal of the gay ceremony, and the pleasant trips on the calm waters added materially to the afternoon's enjoyment. Tea being over, sweets and coins were distributed to the children. Then followed the usual games, and it was very pleasant to watch the interest taken in these by Dr and Mrs Greener and friends. After singing various hymns and the Whitsun anthem, lightning and thunder with heavy showers came again, and all had to disperse, but not before everyone had a good afternoon's enjoyment. Excellent cake was provided by W Bennett, Castle Hill.

We are all pleased to see the Rev D C Jones, London, again in our midst, and none more so than the boys of Cwm-yr-eglwys, the old sea-dogs are looking forward to the coming regatta, and no doubt, now that the president has arrived, things will soon be in ship-shape. A meeting will soon be held, and we hope that the date for the meeting on the waters will soon be announced. The chair will be taken by the mayor, Mr William Gwynne and he will be supported by the Rev D C Jones, clerk; Mr W Thomas, dock master; Mr T Davies, harbourmaster and Capt D Jenkins, broker and pilotmaster. A Newport boat was at Cwm-yr-eglwys on Monday morning, and in a race with the harbourmaster's boat suffered an ignominious defeat.

There is no busier man in the parish just now than our worthy blacksmith. His services are called into requisition at all the haymakings, and quite readily does he respond to the numerous calls. From 4 am until late at night you can hear his anvil ring. Often, however, some farmers call at the smith to find that Stephen has left for the haymaking fields. One of them last week gave the following query: "Why is Stephen during the haymaking season like a policeman?" Answer: "Because he is never found when wanted."

One of the haymakers returning from Fforest Farm haymaking had the good chance to be carried home in a trap. On his right hand sat a well known and popular clergyman. We give these few remarks as uttered by them : -

Haymaker: "Mae byd braf arna chi'r pregethwyr."

Clergyman: "Paham I chwi yn dweyd hyny?"

Haymaker: "Oes dim eisieu I chwi wysu wrth eich gwaeth. Fe glywais I bregeth ar "deg darn arian fu ar goll" Men clogsen I, drafodwn I well pregeth pe buaswn I yn cael mynd i'r pwlpit am awr neu ddwy."

Clergyman: "Pwy bennau cymerech chwi ar y testun?"

Haymaker: "Wel, yn gyntaf y darn cyntaf aeth ar goll. Yn ail, yr ail ddarn aeth ar goll. Yn drydydd, y trydydd darn aeth ar goll, ac felly yn y mlaen."

Clergyman: "Wel, wedin fe fydda gyda chwi dros deg o bennau i'r testun, a thebygolrwydd fydda I chwi eich hun I golli yn ganol cymaint o bennau."

After that, the trap went out of sight and hearing.

17 August

DINAS Pembrokeshire. TO BE SOLD BY PRIVATE TREATY Penymynydd Uchaf
In the parish of Dinas containing 21 acres of thereabouts of land (good arable and pasture) and a free right of Dinas Mountain Common with dwelling house and other outbuildings, now in occupation of Mrs Lydia Lewis, for the yearly rent of £21. Further particulars may be obtained of GEO DAVIES, Garn, Fishguard to whom tenders are to be sent not later than Sept. 14th next.

24 August

The much talked of regatta at Cwmyregwyls will take place this (Thursday) afternoon. The Rev T V [*sic*] Jones has the affair in hand and we have no doubt the regatta will be a huge success.

A grand concert was held at the Board School on Wednesday evening in last week by the Cemmaes Ladies Choir. The chair was ably filled by the Rev J M [*sic*] Maurice, Tabor and there was a fairly good attendance. Visitors from Fishguard and the neighbourhood turned up to swell the numbers. We do not remember seeing so few Dinasites among the audiences but those who do not feel disposed to encourage the musical talent in this locality should have more respect for themselves than to hang about the doors and walls of the building. We should advise organisers of future concerts not to admit any persons inside the gate but ticket holders.

The artists acquitted themselves to the satisfaction of all present. The items were as follows: pianoforte duet, Misses L Hopkins and M A Davies; solos, Miss Drew; duet, Misses Bevan (Fishguard); solo, "Vesper Hour" Miss Davies; solo, "Merch y Cadben" Mr T Perkins; solo, Miss M Bevan; solo, Mr D Evans (Fishguard); solo, Miss L Hopkins; chorus, "Telyn fy ngwlad", Ladies Choir; pianoforte duet Misses L Hopkins and S H Edwards; solo, Miss M L Davies; solo, Miss M Bevan; solo, Miss Drew; Musical sketch, Mr Tom Davies (Fishguard); quartet, Mr T Perkins and family; chorus, Ladies Choir; Finale, God Save the Queen.

Gedeonites had their annual treat at Pwllgwaelod on Friday afternoon the 14th inst. The day being gloriously fine. Capt Thomas (Bwlchmawr), as usual, made the necessary arrangements, and everything passed off without a hitch. It was at first decided to hold a tea party on another day, but the 14th August was chosen as a compliment to Mr J D Thomas, the worthy son of the Bwlchmawr "clerk of the weather." The cake was supplied by Mr W Phillips, (Llanelli Bakery), and it was pronounced far superior to that of last year. The Rev J Evans (Gedeon) looked to the needs and comforts of all present and the ladies and young men made themselves generally useful.

The proceedings were enlivened by a few action songs and solos by members of the party. Welsh hymns were also admirably rendered by the whole assembly under the leadership of Messrs J Harris and J D Thomas. The Rev D C Jones (London) was present and proved quite a host in himself. He proposed a vote of thanks on behalf of the visitors to the deacons of Gedeon for their kind invitation. He hoped that they would be able to keep the Rev J Evans with them for a good many years and paid a high tribute to the pastor's abilities and splendid moral character. He wound up his speech with the reading of the following lines, composed for the occasion: - games were subsequently participated in until night set in. Gedeonites will remember for a long day the most enjoyable time they had at Pwllgwaelod. [a particularly lengthy poem in Welsh appears here]

31 August

FIRST REGATTA AT CWMYREGLWYS This much talked of event took place at Cwmyreglwys on Thursday afternoon, August 24th. The morning opened brilliantly fine, although it was feared that the high wind would militate the success of the regatta. Fortunately, the wind abated considerably before noon, and the affair passed off in ideal weather. Intense excitement prevailed and the locality of the "Fynwent yn y myl y mor" was thronged by an excited crowd of spectators. The various events

were enjoyed by one and all. Indeed, the standard of the competition was beyond the most sanguine expectations and many incidents occurred which will live long in the memory of those present.

The committee, with Capt Harries JP as president, felt so flattered with the success of the regatta that they have decided to make it an annual affair. We understand that the 1900 regatta will be half aquatic and half eisteddfodic. The Rev D E Jones [sic] was a prominent figure during the afternoon. He was here, there and everywhere. One moment he might be seen with his coat off in the midst of the excited competition for the sack race, at another far out on the rocks with his telescope calmly watching the progress of the "New Hope" and "Daisy". Capt and Mrs Liddell, Miss Liddell, Dr and Mrs Greener contributed materially to the success of the afternoon's enjoyment. It was a pleasure to observe the interest they took in the proceedings. Mr Dewi Harries proved an excellent secretary and we cannot pass him by without praising him for his generosity in giving the profit accruing from the selling of the aerated waters to one in needy circumstances. Mr Thomas Rees proved an efficient bell man. The following is a list of the events and prizewinners:

AQUATIC DIVISION

Three mile sailing race – 1st "Hope" (T Davies); 2nd "Daisy" (D Thomas)

Two-oar rowing race – 1st prize divided between T Davies and Mr Buffin; 2nd B Beddoe

Swimming race – 1st D Jones (Newport); 2nd C Jones (London).

Diving Competition – 1st Dr Greener; 2nd D Jones

Swimming race (for those under 12 years of age) 1st Miss Doris Greener.

ATHLETIC DIVISION

Foot race (for those under 12 years of age) 1st J S Bennett; 2nd J R Thomas

Foot race (for girls under 12) 1st M P Gronow; 2nd B James

Foot race (for boys under 8) 1st W G Williams; 2nd D H Williams

Foot race (any age) 1st J S Bennett; 2nd Cecil Liddell

Sack race (any age) 1st S Harries; 2nd C Liddell

Sack race (for those under 15) – 1st T Walters; 2nd J J Williams

Sack race (for those under 8) 1st J George; 2nd D Liddell

Obstacle Race (any age) 1st D Thomas; 2nd S Harries

Obstacle Race (for those under 15) 1st C Liddell; 2nd J S Bennett

Obstacle race (for girls under 12) 1st Doris Greener (Cardiff)

Donkey race 1st "Patrick" (owner Mr Carter Bennett); 2nd "Jack" (owner Mr B Vaughan)

The last donkey to win "Billy" (Castle Stores)

In the competition for donkeys that would go out furthest to sea Patrick took the first prize.

The following is a list of subscribers towards the funds of the regatta:- Capt D Harries JP 7s 6d; Capt E V Evans, Rosewall 6s; Rev Mr Jones, 5s; Doctor Greener 5s; Mr Dewi Harries 5s; Rev J Raymond 2s 6d; Rev B Rowlands 2s 6d; Mr J Harries (school) 2s 6d; Mr E Rees, 2s 6d; Mr W G Howell 2s 6d; Mr G Williams 2s 6d; Mrs M Mendus 2s; Mr Vaughan (Fishguard) 1s; Mr Jenkins, Jericho, 1s; Mr Gilbert, Newport, 1s; Mr E Murrow 1s; Mrs Jenkins, Orialton, 1s; Mrs Williams, Poplars, 1s; Mrs Walters, Bayview, 1s; Mrs Mendus, Myrtwydd, 1s; Mrs Thomas, Castle Green, 1s; Messrs T J James, 1s; D Gronow 1s; W Parry 1s; T C Bennett 1s; Jenkins, West End 1s; N Peregrine 1s; Thomas, Cambria, 1s; Owens, Ship Aground, 1s; Rev J W Maurice, 1s; Rev J Hopkins, 1s; Rev L Griffiths 1s; Messrs J Raymond, 1s; W J

Raymond 1s; Capt T Davies 1s; Capt B Thomas 1s; Capt J Harries 1s; Capt W Richards 1s; Capt Dan Jenkins, 1s; Messrs T Davies 1s; J Thomas, Rhondda 1s; J Harris 1s; W Williams, Jericho, 1s; Mrs L A Thomas 1s; Mrs M Walters 1s; Mr W Bennett 1s; Coastguards, 1s; sums under 1s – 18s 6d. Total amount collected £4 19s. Amount given in prizes £3 16s 6d. Balance in hand for next year £1 2s 6d. DEWI HARRIES, (Treasurer).

REGATTA. An amusing incident occurred during the boat race (two-oared). As there was only one boat available the competitors had to row against time. The first three batches had an average of four minutes, but the last started favourites. The oarsmen were the best the parish could boast, and the speed with which they rounded rock-a-bill quite justified the confidence reposed in them. However, on the return journey it was found that something was wrong. Shouts of “Tyn D---”, “Tyn J—k,” and “Llywa'n right”, were heard, and despite all the gigantic efforts of the oarsmen, they could not come to the starting point. They eventually got in to Abergwyn, and we understand that the helmsman made too much allowance for the tide. “Pwy glywodd am tide yn Abergwyn.” A Board of Inquiry into the affair was adjourned in the absence of the mayor and pilotmaster.

Mr Harries has received many congratulations on the success of his choir, Mr D W Lewis, FTSC, Capt and Mrs Liddell and Miss Liddell being the foremost. These with others of influence have taken much interest in the Ladies Choir, and the worthy conductor has been so encouraged by their well wishes and the enthusiasm of the singers that he has made up his mind to get up a cantata during the winter, to keep the voices in good trim.

7 September

Death of Rev John Hopkins of Dinas

It is our painful duty this week to record the death of the Rev John Hopkins, the deservedly popular and highly-respected rector of Llanllawer and Llanychlwydog. The sad event took place at his residence (Belle View), on Thursday last, at 3.30 p.m. Deceased contracted a cold which culminated in influenza last in January last, and his condition became so grave that he had perforce to relinquish his duties. He bore his long and painful suffering with admirable Christian fortitude, and calm resignation. He maintained his usual patience and peaceful contentment to the last. His partner in life, together with the children, were most attentive to their beloved patient, but their untiring efforts combined with the best medical skill, to allay the cruel hand of death, were unavailing, and the rev gentleman's death was as peaceful as his life had been. Deceased was an excellent preacher, and his conscientiousness in attending to the spiritual needs of his flock together with his great kindness and cheerful countenance made him universally popular. To know the Rev John Hopkins was to love him, and little do we wonder that his sad death is so generally mourned. Deceased was 74 years of age, and leaves a widow, and six children to mourn his loss. The funeral took place on Wednesday last, at Llanllawer and a full account will be given in our next issue. What makes the event all the sadder is that one of his sons – George – is at present lying in a precarious condition in a London hospital, he having undergone an operation. His mother was in attendance on him when she received a wire intimating the serious relapse of her husband. We can only imagine the poor mother's feelings when she parted with her dear boy, whose life as it were, hung in the balance. Such a sad experience is, we think, without precedent, but it is gratifying to hear that there is

an improvement reported in George's condition, and we trust that the Lord will spare his life to be a comfort to his mother, sisters and brothers in their sad hour. We offer the respected widow, children, relatives and friends our heartfelt sympathy in their lamentable bereavement.

14 September

GLANFFYNON HOTEL DINAS CROSS Important sale of very valuable well preserved antiques and modern household furniture, oak coffer with fancy fittings, feather beds, fancy spirit casks, spirit measures, and other effects.

WM THOMAS and SON have been instructed to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION at the above place, on FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22nd, 1899 the whole of the following household: FURNITURE: and other effects, the property of Mrs Rosina Williams (who is giving up business and leaving for Cardiff), namely Commercial Room – mahogany look table, walnut cabinet with marble top and looking glass attached, walnut whatnot, mahogany hair-seated couch, mahogany hair-seated easy chair, 7 mahogany hair-seated chairs, ebony pier glass, mahogany round table, ornaments, patent safety lamp, square carpet, window blinds, coal scuttle and tender,.[etc]

GAME NOTICE PARISH OF DINAS

Any person or persons found TRESPASSING in pursuit of game, or otherwise, on Ffynnonovy, Hescwm Uchaf, or Clynderwen in the parish of Dinas will be prosecuted.

CENTENARY MEETING. The first centenary meetings in connection with Tabor Baptist chapel will be held today (Thursday) and tomorrow (Friday). The special preachers engaged for the occasion are the Revs E O Thomas (Carmarthen), Daniel Jones (Whitland), and Dan Davies (Fishguard). The services will commence this evening at seven o'clock and will be continued on Friday at ten, two and six o'clock respectively. Collections will be made at each service to defray the expenses of the chapel debt.

EVENING SCHOOL

Evening school will commence the last week in September. This school was started two years ago and its success has been beyond expectations. All the ladies, with one or two exceptions, attending the evening school last year, formed the Dinas section of the Cemaes Ladies Choir, which won such a glorious victory at the recent Cardigan eisteddfod. All are heartily invited to join the school for the evening session. The evenings and dates on which the school will be held will shortly be announced from the various pulpits.

We understand that Mr J Harris (schoolmaster) has a few classical pieces for the Cemaes Ladies Choir of which he is the popular and talented conductor, and in response to the request of Miss Liddell (Lady-in-Waiting to HRH Princess Christina) and Mr D W Lewis (Brynamman), these will be taken in hand and rendered by this distinguished musical combination during the summer months. The piece for competition at Cilgerran eisteddfod is one of the pieces selected. The Dinas and Newport section will be augmented, so that altogether the choir will number 60 voices.

We heartily congratulate Mr T G Evans (son of Mr and Mrs J Evans, Black Horse, Dinas Cross) on his success in securing a master's certificate at a recent Board of Trade examination, held at Cardiff. Capt Evans has had, indeed, a brilliant if not a unique record, passing each of his examinations within three or four days after arrival. He is now at Liverpool being coached for the extra mariner's certificate, and we have no doubt that this coveted honour will also fall to his lot. Capt Evans is a most modest and unassuming fellow, and the ease with which he acquired first laurels is a source of great gratification to his numerous friends.

21 September

The report of the Centenary Meetings at Tabor Baptist Chapel is unavoidably held over. Mr Wm. Rees Carver (auctioneer, Fishguard) conducted a very successful sale at Penrhyn Farm on Tuesday last, some very good prices being realised.

An auction was held at Roseneath, Dinas, (the residence of Mrs F Thomas), on Wednesday last, the auctioneers being Messrs W Thomas and son. Mrs Thomas is leaving the district for Barry, and her departure is deplored by all Dinasites, especially the friends at Brynhenllan Chapel where she will be greatly missed. The children, too, are held in high esteem by their young friends and acquaintances. They have taken a prominent part in all the Board School concerts that have been held here. Miss Lilly Thomas, we might mention, opened the services at Brynhenllan Band of Hope last week, whilst Miss M J Thomas was a member of the Cemaes Ladies Choir. We wish the family every success and happiness in their new home.

As predicted by us in our last week's impressions, Capt T G Evans, (Black Horse) has succeeded in gaining his extra master's certificate at a Board of Trade examination held in Liverpool last week. We doubt whether anyone has passed the Board of Trade examinations with such ease as he has. Two natives of Dinas are now the happy possessors of the extra masters certificate, and we hope many others will be encouraged by the noble example of the "skippers" in question. The other Dinasite referred to is Capt D R Davies (son-on-law of Mr Stephen George, a member of the Dinas School Board). The telegraph which Capt Evans sent to his parents last Friday, simply said that he was coming home on the morrow; it gave no intimation of his success. What modesty to be sure!

28 September

The Harvest Thanksgiving Services were held at Dinas Parish Church on Sunday last, the 24th inst. The meetings were held throughout the day. In the morning Rev J Rees, curate of Newport, read the lessons, Rev – Jones, Llanboidy officiated. The afternoon service was intoned by Rev E Richards, curate of Nevern, the preacher being the Rev E T Jones, Solva. In the evening, Rev J O Evans, Vicar of Nevern, intoned the service, and the Revs E T Jones, Solva, and – Jones, Llanboidy. Preached. Bishop Owen, who was accompanied by his chaplain, was also present at the evening service. The choir did their part highly satisfactorily, the singing throughout being very spirited. The services were well attended, and the sermons, which were good and powerful, were listened to attentively throughout.

The living of Llanllawer and Llanychllwydog, Pembrokeshire, has been offered by the patron, Sir M O M Lloyd, Bart, to the Rev Ebenezer Richards, curate of Nevern,

who has accepted it. The net value of the living is under £90 per annum and there is no house of residence.

The powerful Sol is nightly represented by a small star, Neptune by a trivial lake; and the snow-topped Alps by a diminutive model. Such comparisons are numerous, but one of peculiar merit has lately come under our notice. A cyclist passing through Dinas, being desirous of obtaining the Greenwich time, entered the Post Office which is customary. Putting the query to Mr Bennett in the usual manner, he was greatly surprised to see that gentleman walk behind the counter and take hold of a bottle in order to oblige the questioner. "Twenty past five" came the answer, and it was only by utilising all his muscle power to grip the counter that the wayfarer managed to keep his footing, the bottle bearing a small dial in its centre was a Seigl Syrup advertisement! This peculiar timepiece has regulated Dinas time for the past six years.

MARRIAGE OF A NATIVE OF DINAS AT NEWCASTLE, NSW On Saturday, August 19th, at the church of St Andrew's, Newcastle, NSW, and in the presence of a large assembly, the pretty marriage took place of Mr John L Howell, chief officer of the barque "Euphrates", and Miss Maggie Sinclair. The bridegroom is the only son of the late Capt Howell of the "ship" "Raglan Castle" and a native of Dinas Cross, and the bride is the second daughter of Mr W J Sinclair, steamship owner, Adelaide, South Australia. The nuptial ceremony was very impressively conducted by the Rev C Dickinson of St Mary's Church. The bride was accompanied by her father, and two sisters who acted as bridesmaids, while Mr Ivor Reynolds, second officer of the same ship, acted as "best man". Subsequent to the ceremony, a reception was held at Sefton Villa, Stockton, when numerous friends and shipmasters were present. During the afternoon Mr and Mrs Howel left for their honeymoon to Adelaide, where Mr Howel intends staying until the ship is ready for sea.

5 October

It is a noteworthy fact that our agent (W James) sold 120 copies of the "Echo" at Dinas on Friday last.

In order to remove any suspicion that may exist in regard to the report of the marriage of a native of Dinas which appeared in our last issue, we find it necessary to state that the account, as published, was sent us direct from Newcastle, NSW.

Misses M J Thomas, Lilly Thomas and Mary Louisa Thomas were each presented with a handsome hymn-book by the squire of Soar Hill on their departure for Barry. The members of Brynhenllan will sadly miss the family for they were all so faithful, regular, and active.

The Band of Hope cause at Brynhenllan is flourishing by leaps and bounds. The future of our young children deserves the attention and consideration of all religious and thoughtful people, and we rejoice to hear that the young generation are flocking to Brynhenllan from all places of worship. The little children are delighted with the meetings, and the way the meetings are opened by the young would fairly astonish most of us. Capt T Peregrine and the Rev Ll. Griffiths have the cause in hand, and undoubtedly these gentlemen will be blessed by these young folks when they grow up to lead lives of sobriety and usefulness.

The evening school will commence the winter session on Thursday the 12th October. All those who intend joining should be present that evening or send in their names.

We beg to congratulate Mr John Reynolds, son of Mr James Reynolds, stonecutter, on his success in securing a mate's certificate. As we all know, the requirements have been made more difficult lately, so that the success of our boys is all the more creditable. May success follow him in his final.

Mrs Williams of Glanffynon Hotel, and her son, (Mr T Mendus Williams) have left for Cardiff. The latter will pursue his studies for the ministry at the Baptist College and we are sure that his future progress will be eagerly watched by all Dinasites, who predict for him a successful career. Both were faithful members at Tabor where their presence will be sadly missed. We wish them success and happiness in their new home.

We are sorry to hear that the Rev John Mendus has been lying low for the last week or so. The rev gentleman is now in his 83rd year but has stuck nobly and well to the pulpit. His sermons are still as fresh and impressive as ever, and we all wish him a complete recovery. May he occupy the pulpit again for many years to come.

We offer Capt T Howells, Roseneath, our heartiest congratulations on being called upon to assume the command of the ss "Ottoma." She is a splendid steamer trading between Liverpool, Montreal, Boston and owned by Messrs Richards and Mills. Captain Howells has been in their employ for years and we are pleased to hear that his strict attention to duty had been rewarded as last. He had the good fortune to land at Montreal, on his very first voyage, the remaining passengers of the ill-fated "Scotsman." May success follow him in his new role.

On the 29th September, Mr W Thomas conducted a large sale at Ffynnonwen, occupied for 30 years by Mr Morris Williams. The old gentleman had now given up farming to enjoy a well-earned rest. As usual, the auctioneer obtained excellent prices – fabulous in some cases – while his witty remarks kept buyers in a cheerful mood. His temporary loss of speech brought to his aid Mr Stephen Davies, our worthy blacksmith. For a time, the "gof" used his fine ringing voice with splendid effect, while the auctioneer did the tapping. Speaking honestly, our Stephen has all the qualities that go to make a successful auctioneer. We are told that he shouted out in his dreams that night "Haner coron! Haner coron! Dim ond haner coron!! Cymerai I dair!" etc

OBITUARY Her numerous friends will hear with deep regret of the death of Miss Maria Laugharne which sad event took place at the Freemasons Arms on Sunday morning last. It will be remembered that the deceased took the tenancy of the public-house in question last March, after the departure of Mrs M P Davies for Australia, but she was not doomed to occupy it for long. She complained the very first day of feeling unwell, and was soon obliged to take to her bed. She bore her suffering with exemplary patience, and notwithstanding the untiring devotion, and the tenderest attention of her mother and Master Willie Laugharne for months, the poor woman breathed her last about 9 a.m. on Sunday. Deceased was one of Gedeon's most faithful and conscientious members. The funeral took place at Gideon on Wednesday, the Rev J Evans officiating in his usual impressive manner, the attendance, though the weather

was threatening, was very large, and testified to the popularity of the dear departed, and sympathy was expressed on all hands for the afflicted mother and child. Few indeed were the dry eyes in the vast crowd when beholding the poor mother and child standing at the graveside, one mourning the loss of a devoted daughter, and the other a loving and tender mother. We offer them and the relatives our deepest sympathy in their sore affliction, and trust that God will bless them in their sad hour. Mr J Thomas, Rhoshelyg, was the undertaker.

To the Editor of the "County Echo",

Dear Sir, As a native of Dinas and one who rejoices in the success of the temperance cause, I venture with your permission to make a few comments through the medium of your widely read paper. Band of Hopes in each place of worship in the above parish have been so neglected of late years that they were until recently only known as past institutions in name only. This year, two of the four christian churches have been holding meetings with most marvellous success, considering the membership. If the parents of children who attend these churches which do not at present hold meetings, in the furtherance of such a just and desiring cause as the temperance one is, would not only allow their children to attend the gatherings where they are already held, but also encourage them by every possible means, I am sure the result will be most beneficial not only to the children themselves, but to many grown up people who would undoubtedly be present whenever the opportunities occur. Throughout the winter months there are practically no meetings or entertainments which would tend to draw any person who is not a member of any Christian church. If such a union of temperance workers was formed, and meetings held weekly, we could look forward with a certain amount of expectation to many pleasant evenings, when we could reasonably expect to see many of the parishioners, who would be glad to go to the meetings to break the monotony of the long nights during the winter months, and would, I feel sure, appreciate such meetings. As each of the two Band of Hopes (if confined to their respective chapels), cannot achieve a very great success numerically, I would exhort the other churches to throw in their lots with those who have already started. Let their motto be "Union is Strength," and with the guidance of those who have taken such interest in the movement and have made them so successful, the ultimate success of the Dinas Temperance cause is a foregone conclusion. We know only too well what inroads "John Barleycorn" make in the population of the British Isles. Dinas is not exempt from the ravages of the tyrant, and if the growing generation is not convinced of the evil of the intoxicating liquor traffic, the result may be disastrous. Where could young minds be more inspired of their duty, in trying to avoid indulging in such dangerous drinks, than in a meeting intended for the purpose? If we must try to fight an enemy which unfortunately has such a hold upon our ever growing population, we must go arm in arm to the fray. I appeal to parents to interest themselves even more in the future welfare of their offspring by encouraging them to detest what has caused many a broken heart ere now. They will, like myself, feel the importance of such a teaching when they go to some of our towns, and see the misery which attends the drinking of alcoholic liquors. Apologising for trespassing on your valuable space, I am, etc., DINASWR, London.

12 October

We are asked to correct an error which appeared in our last issue. The books presented to the Misses Margaret Jane, Lily, and Mary Louisa Thomas, were given by the

church at Brynhenllan to show their appreciation, love, and best wishes for the faithful sisters in question.

DEATH OF THE REV JOHN MENDUS. In our last issue we expressed a hope that the highly esteemed and ever popular minister, the Rev John Mendus, Tymeini, would recover from his precarious condition to again delight his hearers with his weighty perorations; but the Almighty willed otherwise, for the rev gentleman passed away very peacefully on Friday evening last at about 8.15. Deceased had earned universal respect, his straight-forwardness and uprightness in all his dealings; his ready sympathy with the afflicted, and his generosity to the needy.

His wants were most diligently attended to by Mrs Parry and Miss Parry, and the best medical aid was called in, but the weakness which came with the advanced age, coupled with his weak condition, told its tale much too soon. He was 83 years of age. His life had been most active in the pulpit, preaching with tenderness, activity, originality and ability, which would have done credit to a man in his prime. His familiar figure will be sadly missed by all. The interment took place on Wednesday at Ramah, the Brynhenllan place of burial, amid universal manifestations of sorrow and regret. We accord our deepest sympathy with the mourners. "That poor John Mendus has gone to heaven," goes without saying, as no one walked more upright in the paths of virtue than he did. A full account of the funeral in our next issue.

19 October

On Sunday evening last, the Rev B Rowlands, of Clydach Vale, occupied the pulpit at Tabor chapel, and preached an excellent sermon to a very large congregation. The rev gentleman did not intend preaching at Dinas during this visit by him to the place, but he received such pressing invitations from the friends at Tabor that he found it impossible to avoid doing so. He was in the best of "hwyl" and his preaching at Dinas was never better appreciated than on this occasion. He has the good wishes of a very large circle of friends here for his future success. What has been a great loss to Dinas has been a gain to the brethren at Clydach Vale.

26 October

Harvest thanks-giving services were held at Gideon independent chapel on Wednesday morning last. The day was fine, and the attendance showed the people's gratitude for the bounteous harvest.

9 November

Boiler explosion at Newport, Mon. A NATIVE OF DINAS CROSS INJURED

An adjourned inquest was held at the Town Hall, Newport, on Monday last, by Mr Lyndon Moore, borough coroner, on the body of John Lynch, donkeyman, of Liverpool, who met his death through an explosion on board the ss "Lynx", whilst lying at Burton's Wharf in the River Usk on the 30th ult. Frank Godding Thomas, chief engineer on the Lynx, stated that the vessel was built in 1884, she had one main boiler and one donkey boiler. Witness had been on the vessel for two and a half years and during that time he had never found the steam gauge to be out of order, but it had not been tested during that period. Witness went ashore a few minutes before the explosion took place. He returned to the vessel just after the explosion and found that the donkey boiler had disappeared. It was found on the other side of the river, 150 yards away. A piece nine inches in diameter had been blown away from near the safety valve. Before going on shore, he examined the water gauge and found it in

working order. Witness directed the deceased not to put on more than 40 lbs of steam which was the pressure registered when he left the ship. The boiler was cleaned out five weeks ago, and was then examined, and no defect discovered. The plate of the boiler to which the safety valve was thinner than the other portions of the boiler, the pieces of iron produced were, witness stated, taken from the ashpit upon which there was no pressure of steam. Deceased was in charge of the boiler at the time of the accident, and had been in charge for half an hour.

James Jenkins, Dinas Cross, who sustained a compound fracture of the right arm stated that he signed on the morning that the accident occurred for six months service on board the vessel. He remembered that he was engaged coiling a rope over the engine room just before the explosion took place, and the next thing he remembered was walking back from the infirmary. The inquest was further adjourned for a week.

16 November

The temperance cause is advancing here by leaps and bounds. Another branch has now joined the two previously reported. The Rev J W Maurice has been for the last few weeks most indefatigable in attending to the newly formed Tabor Band of Hope. "Teach the young in the way they should go" is one of the best commands. We are pleased to hear such favourable reports of the meeting, and let us hope that the interest of the young ones will be maintained to the end. The popular pastor is ably seconded in his efforts by Miss Jesse Maurice, his esteemed daughter – both uncompromising teetotallers.

The meetings of the Brynhenllan Band of Hope continue to be a source of great interest to its enthusiastic members. Every Tuesday evening is looked forward to with mixed feelings of anxiety and pleasure and it makes one's heart throb with pleasure to witness the young members; glad faces on their way to the meeting. Capt T Peregrine has been a mainstay of the teetotal cause here, and his benign presence has been sorely missed for some time. The genial captain has been confined to his house for the last few weeks, but we are pleased to understand that he is progressing favourably and will soon assume the reins of government at the meetings of the happy little teetotallers.

We all know that the singing of the ladies at Brynhenllan is "hard to beat" but the casual visitor to this place of worship cannot fail to observe the want of bass and tenor to match the excellent soprano and alto. The friends have secured a magnificent harmonium for the chapel. The instrument has been thoroughly tested by a local expert and pronounced "par excellence". Indeed, Brynhenllan can well afford to be proud of it, and it is to be hoped that they will continue to keep "cythraul y canu" outside the gate, and that a little harmless rivalry will be created. Healthy rivalry among the young accompanists will soon help to solve the intricacies of the instrument.

It is with extreme regret that we have to record the death of Mr William Owen, the erstwhile servant of Tygwyn. He was the son of Mr John Owen, of Yetybontpren, and was only sixteen years of age. His removal from our midst has been so sharp and swift that it is hard to realise that "poor William is no more." The folk around Brynhenllan have vivid recollections of his cheerfulness and politeness at all times. Many times in the day, and especially when bringing the cattle home, he would make

the air ring with “Wele'r hafan, wele'r ardal” etc., he reminded one very forcibly of Oliver Goldsmith's lines:

“Cheerful at morn he wakes from short repose,
Breathes the keen air and carols as he goes.”

This year deceased had agreed to serve his old respected master – Mr James Howells, the Mill – but only a week elapsed before the poor fellow complained of being unwell, and repaired to his home at Yetybontbren. He was seized with inflammation, and notwithstanding the kind and unwearied attention of his relatives, and the best medical attendance, his soul fled to eternity on Wednesday evening, the 8th inst. He came home from the Mill on Tuesday the 31st October. The interment took place on Sunday afternoon at Macpelah and the unusually large procession showed clearly the local sympathy engendered by the sad event. The Rev J W Maurice officiated and spoke the feelings of everyone present when offering the bereaved ones sympathy in their sudden affliction.

Mr Stephen Davies, blacksmith, is now the proud tenant of the “Freemasons”, Dinas. Mr Davies is a useful member of our Parish Council “at night returning with his beaming face, he sits him down the monarch of the place”.

OBITUARY It is another painful duty this week to record the death of Mrs M Thomas, the life partner of Capt B Thomas of Bwlchmawr which took place on Tuesday evening last. Deceased had not been long confined to her bed, but her condition of the last few days prior to her demise became so alarming that her son and daughter-in-law, Mr and Mrs J D Thomas, Swansea, were sent for.

Her death removes from our midst one of Gedeon's most faithful members. Through all sorts of weather, her familiar figure could be seen trudging its way to the place of worship where her right hand supporter has proved the mainstay for the last 20 years. What Capt Peregrine is to Brynhenllan, Capt Thomas is to Gedeon, and the latter well backed up in his enthusiasm by one who is, unhappily, no more. She has undoubtedly gone to a better place, for she was noted at all times for her uprightness, truthfulness, honest dealings, and generosity to the poor, and deep piety. Still we do not like to lose our kind friends – the parting is so bitter. Deceased was universally respected, everyone speaking highly of her.

We accord our deepest sympathy to Mr and Mrs J D Thomas, and more specially to Captain Thomas, who has lost an affectionate and most indispensable partner. We also sympathise with our friends at Gedeon at the loss of such a faithful member. Indeed, the Gedeon ranks have thinned very much of late, one after another – dear brother and sister – being taken the way of all flesh, and it is to be hoped that others will soon step in to close up the breach. The interment will take place at Gedeon on Saturday morning, leaving the house at ten o'clock.

23 November

The funeral of the late Mrs Mary Thomas, the beloved wife of our esteemed parishioner, Capt. Thomas, Bwlchmawr, took place on Saturday morning last. Although the hour of starting was rather unusual for Dinas, there was a very large assemblage of friends present to pay their last tribute of respect to one so well known for her kindness of manner and practical sympathy at all times. Deceased was highly respected, and her lamented death has cast a gloom throughout the parish. “To know Mrs Thomas was to respect”.

Shortly after 10 o'clock, the Rev J Evans (Gedeon) read a portion of Scripture and offered a fervent prayer, after which the coffin was reverently borne outside. The mourners were Capt Thomas, husband, Mr and Mrs J D Thomas, (son and daughter-in-law) and Mr B D Thomas (grandson). The body was enclosed in a magnificent oak coffin with massive brass fittings. The plate bore the inscription; -

Mary Thomas Died Nov. 14, 1899 Age 76 years

The large procession wended its way to Gedeon where deceased had been such a faithful and zealous member. Here a short service was held. The Rev J Evans read and prayed, and afterwards preached a short sermon, taking as his text, "Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised." The rev gentleman paid a high tribute to the departed's sterling worth, a deep conscientiousness, zeal, and love for all that was good, notable and pious." He only spoke the truth and many were the tears shed during his discourse. At the graveside the Rev J W Maurice delivered a very sympathetic address and he also referred to the deceased's high moral character, kind disposition, and her readiness at all times to help the poor and needy. After singing the old familiar hymn "Bydd myrdd o ryfeddodau" the crowd dispersed, everyone feeling that an ideal mother, wife and Christian had been laid to rest. We again offer our deepest sympathy to Capt Thomas, Mr and Mrs J D Thomas, and Mr B D Thomas in their sad hour.

Gas and Water for Dinas and Newport To the Editor of the "County Echo"

Sir, no doubt some of your readers in this district are aware that it is intended to promote a bill in the forthcoming parliamentary session for provisional powers to supply the parishes of Dinas and Newport with gas and water, and being a proposal that may eventually become an established fact, allow me to suggest that the parish councils of Dinas and Newport should at once combine and give this project their most serious consideration.

About a twelve month ago the same promoters obtained powers to supply Fishguard and the surrounding parishes with gas and water. What has been done? Nothing further than obtaining the monopoly and not satisfied with this they now seek the annexation of other parishes to their already extensive boundary, and if they are granted this additional power they will then almost monopolise the whole country from St Davids to Newport! We, in Newport, are no agitating for urban powers and in view of this it would be a serious matter for us if we allowed our chances our chances of local self government to be abused by people who have never before studied out conveniences. It may be argued that the water and gas need not be used by individuals unless they desire it. A plea of this kind is all very well, but once a monopoly is secured the rest will be plain sailing for the promoters. Surely, if the parishes of Dinas and Newport will be in want of water and gas, we would find the means to have them, but once the power is given to those now seeking it, it will be too large for others to do anything without compensating those who may have the monopoly.

The parish councils of Dinas and Newport should, I think, set their voices against this scheme, and not merely say so, but insist on seeing it opposed. The mayor of Newport too should convene a meeting of the burgesses to discuss this important question. Let the promoters first of all carry out their plan in those parishes where they already have the power, and then the public will see that the system upon which they intend working their schemes. Thanking you in anticipation for the insertion of this letter – Yours etc.,

A RATEPAYER (Newport)

30 November

ACCIDENT On Saturday morning last, Mr Dewi Harries of Ffynonwen Farm, met with a serious accident. It appears that while fixing the flywheel of his threshing machine one of the horses suddenly started, and being at the time engaged in making the wheel secure, his right hand got entangled in one of the cog wheels with the result that the middle finger was so seriously injured that it became necessary for Dr Rees of Newport to amputate the top of it. It was very unusual for Mr Harries to attend to his farming machinery, but there being no one at hand at the time to attend to the loose wheel, he ventured the work with the very unfortunate result stated above, and which will prevent him for some weeks from attending to his commercial duties.

OBITUARY It is with the deepest regret that we have to announce another death this week. We are sure that all our readers will learn with sorrow that the kind ex-PS Jenkins of Jericho has passed away. Deceased enjoyed splendid health until last Wednesday afternoon, the 15th inst. While partaking of his tea, he was seized with a paralytic fit, from which, unfortunately, he never recovered. He lost his speech from the first, and while lying in bed on Thursday and Friday, it was heart-rending to witness him drawing wife and children to him and kissing them frantically. He was passionately fond of his family and never seemed happier than when walking out hand in hand with his little daughter, Rebecca Maud. He lost all consciousness on Saturday, and died early Tuesday morning. He was at one time a sergeant in the Metropolitan Police Force, but being invalided out years ago, he was pensioned off. He was a very intelligent man, one who could discourse on almost any topic, and his loss in this respect alone will be felt by his many friends in Dinas. Deceased about five years ago married Miss Elizabeth Jenkins, daughter of our respected shoemaker in Veidr Fawr. We can truly say of ex-PS John Jenkins that he was generally liked and had no enemy in the locality. He was a regular attendant at Tabor Baptist Chapel where he will be sorely missed.

7 December

Ex PS Jenkins's Funeral which was a very large one took place at Macpelah on Friday the 24th ult, starting from his late residence at two p.m. Deceased was a very frequent attendant at Tabor Chapel. The Rev J W Maurice officiated at the house and at the graveside. We accord the widow and the little children our deepest sympathy in their sore affliction.

Gedeonites are again mourning the loss of a dear sister in the person of Mrs Elizabeth Evans, Penwyr. Deceased was 59 years of age. She had been suffering for a long time, but nevertheless managed to attend the services at Gedeon with praiseworthy regularity until a few Sundays ago. She felt herself so much improved in health last week that she worked hard at her household duties, but she had evidently over exerted herself and was obliged to return to her bed. The poor woman's condition caused grave anxiety, and she breathed her last on Sunday evening, November 26th.

The funeral took place on the following Wednesday afternoon, and the large gathering testified to deceased's esteem in the parish. Gedeon has suffered more than any other place of worship in the parish through death. Quite a number of the faithful – whose memory will never fade – have been laid to rest within the past few months. The Rev J Evans (pastor of Gedeon) officiated and the rev gentleman must feel it hard to consign so many of his valuable flock to mother earth in quick succession. Deceased leaves two daughters – Mrs Elizabeth Morris and Miss Anne Evans – and

five sons – Messrs David, James, Samuel, John and Evan Evans – to mourn her loss. We offer them all our deep sympathy in their great sorrow.

Quite a panic was caused in Dinas a couple of weeks since when a telegram was received from Queenstown intimating that Capt Jas Walters, Garden Terrace, was seriously ill, and requesting the immediate attendance of his wife. When Capt D P Gronow was wired for to take command of the ship it was felt that Capt Walters's illness was more serious still. Capt and Mrs Walters arrived home on Tuesday evening and his changed appearance bore distinct traces of much suffering during the voyage. Every attention will now be given him, and we trust that he will soon be himself again. (The above came to hand too late to appear last week – ED)

We beg to congratulate Mr John Harries, schoolmaster, upon his appointment as the South Wales representative for Messrs W G Bacon and Company. It is a lucrative post and there were over 100 applications for it. This well known firm is “par excellence” for maps and drawing materials. Through Mr Harris's able management the Dinas school in June, 1896, secured for the first time the highest grant and exemption, and the school has ever since maintained his high efficiency. Mr Harris leaves at the end of the year, and will commence in his new sphere of labour in January 1900. We trust we shall not lose his musical services and we are glad to understand that the change of position does not entail change of residence. We wish him every success in his new work.²

The common near the Smithy was the scene of much riot and drunkenness on Monday and Tuesday evenings last, and the broken windows, black eyes and bruises bespoke the fierceness of the midnight struggle. The silence of the night was broken by fearful oaths and curses, followed by sounds of severe fighting. Now and again, above the din of the drunken brawl, would be heard the weak plaintive screams of little children.

It is indeed disgraceful that such scenes are allowed – parents indulging in the strong drink, while the little children are uncared for and obliged to beg alms from kind hearted people. It is high time that something should be done to protect the little offspring of the gipsies and that a Police Officer should be permanently stationed at this place.

Another correspondent writes:- A special meeting of the School Board was held on Thursday evening last to consider the resignation of the master. Mr James Raymond was in the chair, and all the members were present. Mr Harris, having accepted an appointment, wished to leave at the end of the year, at the same time thanked the Board for its courtesy and kind assistance during his five years term of office.

Capt T Peregrine proposed, and Rev J W Maurice seconded “that we do not accept Mr Harris's resignation and request him to kindly reconsider his decision; and further that we as a board, spare no effort to retain his excellent services.” Passed unanimously. Mr Harris has done excellent work and we are not surprised at the action of the board.

² At this point *The County Echo* tried to ignore the publication of letters in the *Pembrokeshire Guardian* regarding the dismissal of schoolmaster John Harries for altering the attendance registers of the school in order to boost his salary. The whole unfortunate correspondence from the Lords of education had been published, but the *Echo* correspondent kept up the pretence for as long as possible.

21 December

Eglwysrwr Petty Sessions A case against John H James of Parkglas, Dinas, charged with assaulting Esther Sambrook of Clun, Llanychaer, was dismissed.

28 December

Dinas has not been behind in providing for the comfort of its reserve. An intimation was received some time ago that the services of Mr Joseph Roberts would be required at the Front, and he was timed to leave Dinas yesterday morning. The Rev J W Maurice and Mr T C Bennett took to canvas the parish for subscriptions to enable them to give the only reserve of the parish a good "send-off", and they were assisted in the work by Capt Thomas, Bennett Terrace, and Mr T D Maurice, the amount collected being over £3. Mr Roberts was presented with 3 lbs of tobacco and 3 lbs of chocolate, the remainder was given in money. We wish Mr Roberts a safe and speedy return, and trust that he will secure Kruger as a fellow passenger on his return journey.

Taborians have been too busy for the last few weeks to give attention to the Band of Hope, but we are sure Tabor will not be behind -hand in the long run. Singing schools were held weekly for the musical festival at Bethlehem. The singing was deserving of high praise and we shall not pass by without giving the conductor the word of praise due to him. He conducted admirable and gave excellent advice to the singers on voice training, etc.

It is with regret that we have to announce this week the death of Mr Morris Williams, of Ffynnonwen, latterly of Old Cross. Deceased had occupied Ffynnonwen for upwards of thirty years and left only last September to enjoy a well earned rest; alas! What a short one. He was taken ill about three weeks ago, and despite every attention the poor fellow passed away on Saturday afternoon last. Deceased was 79 years of age, and a regular attendant at Tabor. His funeral took place on Wednesday (yesterday) afternoon and there was a vast crowd present to pay their last tribute to the departed "Morris, Ffynnonwen", as he was familiarly called. The Rev J W Maurice officiated, and paid a high tribute to the deceased's faithfulness to the last. He leaves a widow and three children, and we offer our sympathy to them in their affliction.

The good folks of Gedeon are forging ahead with the Band of Hope. A good entertainment will be given on Monday evening next after Chapel and the singers and reciters are busy preparing a "feast" for us. We wish them every success. Brynhenllanites are in high glee over the ever increasing success of their little teetotallers and are going to give a good account of themselves in the new year. "Yn mlaen yr eloch I gyd".

We have this week the painful duty of recording the death of little Lizzie Reynolds, the ten-year-old daughter of Mr John Reynold and Mrs E Reynolds, Cwmyregwlys. The case is a particularly sad one. It seems that the deceased had been on the beach early on Thursday morning with her parents. The child hastened home to prepare herself to accompany her mother, as was her wont. A little later, Mr John Griffiths, while on his way home, heard faint moans coming from Mr Reynolds's house. He went inside to ascertain the cause and was horrified to see the girl (Lizzie) in a dreadful state – her clothes burnt, and her body and upper part of her legs as black as charcoal from the effects of the fire. The poor little child must have suffered excruciating pain. She was immediately put in bed, and the Rev J Evans, Gedeon, did

all that was possible to alleviate the sufferings of the little one pending the arrival of a doctor. Dr Rees (Newport) was soon in attendance but gave the anxious ones no hope of her recovery – she was past human aid. Lizzie was a bright little girl, very trustworthy and willing at all times, and many were the messages she carried for the people of Cwmyregwyls in her short career. The little words of comfort to her father when on her deathbed were worthy of a child many years older. It must have been heartrending to the poor parents to watch the life of their offspring fast ebbing away under such distressingly sad circumstances. The little girl died early on Friday morning, and to say that her death cast a gloom would quite inadequately express the people's sympathy.

An inquest was held on Saturday touching the death of the little girl. There are two theories to account for the sad incident, one being that her clothes became ignited while lifting the kettle off the fire; and the other, that they caught fire while lacing her boots preparatory to going out. Which of these theories is the true one will ever remain a mystery as there was no one in the house when the accident took place. A verdict of “Accidental Death” was returned. The funeral took place on Sunday afternoon at two o'clock when a very large number of persons attended to mark their sympathy with the bereaved in their hour of sorrow. The coffin was borne to the grave by the deceased's schoolmates, and after a touching address from the Rev J W Maurice, who ably officiated, the children present sang: “Ar hyn fydd yn hyfryd, I gael cwrdd heb fadael mwy.” Afterwards the crowd quietly dispersed. We join in the sympathy shown with the parents in their sudden and painful loss.

1900

4 January

A happy New Year to all Dinasites! The New Year's advent was unattended by the idiotic custom of the past. There was a complete absence of gate-lifting, taking away stable doors, barrows and carts, destruction of railings and walls such as characterised the advent of 1899. The old year has been about the saddest for the inhabitants of Dinas. Many a home has been thrown into mourning and we trust that the new year will bring with it cheerfulness and prosperity to those homes saddened by the icy hand of Death. But the saddest lot of all has been that of Mrs Williams, late of Týgwyn, who has laid to rest a loving husband and dutiful son within seven months. We are sure that she has the sympathy of everyone in her present affliction.

We offer Mr Johnny Maurice – son of the popular pastor of Tabor – our heartfelt congratulations on his success in securing a mate's certificate at the Board of Trade examinations held last week at Swansea. Mr Maurice only just arrived in the “Glance”, in which barque he had acted as second mate during the last voyage. We wish him all success.

We are sorry to hear that Capt D Harries, Soar Hill has been indisposed for the last few weeks. His genial presence was greatly missed at Gedeon on Monday, and we know that nothing but severe indisposition would keep him away from a concert in which children take a prominent part. Had he been present he would have enjoyed himself thoroughly. We hope he will soon be himself again.

Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather on Monday evening last, the people of Dinas braved the elements to extent their usual patronage to the good folks at Gedeon.

As early as five p.m. The crowd soon began to gather and then people followed so "thick and fast" that long before the time for starting the accommodation was taxed to its utmost capacity. Those who had the good fortune to be present enjoyed themselves to their hearts' content. It was known to all that the popular pastor had been hard at work with the little ones for weeks past, but no one expected such an excellent treat. The Rev J Evans is passionately fond of the young generation and we heartily congratulate him on this his initial success in the parish. Right royally did the youngsters respond to his indefatigable efforts, and in the way in which each item was rendered brought forth unstinted praise from everyone present.

The chair was taken by Capt W J Richards, Hill Park, and when it is said that the Chairman was in his 'happiest of moods' we can quite understand how the vast audience was kept throughout in good humour. Had he been 'on the poop' he would not have secured a better audience than he did that evening. All his wits and remarks tasted of the 'brine' and he did not fail to enlist the sympathy of the sailors present, and excellent order was maintained from beginning to end. Of course many of the Band of Hope children took part and their recitations bore on the evils of intemperance. The little ones kept pegging away in their attacks on 'John Barleycorn' until the Chairman remarked 'Well, Well, mae'r merched yma wedi myn'd, cawn ni ddim dipyn o shonken nawr.' (loud laughter).

It would be perhaps invidious to single out for special praise where each did so well, but we might mention a few who came in for much favour. These were solos by Miss J Evans and Miss M L Davies, Laurel Villa; recitation by Miss James, three year old daughter of Mrs Elizabeth James, Tŷcol; Miss Maggie Harries, recitation on 'Pussy'. Dialogue by Masters W J Evans Ffynonovy and Stephen D Harries, Cross; songs by Miss Anna Harries, Cross (Peidiwch gofyn I mi ganu) and Miss M A Davies, Laurel Villa, 'Eneth Ddal', Messrs Edward and Jenkin Jones took prominent part in the concert, and the former sang 'Myn gartref dy hun' with much success. The Rev J Evans gave a good rendering of 'Gwlad y Delyn' while Mr W J Rees, Clover Hill so surprised all present with his good voice that he was 'styled' by the Chairman, 'Mr Sim Reeves from London Town'. Mr W J Evans, Hescomb, proved of great assistance to the choir in the bass which was somewhat weak.

Everyone was delighted with the performance and also with the splendid order which prevailed. We heartily compliment the people of Gedeon upon their success and hope that the worthy pastor may long be spared to further develop the talents of the little ones under his charge.

The good folks of Brynhenllan are preparing for us another treat, and we hope that they will be as successful in their endeavours as Gedeon. There is a plethora of musical talent in Brynhenllan as well, and what with the excellent instrument now in their possession we are sure to have a most enjoyable evening. The date has not yet been fixed.

Tabor will not be behind although their time has been wholly occupied hitherto with the singing festival. The Rev J W Maurice and Miss Jessie Maurice have the matter in hand, and they will be assisted by Mr John Harries schoolmaster, whose success with children's entertainment we all know. Therefore we can look forward for a pleasant evening at Tabor as well. Rally round ye Taborians and make the event worthy of your traditions.

18 January

We must confess that much anxiety has been caused in the parish for the recovery of Mr Ezer Owen, Yetybontpren. He arrived home about a fortnight ago but was soon laid low with inflammation. His condition has been so precarious that his death seemed only a matter of hours, but our readers will now be pleased to hear that a change for the better has occurred. He receives the best attention of doctors, relatives and friends and we sincerely hope that he will soon be as strong as ever. Mr Owen returned home after passing the Board of Trade examination as Mate. Good Speed for his recovery and congratulations on his success.

25 January

Mr Ezer Owen's numerous friends will learn with pleasure of his improved condition. He has at last got out of bed and is gaining strength daily.

DEATH. It is our painful duty this week to chronicle the death of Mr John Evan Williams, Tŷgwyn which lamentable event took place at Cardiff on Saturday December 30th. When at home last he seemed the picture of health, so that the news of his death was a great shock to everyone at Dinas. It appears that he complained of feeling unwell some few months ago but it was thought that a voyage would soon bring him round. However, these hopes were not to be realised, for he returned to Cardiff much worse in health. His condition became graver day by day, his mother was sent for and she left Dinas on Wednesday morning in the last week. There were two doctors in constant attendance, but despite their efforts and the mother's close attention, the poor fellow passed away on Saturday evening. He was the victim of brain fever and was paralysed for the last two days of his life. Deceased was a very intelligent young man, much above the average, and the writer was surprised during a conversation with him some time ago at the deceased's knowledge and sound common sense.

The telegram announcing his death reached Dinas on Saturday morning and cast quite a gloom over the parish. The body was brought home for interment, and the funeral took place at Macpelah on Tuesday afternoon. The body arrived at Crymmych with the 11. 15 a.m. Train, and the mournful procession reached Dinas about 3 p.m. We noticed the following among those present – Messrs Geo. Davies, Garn; Dewi Harries, Ffynonwen; W J Simmins, Tanybryn; E Evans, Pistyllbach; J Vaughan, Pistyllmeigan; J Vaughan. Cardigan, D Stevens, Clover Hill; J H James, Parkglas; W J J Raymond, Henllan; J Howells, Caersalem; Capt W J Davies, ex mayor of Newport; Messrs J W J Llewelyn, Brestgarn; D Llewelyn, Maildy; J Richards, Veidr-fawr, and others. Soon after three o'clock the Church was reached and the coffin taken out and reverently borne by a number of sailors to the chancel. The coffin was of solid oak with magnificent brass fittings. The plate bore the inscription

John Evan Williams, Died Dec. 30th 1899, Aged 22 years.

The Rector read the service and after singing the old familiar hymn 'Dysgwyl pethau gwyh ddyfod' – the vast concourse re-formed for Macpelah. At the graveside a very touching address was delivered by the Rev J W J Maurice and the Rev J Williams performed the last ceremony for the departed. After the singing of the ever fresh Welsh hymn 'Bydd myrdd o ryfeddodau' – the crowd quietly dispersed after taking a farewell look at the coffin which enclosed the remains of a dear and trusty friend. The funeral was a very large one, which was a striking testimony of the deceased's popularity as well as the sympathy felt for the afflicted ones.

It is sad to think that the genial host of Týgwyn, the son and the manservant, were all laid to rest in the same year, and within a period of seven months. We join in the sympathy that is being extended to Mrs Williams and the children in their present bereavement.

11 January

An eloquent sermon was delivered by the Rev J Williams, our worthy rector, on Sunday evening last, to the memory of the late beloved John Evan Williams, late of Týgwyn. The reverend gentleman was evidently moved by the sudden and lamentable death of one of his young and trusty flock. His numerous friends will long cherish sweet recollections of him. The reverend gentleman preached from the 25th and 26th verses of the XL chapter of John.

The lower part of a lady's mackintosh was lost by a young lady-hailing from Dinas, while returning from Newport on Monday evening last. The young lady in question recollects having it in her possession while passing Mauritius, and she first missed it when near the Court entrance. Anyone giving information to Mr Thomas Thomas, Dolbont Factory, will be suitably rewarded.

Dinas has again been thrown into mourning by the death of Capt John Walters of Bay View which took place in London on Saturday evening last. Capt Walters commanded the 'Lord Clyde' which arrived in London about five weeks ago. About a fortnight after his arrival, he was seized with a cold which culminated in inflammation, congestion of the lungs and bronchitis. His condition was known to be most precarious but still fervent hopes were entertained of his ultimate recovery. Mrs Walters and her son John were in attendance for the last few weeks and it goes without saying that the deceased was shown every possible tenderness and attention. The letter which reached Dinas on Sunday from the son intimated that there were little hopes of his father's recovery, prepared us for the grave news of his death which was wired to the Rev J W Maurice on Monday morning by the Rev D.C Jones, Tyllwyd. Deceased was 56 years of age, a conscientious member of Tabor, and enjoyed the deep esteem of all with whom he came into contact. The remains, enclosed in a magnificent oak coffin reached Crymmych station early on Tuesday morning, reaching Bay View, Dinas later in the day. The funeral will take place this (Thursday) afternoon, at Macpelah, an account of which will appear in our next issue. We are sure that the Rev D C Jones will be thanked by all the parishioners for his assistance to the widow in her present hour of sorrow. He superintended and carried out satisfactorily all the necessary arrangements. The Rev D C Jones has at all times been most ready to give a helping hand and we take this opportunity to assure the rev gentleman that his name is getting a household word in the parish for his great services in the past to Dinasites in London. Capt Walters leaves a widow and three children to mourn the loss of a devoted husband and affectionate father. He was the son of Mr Walter Walters, a deacon of whom all Taborians are proud and a brother to Capt Jas Walters, Garden Terrace. We tender our heart felt sympathy to Mrs Walters, children and relatives in their present sad affliction.

The Band of Hope entertainment which will be held at Tabor on the 17th inst., promises to be a huge success. The Taborians have grown enthusiastic over the success of the Gedeonites, and they will undoubtedly give a good account of themselves. No one who saw the opening of the cause at Tabor three months ago

predicted such unqualified success. The little children have worked with admirable zeal and enthusiasm throughout, a number of over a hundred in force. The Rev J W Maurice, Mrs Jessie Maurice, Miss Paulina George, and Messrs Thos Owen and G E O Peregrine have thrown themselves heart and soul into the matter and are to be complimented on the results of their labour. A tea will be given to the members on the afternoon previous to the entertainment and no outsider will be allowed to partake of the sweetmeats. Etc, until he or she has previously signed the pledge. Verily, verily, 1899 will long be cherished in Dinas as the year which saw gigantic strides made by the Temperance advocate all round,

A party of Dinasites experienced a rude awakening on Saturday last while returning from Cardigan in a carrier's conveyance. The day was very wet and stormy, and the roads were consequently so heavy that the rate of travel was slower than usual. Nevertheless, the party beguiled the weariness of the journey with talks of the Boers, Kruger and 'cwrdd bach Gedeon'. The driver alighted before reaching Trevoel, to lead the horse, at the same time giving instructions to the occupants to sit 'well on'. All went well until Trevoel Hill when the driver's attention was called by loud shouts of 'O rwy'n marw', 'O mam fach', 'Kruger be hanged', 'Mind the eggs', and 'What ho! She bumps', from the rear. The looks of the driver when he saw the sight of his upturned conveyance with its screaming and excited occupants packed like herrings in a barrel, baffles description.

It is supposed that during the progress down the hill the traces in some way or other became detached, with the result that when the level road was reached the conveyance was left behind. The heavy weight at the end of the vehicle did all the rest. All escaped injury, but they are not likely to forget the sudden 'topple over'. Everything was soon righted and the journey resumed, but not without serious misgiving, among the women in particular, while the driver kept a most reserved silence ever after. Dinas was reached without further mishap. No blame can be attached to the driver for the unexpected episode.

18 January

Mrs Roberts (wife of Private Joseph Roberts) desires to return her sincere thanks to the people of Dinas and Fishguard for the great kindness shown by them on the occasion of her husband's departure to South Africa.

The Tabor Band of Hope entertainment has been postponed until Wednesday evening the 24th inst. Owing to the illness of Mr Ezer Owen and Gedeon meetings. The children and others are very busy and are sure to please all those who attend.

News of death: when will they cease! On Tuesday evening, a telegram was received which bore the news of the sad death of Mrs Roch of Aberdare. Deceased was the sister of Mrs James Williams Maesygarne. She had been suffering from influenza, and her sister had left Dinas before Christmas to be in close attendance upon her. Much sympathy is expressed on all hands for the widower and five little children who have now to mourn the loss of an ideal wife and mother. The remains will be brought from Aberdare to Dinas for burial at Ramah.

The quarterly meetings of the Congregational Sunday Schools Association were held at Gedeon on Tuesday last. There were large gatherings at all the services and all present speak well of the powerful sermons delivered by the Revs E D Evans,

Penygroes; Evans, Moylgrove; and J Lloyd, St Dogmaels. The inner man was well looked after, as usual, by the Gedeon folk, whose hospitality in this respect puts their Newport brothers in the shade, but there were present several Newportians who promised an awakening of their hospitality in the future.

FUNERAL The funeral of the late Capt John Walters of Bay View took place on Thursday afternoon the 11th inst. Deceased was universally respected in the parish as was evidenced by the large number of persons assembled to pay their last tributes to the respected dead.

Soon after two o'clock the Rev J W Maurice read a portion of the Scriptures and offered a fervent prayer. The reverend gentleman afterwards delivered an excellent funeral sermon, taking as his text the 29th and 30th verses of the 107th Psalm. He highly eulogized deceased's character and spoke of him as a man who had always walked the paths of righteousness. His Bible on board the 'Lord Clyde' bore traces of much usage, as the leaves from beginning to end bore many of the late captain's fingermarks. The coffin was of magnificent oak, and the brass plate bore the following inscription:-

John Walters Died January 6th, 1900 Aged 56 Years

It was reverently borne by the deacons of Tabor from the residence to the road, and soon after the procession was formed for Macpelah. The mourners were as follows: Mrs Walters (widow), Capt James Walters, Bwlchmawr (brother), Mrs M A Jenkins (daughter), Mr John Walters (son), Miss Mary Walters (sister), Mr Tom Walters (nephew). Mr Walter Walters, deceased's aged father was too weak to make the journey, He came down on the evening previous but had to be conveyed home.

At the graveside, the Rev J W Maurice again spoke, and said how sad he felt in having to escort the remains of his most trusty and faithful friend. The Rev J Evans, Gedeon, having offered up an impressive prayer, the large crowd dispersed. We offer the widow, relatives and friends our heart felt sympathy in their lamentable bereavement, and we do not forget Ulysses, another son of the deceased, now on he way home, and as yet unaware of his father's death.

25 January

A capital entertainment in connection with Tabor Band of Hope was given yesterday (Wednesday) evening by the members. A full report of the proceedings will be given in next week's 'Echo'.

Mr Ezer Owen's numerous friends will learn with pleasure of his improved condition. He has at last got out of bed and is gaining strength daily.

The funeral of the late Mrs E Roach, wife of Mr John Roach whose lamented death occurred at Aberdare on the 16th inst., took place on Sunday afternoon last. The coffin which was of oak with massive brass fittings accompanied by the mourners arrived at Goodwick soon after 1 o'clock on Saturday afternoon, where a large number of sympathising friends had assembled to meet them. At Maesygarne – the residence of Mrs James Williams, the only immediate relative of the deceased – the Rev Geo. Morgan – officiated. After reading a portion of the Scriptures, followed with a fervent prayer, the rev gentleman delivered a most impressive sermon. The late Mrs Roach had been a most zealous and conscientious member of Bethania Chapel Aberdare, where her benign presence will be sadly missed by her large circle of friends. The day turned out miserably wet and cold; notwithstanding, a large crowd determined to

brave the elements to pay their last tribute to one so dearly loved by all who knew her. At the graveside in Ramah an eloquent address was delivered by the Rev J W Maurice, Tabor, after which the rector, the Rev J Williams offered up another fervent prayer. After singing the ever appropriate 'Bydd myrdd o rhyfeddodau' the crowd took a last look at the coffin which enclosed all that was mortal of their dear sister, and quickly dispersed. Several conveyances accompanied the procession,. The chief mourners were – Mr John Roach, Mrs James Williams (sister), Mr and Mrs W Roach (brother and sister-in-law), Mr T Morris (nephew), Newport, Mr T.H. Richards, Merthyr; Master Tom and May Roach (son and daughter). The brass plate bore the inscription

Elizabeth Roach Died January 19th 1900 Aged 39 years.

The coffin was covered with wreaths sent by Miss Williams, Smithfield and numerous friends from Aberdare. It is not long since deceased's little child was buried at Ramah and much sympathy is expressed on all hands for Mr Roach and his five children, and Mrs Williams, Maesygarne. Mrs Roach was an ideal wife, a kind and tender mother and a worthy sister. We offer our heartfelt sympathy to all the relatives in their hour of sorrow.

1 February

For weeks we have had the painful duty of recording a succession of deaths, and unfortunately, we have not yet come to the end of the line. It must be most galling to the parishioners of little Dinas to have to escort in such quick succession so many of their dear friends. Mr William Morris, after months of suffering, passed away at his residence in Brynhenllan on Thursday evening to the general regret of his many friends. For a long time previous to his being confined to his bed, the poor man was seen to be losing ground that that most cruel of diseases – consumption – had taken its firm grip of him. Drs Havard and Rees did everything possible to stay the hand of Death, but notwithstanding this and the closest attention of his wife, mother and friends, the sufferer passed away as before stated. He was grateful for the practical sympathy shown by his friends during his prolonged illness.

Deceased was a most useful man; he could turn his hand at almost anything. His services were always in request, and all who knew him speak well of his kind and ever jovial disposition. The interment took place on Monday, and we do not remember seeing such a large contingent of the male fraternity at any previous funeral. Deceased was 38 years of age, and was a constant member at Gedeon, but failing health has lately made his attendance at the chapel services less regular. The long procession left Brynhenllan soon after two p.m., for Gedeon. At the chapel, a funeral sermon was delivered by the respected pastor – Rev J Evans, and at the graveside, the same gentleman again officiated. We noticed the popular Rector – Rev J Williams – in the procession. The departed leaves a widow and eight children (the eldest of whom is only 13 years of age) to mourn his loss and much sympathy is expressed for the bereaved ones.

15 February

MEETING TO DISCUSS WATER AND GAS BILL; OPPOSITION TO THE SCHEME WITHDRAWN.

On Thursday evening last, a meeting of the parishioners was held at the Board School, Dinas, to reconsider the question of the proposed extension of the present area covered by the Fishguard Water and Gas Company who intended applying to Parliament this session, for increased powers, whereby the parishes of Dinas,

Newport and Llanychaer will be included. It will be remembered that at a ratepayers meeting held at Dinas in December last, it was unanimously decided to oppose the scheme, and it was resolved that they approach the District Council for that purpose. Since that meeting, the feelings of the parishioners seem to have changed, and it was thought advisable to get the details of the scheme fully explained by Mr W T S Tombs, Fishguard (solicitor to the Bill) and for this purpose a meeting was convened for Thursday last, at which Mr Tombs was present. The Rev G E O Morgan presided over a large and representative attendance.

The Chairman, in the course of a few introductory remarks, observed that the last time the scheme was explained to them, they thought it would affect them in two ways specially and that it would be to their disadvantage as a parish. In the first place, they thought that the Fishguard Water and Gas Company would take possession of all the water springs in the parish of Dinas, and that henceforth, they would be under the control of the company. They thought that it would also affect the rivers and the mill springs. The general impression of the parishioners was that the rates of the parish would be considerably increased if the Bill passed through Parliament and Dinas was very heavily burdened with rates already. Mr Tombs assured the meeting that their fears had been unfounded. The average weekly water rate would be 4d a week and the company would supply sufficient water for one water closet free of charge, though if used for trade purposes, it would be more. He also added that Dinas parishioners would not bear the cost of any work undertaken in Fishguard.

After a long discussion, the Rev Jas Williams, Capt Richards and Mr J Raymond, spoke in favour of the scheme and the Chairman remarked that the parishioners would be very glad indeed if the company would proceed at once.. He believed he could confidently say that it was likely that they would be very largely patronised. There were three districts in Dinas very badly off for water, namely Jericho, Cwmyreglwys and Brynhenllan. As a member of the Parish Council, he felt that a very great burden had been taken off their shoulders by the company offering to supply Dinas with water and gas. He hoped they would bring it next summer.

Capt D Harries JP, proposed, and Mr W E Bennett seconded, that the resolution passed at the last parish meeting be rescinded, and that they withdraw their opposition to the Bill. The motion was carried without dissent.

DINAS PARISH COUNCIL At the close of the above meeting, the parish council met under the presidency of the Rev G E O Morgan, there being also present: Capt Richards, Capt Thomas, Messrs David Harries, Evan Evans, W J Raymond, Edwin Bennett, Dewi Harries, and the clerk, (Capt Davies). The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. A bill for 12s 6d by Mr Thomas, printer, Cardigan, for 500 agenda forms, was passed for payment, it being remarked by a member that there would be enough for 50 years. The chairman announced that the pipes for carrying water in the field opposite Tyrhos would be laid down early in March, Mr Williams late of Bell Vue, having given permission to have the work carried out through his field. Mr Dewi Harries drew the council's attention to the state of the road leading to Vron from the Cross, and also the road near Pont Tabor, which is unreasonably narrow and should be immediately widened. The chairman spoke in favour of writing to the district council asking for their support towards repairing the Cross road and said that it was decided by the Highway Board a few years ago that a grant should be given towards repairing it. It was proposed by Mr W J Raymond, and seconded by Capt Richards, that Mr Dewi Harries should be authorized to attend the next meeting of the District Council to be held in Eglwysrwrw and press the case and ask for the council's

assistance in the matter. Mr Dewi Harries expressed his willingness to attend the council meeting but suggested the clerk should first of all write to the clerk of the District Council. It was resolved that the clerk should also write and once again draw the attention of the highway road surveyor to the dangerous state of the road near Pont Tabor, and call upon him to give it his immediate attention. This was all the business of public importance.

A LUCKY DINAS BOY Master Ernest O Williams, Ship Aground, Dinas Cross, is the proud winner of a gentleman's gold watch, which was offered by Messrs Crossfield, the Rainbow Soap Company for a correct or nearest estimate of the number of tablets sold by the Company at Liverpool during the fortnight ending Saturday, January 27, 1900. Each competitor being allowed one coupon only and out of the many thousands who tried, we are pleased to learn that Ernest's number was the nearest. He received the gold watch on Friday and we congratulate him upon his good slice of luck.

To the Editor of The County Echo, Sir,

In the last issue of a local paper I find that some of the correspondence do us Dinasites a lot of injustice by writing very improper views of our character, as divines, politicians, and scholastics, and by the spirit and tone of their language I should think they ought to live under the old dispensation; or about the time when Homer wrote The Wrath of Achilles. Certainly there is none of the brotherly feelings observed in the remarks. I think they should emigrate and join old Kruger. Yours etc.
A C H Neptune, Dinas Cross

To the Editor of The County Echo

As one who has know Mr J Harries since his advent to this place, kindly allow me through the medium of your widely-read "Echo" to express my surprise that any person or respectable newspaper would be guilty of publishing what appeared in your contemporary last week. That Mr Harries had been suspended for two years was well known to us all in Dinas, and for this reason little did many of us think that there would be anyone in the parish so unprincipled as to publish a communication to the Board from the Education Department. I do not say this because Mr Harries cares the least that it has been published, far from it, but it is a matter for surprise that any person should be guilty of so far forgetting their self-respect as to rejoice in the downfall of another.

During the time that Mr Harries has been in our midst he has borne an unblemished character and by the success of the school year after year has proved himself to be a schoolmaster of the highest order, and as showing the esteem in which he is held by the Board, I may say that no Board could do more for its servant than the Dinas School Board did for Mr Harries by their repeated appeals to the Education Department to overlook his transgressions, knowing as they did that his offence was far from being intentional. I need not waste your space to dwell upon Mr Harries's good traits, but I would like to state that his excellent qualities and abilities are too well known in Dinas to be in the least affected by the virulence of his would-be oppressors. Yours faithfully, CROCHAN HUFEN

22 February

BURNT TO DEATH. A sad burning fatality occurred to the infant daughter of Mr and Mrs James Evans of Brynhenllan. It appears that on Thursday February 8th the mother

left the house for a short time to feed the fowls, but before leaving she took the precaution to put the baby in her chair which she fastened to the leg of the table. During her absence, her two year old child caught hold of his father's scarf, and this coming in contact with the fire, ignited, and it is supposed that the little mite in throwing the burning scarf away, set fire to the little child in the chair. Her clothes instantly took fire and the child so severely burnt that it died the following Tuesday morning. The little girl was but nine months old. At the inquest on the body by Mr Ivor Evans (coroner for North Pembrokeshire), the jury returned a verdict of "Accidental Death." The interment took place on Friday last at Macpelah burying ground, the Rev J W Maurice (Tabor) officiating. The Rev J Evans (Gideon) who had promised to attend the funeral was unavoidably absent through indisposition. Much sympathy is felt in the parish for the bereaved parents in their sad affliction.

THE DINAS SCHOOL CASE. To the Editor of the "County Echo"

Dear Sir, I crave your indulgence to reply to some correspondence which appeared in the Solva "Guardian", a fortnight ago on the "Dinas Schoolmaster case". Such a malicious and revengeful attack was only to be expected, but still one had reason to look for something more magnanimous and less cowardly in spirit from the writer of the effusion in question. I have chosen your columns as a medium of defence because of your deservedly wider circulation, and also because it has not been the policy of the "County Echo" to advertise a man's feelings without the slightest regard of his virtues. Certainly, every man has his good points and bad qualities, and a paper which publishes the latter without any mention being made of the former, is totally unworthy of patronage. Probably the wiser course to take would be to treat the matter with the contempt it deserves, but obeying to the persuasion of my numerous friends, I am compelled to take the matter up. Any impartial reader could see that the production in the "Guardian" was nothing but pure spite. What the public think of one person giving vent, through a newspaper, to its delight at another's downfall, I leave my readers to guess. Speaking for myself, I must say that the perusal of the correspondence did not disturb my equanimity in the least, simply because I knew where the remarks came from and they were nothing but sooty shells from masked guns. I admit the irregularity in registration, but it could not be a fraud. The substituted sheets had to correspond in every particular with the ones taken out, as the summary and log sheets had already been made up. It was not a serious offence, and furnished very poor justification for the "Guardian's" bitter and revengeful attack. The attendance at the school, owing to the prevalence of the mumps and inclement weather, had dwindled down to 12, 15 and 21 for three consecutive half days in October last, and my scholastic friends can therefore read between the lines. The people of Dinas and district will, I am sure, bear me out when I say that the school never before attained such high efficiency as it did during my five years mastership, and I have every reason to feel proud of my record. The writer (or writers) of the epistle in the "Guardian" will kindly accept my thanks for stirring up my friends, for I was not aware before that they were so numerous. I knew that a woman in Dinas was not above insulting a gentleman on his way home from communion service on Sunday morning, but I was yet to learn that there was one who could openly express her delight over another's trouble.

A strange and regrettable feature of the affair has been the conduct of the new JP. He, by means of threats obtained from the Clerk of the Board, a copy of the document from the Education Department, and although gave his word of honour that it would not be published, he forthwith hurried away as fast as his legs could carry

him, to satisfy a few scandalmongers. What would his brother J H in the place take for so far lowering his own dignity. He was a man of whom I had formed a good opinion, being a JP and a prominent Baptist. He might be much hen-pecked, but still, I never dreamt that he would become a cat's paw so soon after his advent to Dinas.

A correspondent wrote some time ago that now he was married the two together could put a member in Parliament. Let him first win a seat on the board of guardians, and we have not yet forgotten a "Chwi-nabod-I" political speech delivered some time ago at the school.

The reference to my new appointment is highly amusing. Messrs Bacon's representatives have fixed salaries, and many publications are issued by the firm besides maps, but even maps on commission is not quite as bad as "yeast, jam and bloaters" behind the counter. I may say, that barring the absence of home comforts, through travelling, I am much better off.

In conclusion, I wish to assure my friends that (knowing who are the attacking parties) I have not been in any way affected by the sarcastic effusions, and I sincerely hope that I shall never stoop so low as to take delight in another's downfall, or even make an attempt to deprive him of his bread and cheese. I could write more, but I think I have spent enough time over such vicious and impetuous windbags.

Yours faithfully,

London, Feb 20th

J HARRIS.

THE NEWPORT, DINAS AND FISHGUARD CHOIR. Last week, we received a communication in connection with the above choir, from one who signed herself "A M A Davies, Lower West Street, Newport", but as the contents reflected on the character of the leader – Mr J Harries of Dinas – we delayed its publication until we could satisfy ourselves that the name and address given were genuine. We are only too glad to publish all matters of public interest that correspondent be pleased to send us, but when the good name of any person is at stake, we think it necessary to have some regard for that person and avoid the publication of such correspondence if possible. We have made the fullest enquiries and we find that no such person as "A M A Davies" was ever a member of the above Choir; and as far as the distribution of the prize money (£5) was concerned, we have gathered sufficient evidence to show that the Conductor was 17s out of pocket after paying all expenses. We find that our contemporary boldly published this "A M Davies" letter last week, but after the exposure of Mr Harris's case the week previous, this is not at all surprising, yet one cannot help being amused by the fact that the publisher should allow himself to be so easily duped.

8 March

Dinasites will doubtless be pleased to learn that Mr David H. Gronow, of this place, obtained a second mate's certificate at a Board of Trade examination which took place last week in London.

We learn with deep regret of the indisposition of Mr Tom Maurice, at Newbridge (Mon), son of the respected minister of Tabor, the Rev J W Maurice. Mr Tom Maurice returned home on Tuesday, and we trust that his native air will be the means of recuperating his health, so that he will shortly be able to return to his scholastic duties.

LITERARY MEETING – On St David's Eve, a literary meeting took place at Brynhenllan Calvinistic Chapel, in connection with the Band of Hope. There was a large and appreciative audience and a most interesting and enjoyable programme was gone through. The pastor, (Rev Ll Griffiths) presided, and Capt Peregrine conducted the singing.

Much sympathy is expressed with Capt Rowlands of Garnwen and his family. All have been lying ill in the house at one time, the condition of things which has aroused the ready help of his friends and neighbours. One of his little children, we regret to hear, has been seriously ill. We hope that before long they will all recover.

As soon as the news reached Dinas that the relief of Ladysmith had been accomplished, the inhabitants decided to honour the event in truly British fashion. No time was lost in making the necessary preparations, and on Thursday evening, a torchlight procession took place, and a huge bonfire was set ablaze on Castle Hill by Mr Carter Bennett. The National Anthem, Rule Britannia, and a song by a local composer entitled “Kruger's body lies upon the battlefield” were sung amidst much enthusiasm.

DEATH – It is our painful duty to chronicle this week the death of an old and highly respected inhabitant of Dinas in the person of Mr Davies of Ffynnone. The deceased, who was 75 years of age, passed over to the “great majority” on Thursday last, after a long illness. He was a faithful member of Tabor Baptist Chapel, and was always regular in attendance at the services. The interment of the deceased took place at Macpelah on Sunday afternoon last, the officiating minister being the Rev J W Maurice (Tabor).

OBITUARY – We regret to record this week the demise of Mrs Evans (wife of Mr David Nicholas Evans) which took place at Brynhenllan on Friday last. The deceased was a regular worshipper at Tabor, Baptist Chapel, and was held in high esteem by one and all in Dinas. The mortal remains of the deceased were laid to rest at Macpelah, on Monday afternoon. The Rev J W Maurice officiated. The attendance at the funeral was one of the largest that have been seen in the parish for many a long day.

NEW SCHOOLMASTER – Mr Evan Davies, the newly appointed schoolmaster at Dinas Board School, commenced his duties on Monday in last week. Mr Davies, who has only recently returned from Pretoria, is a nephew to the Rev Ifan Davies of Llangloffan, and he has a wife and two children. He comes with excellent credentials, and it is said that he is a talented musician. We extend a hearty welcome to our new master, and also to his wife and family. Mr Davies has so far made a good impression on the people of Dinas, and he is rapidly gaining popularity. We wish him every success in his new sphere of labour.

15 March

During the past week, Capt James, Ash Grove and Capt Llewellyn O Llewellyn, Bay View (captain and mate, respectively of the ss Escholbrook of Cardiff) paid a visit to Dinas, and they received a very hearty welcome.

GOOD NEWS – the numerous friends of Mr Evan Murrow, of Dinas, will, doubtless be glad to hear that he has benefited much in his health from the sea trip which he has recently undertaken and in order to thoroughly regain his previous good health, he purposes taking another voyage.

TABOR CHAPEL At the above place of worship, on Sunday morning last, an eloquent sermon was preached by the Rev J Jones, BA of Oxford. We regret to learn that this able preacher's eyesight is impaired, and that, in consequence, he has been debarred from following his course of study at Oxford.

To the Editor of the "County Echo."

Dear Sir, - The "Guardian" in its report of the meeting recently held at Brynhenllan Chapel, under the auspices of the Band of Hope connected with that place, showered praises on a few persons and left out entirely many of those who have shown themselves to be pillars of strength with the good cause. Such a report is not only unsatisfactory and misleading, but also tends to discourage those who have worked diligently for the success of the meetings, by leading them to think that whereas some were deemed worthy of mention, their services were not so. Fortunately, those who are interested in the welfare of Brynhenllan are not of the same opinion as your contemporary. Although I write as a unit, I have the satisfaction to know that a good many share my sentiments and denounce the report as it appeared in the paper already referred to, as being most impartial. While I do not wish to begrudge the compliments given to those named in the report, knowing that they are fully entitled to them, I think it is only fair that others should participate, who have worked in a praiseworthy manner and acquitted themselves brilliantly, as was evinced by the great success achieved by the entire party in placing such a highly interesting company on the platform at Brynhenllan. Amongst the young ladies who have worked assiduously hand in hand may be mentioned Miss Davies, Tower Hill and Miss Jones, the Island. The Rev Llewellyn Griffiths and Capt Peregrine are well known to be ardent workers with every movement that affects the welfare of the young minds, it is therefore not a surprise that their presence and guidance during the last winter was the means of making one and all even more energetic, and inspiring them at the same time with zeal for the work. We have also to thank most heartily Mr Davies, Tredrissi, for his valuable assistance as rendered to the cause. Mr Davies is known to be in sympathy with the children's meetings, and, coupled with his excellent abilities as a singer, tends to make his services always desirable in similar gatherings, and which he is always ready and willing to place at the disposal of those requiring them. The "Guardian" in dealing with the case of the young men connected with the Brynhenllan chapel regrets that they are so inactive. The few we have as constant dwellers in our midst can not well afford the time, having their respective occupations to look after. I think that those young men who have been brought up with us and gone away to join other churches are not quite as bad as they are pictured in the so called report. There are several points which could be corrected, but being insignificant ones I will refrain from doing so. Apologising for thus trespassing upon your most valuable space. I am, etc. "ADSAEN"

22 March

BIRTHS March 13th, at Cambrian-Terrace, Dinas Cross, the wife of Mr J Harries, of a son.

29 March

The news has reached Dinas that Mr William Lloyd of Brynhenllan, has lately joined the army, and after a few weeks training will sail for South Africa.

Mrs Mendus, Myrtwydd, has lately received a letter and some South African newspapers from her nephew, – Mr William Tudor – at Kimberley, who was among those shut up in the besieged town for upwards of four months.

On Sunday last, Mr J Harris, our late schoolmaster, paid a visit to the place. His many friends and acquaintances were glad to see him and especially to learn that every success was attending his new vocation.

It is gratifying to find that the work of supplying iron railings and gates for the new houses near Bwlchmawr has been entrusted to our new blacksmith, Mr Levi Thomas, in which case, it might be mentioned, tenders have been received from firms in Cardigan and other places, but home labour won the day!

The Rev D T Evans, of Tyrhos, preached at Tabor Chapel on Tuesday evening to a large congregation. The rev gentleman, who is the author of a newly-published Welsh book, entitled “Grawn Gwernogli” is a writer and a poet of some renown, and a preacher of the foremost rank.

We are very pleased to find that Capt D Harries, JP, is gaining in health. He had an attack of illness in September last, and the popular Squire has been confined to his house ever since. We learn that it is his intention to seek a change of air as soon as the weather permits.

We are given to understand that Mrs M Howells, wife of Capt T Howells, of the SS “Turkeyman” - one of the Dominion Line of steamers – purposes removing from Dinas to take up her residence at Liverpool, and that the future tenant of no 2, Roseneath, will be Mr Evan Davies, the newly-appointed schoolmaster of Dinas.

Mr George Thomas, of Vron, last week had to suffer the loss of a most profitable cow and the following day lost a sow in farrow, which he had only just bought a few days previously. We are very pleased, to learn that his friends at Dinas purpose rendering him assistance in his trouble by a prize-drawing (or “raffle”) which will take place on May 17th, the first prize being a ewe and lamb, and the second prize will consist of half dozen bottles of assorted wines and spirits (given by Mr Dewi Harries). We hope that a ready sale will be found for the ticket, the price being 6d each. The winning numbers will be published in the “Echo” for May 24th.

WEDDINGS The numerous friends of Mr David Mendus (Rose Hill, Dinas) and Mr Thomas Richards (Hill Park, Dinas) will no doubt be surprised to hear that they have both entered the bonds of holy matrimony. The wedding ceremonies were solemnised recently at Cardiff, where the honeymoon is being spent. We understand that these newly married seamen will sail in the ss “Escholbrook”, which is under the command of Capt James, Dinas, on her next trip.

5 April

Mrs Bowen or Llwyngwair (president of the Cemaes Division of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Association) takes an active interest in the wives and families of the

reservists in this locality, and is very attentive to their needs. We learn that Mrs Roberts (wife of Private Joseph Roberts of the Grenadier Guards) has recently been the recipient of a sum of money from the esteemed president of the above philanthropic association.

Mrs Davies, wife of the newly-appointed schoolmaster, visited Dinas last week, when she received a very hearty welcome. We understand that Mrs Davies, who is perhaps better known in the musical world as “Llinos Illyd” is a renowned professional singer. It is gratifying to state that under Mr Davies's care, the school is making rapid progress.

MARRIAGE OF DAVID O. STEVENS AND LYDIA ANN THOMAS On Tuesday last, the nuptials were solemnized of Mr Dd O. Stevens, Clover Hill, and Miss L.A Thomas, Rose Cottage, the wedding ceremony taking place at Cardigan. Mr B Evans of Swan Inn, Eglwysrw acted as best man and he was accompanied by Mr Joseph Francis, Glanhelig (nephew of the bride) and Mr W J Thomas, Pentre. The bridesmaids were Miss E Thomas (sister of the bride) and Miss Annie Stevens (sister of the bridegroom). The bride was attired in a dress of white satin trimmed with orange blossom and lace and carried a handsome bouquet, while the bridesmaids were attired in khaki coloured costumes with hats to match and wore gold bangles, a gift from the bridegroom. The bridal party, together with several friends and relatives were entertained to a sumptuous breakfast at Rose Cottage, about seven o'clock in the morning, from whence they proceeded, in a close carriage, en route for Cardigan. After dinner at the Commercial Hotel, the happy party drove to Newcastle Emlyn, along the banks of the Tivy, which is one of the most picturesque and pleasantest drives in South Wales. On arrival at the Emlyn Arms Hotel, tea was partaken of, and at 4.50 p.m. The married couple entrained for Aberystwyth, where the honeymoon is being spent. The presents were both numerous and costly. Very few in Dinas were aware that this event was to take place on Tuesday last, otherwise the inhabitants would be astir in the early morning to witness the departure of the bride and bridegroom, who are well known and highly respected in the parish. We wish the newly married pair a long life of health, happiness and prosperity.

12 April

Amongst the singers at Maenclochog eisteddfod concert on Monday evening last was our new schoolmaster, Mr Davies, who sang “Y Hen Gerrddor”, and also gave a selection on the tin whistle, accompanied by Mr MacKenzie. Mr W A Harries also rendered several solos. Both singers were in the best of form, and their singing brought forth the applause of a large audience. This was Mr Davies's first appearance in Pembrokeshire as a singer, and judging by the success which attended his efforts at Maenclochog, we anticipate a big demand for his services in the near future.

The rumour that Mr Tom Mendus, Duffryn, had joined the army has turned out to be incorrect. He still follows his occupation at Treorky, and is doing well.

We are pleased to see in our midst Dr and Mrs Greener and family of Cardiff, who are on a visit to the place.

Mr Evan Murrow returned to Dinas on Tuesday last after a four month sea voyage for the benefit of his health and it is gratifying to learn that the change has made an improvement in his health.

Dinasites were unanimous in extending a hearty welcome home to Captain W Gibby of Roseneath[?] after an absence of upwards of three years. [Captain] Gibby was an eyewitness of the battle of M[anila Bay] when Admiral Dewy (not our loyal DE [?]) played such indomitable pluck [original copy damaged here]

26 April

The annual meeting of Dinas Parish Council was held at the Board Schools [sic] on Thursday evening last when the Rev G Morgan (Tyhen) was re-elected chairman for the coming year. Mr W J Raymond (Tygwyn) was appointed overseer, in place of Mr H Evans (Ffynnonovy).

We learn with deep feelings of sorrow that Mr Tom Maurice (son of our esteemed Baptist minister) is still far from well and it is feared some months will elapse before he will be able to resume his scholastic duties. We understand that his medical attendant has advised him to take a sea voyage. We trust it will be the means of recuperating his health.

It is gratifying to learn that the tickets for the drawing to take place at the schoolroom on May 17th, are being taken up by ready buyers. It has been decided that the second prize of a mixed hamper of wine and spirits will be given to the one drawing the lowest number and in this way the lowest and highest numbers drawn will secure a prize.

We regret to learn that Mr William Gwynne (mayor of Cwmyreglwys) had the misfortune last week of meeting with an accident, but it was not of such a nature as to cause any anxiety, and hopes are entertained that he will soon be all right again and especially in time for the Cwmyreglwys regatta and exhibition which will be held on August 23rd next, on a very large scale.

DEATH We regret to have to chronicle this week the demise of a well-known and much-esteemed inhabitant of the parish in the person of Mrs Walters, of Cwmcanol, aged 57 years. The deceased lady, who was a faithful member of Tabor Baptist Chapel, had been ailing for several years, and she passed peacefully away on Wednesday night in last week. The interment took place on Sunday afternoon last at Macpelah, the Rev J W Maurice (Tabor) officiating in the house and at the grave-side. The late Mrs Walters leaves three children, the eldest being only 19 years of age to mourn her loss, and we extend our heartfelt sympathy to them in their hour of trouble.

At a meeting of the Parish Council held on the 19th April last, it was proposed by Capt D Harries, JP, Soar Hill, and seconded by the Rev G Morgans, and unanimously agreed to that the council petition the District Council, and, if required the County Council also, with regard to the use of Rhywelli small screened stones with Bwlchmawr broken stones on the main and bye roads in Dinas parish, it being suggested that about one yard of the former be used to two of the latter. The parish council were satisfied that the Rhywelli stones would materially assist the others – which caused so much labour and expense, during the summer months, to scrape and

collect from the ditches – to cling together. The application to the District was couched in the following terms:- “We trust your council will approve of this resolution and forward the same if required to higher quarters for their approbation. We may also add that Rhywelli small stones can be had for about one-fourth of Bwlchmawr stones.”

We are pleased to learn that the land letting at Pencwnck yesterday (Wednesday) was attended with splendid results, the prices realised being above the average. The letting has been an annual one since 1884, and, strange to say, this was the first occasion on which it was held on a rainy day, but the result having been so favourable to the owner, Dr Havard, at the conclusion of the sale jocularly remarked that he hoped it would turn out a wet day for the letting next year again.

3 May

The most conspicuous man at Dinas on Sunday is the indefatigable PC Morgan of Newport. Why?

Mr James, Llanelli, one of HM sub-inspectors for Wales, inspected the scholars at Dinas Board School for the first time on Tuesday morning last.

Dinasites were proud of the joyful news on Saturday last of the safe arrival of Capt D G Thomas, Brynynwr, after a long passage of 128 days from Iquiqua. Capt Thomas has done this passage on many previous occasions under 80 days.

The prize drawing announced to take place on Thursday has been postponed for another month. This should tend to make the first prize (ewe and lamb) of a higher value; and certainly the second prize (a hamper of wine and spirits) will improve by keeping.

We are pleased to see in our midst Capt W Perkins, Castle Green, who, it may be stated, has spent all the years of his seafaring career, in the employ of Messrs Richards and Mills, Liverpool, and for many years has been in command of the ship “Aberystwyth Castle”.

The Rev J W Maurice (the respected pastor of Tabor Baptist Chapel) was one of the special preachers at the anniversary services in connection with the Maria [Moriah] Baptist Chapel, Llanelli, on Sunday and Monday last. His place was filled at Tabor on Sunday last by Mr Morgan Lewis of the Baptist College, Cardiff.

The bi-monthly meetings in connection with the North Pembrokeshire Baptists were held at Tabor Chapel on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings last. The officiating ministers included the pastor (Rev J W Maurice), Rev D J Evans (Bethlehem Baptist Chapel, Newport, Pem), and the Rev M Bassett (Penpark).

We are informed that for the first time in the history of the Dinas Board School for the last thirty years it is now without a captain for its chairman. Mr Raymond (the present worthy chairman) has, however, been a member for a very large number of years, and therefore the control of the Board meetings can well be entrusted to him, but, should necessity arise the clerk will be close at hand.

At the meeting of the District Council held at St Dogmell's on Thursday last, Mr John L Simmons, presented a petition from Dinas Parish Council, desiring that Rhiwelly small screened stones, with Bwlchmawr stones should be use on the by-roads in Dinas Parish. After some discussion it was unanimously agreed to comply with the petition. Now that our council's efforts have been successful in this respect, Dinas roads after a few visits by the County Council's steam rollers, should be everything that would be desired.

10 May

Sunday last passed off very quietly in Dinas. Why?

In consequence of a wire she received one day last week, Mrs Thomas (Springhill) left Dinas immediately for Cardiff where, we regret to state, she found her son and his wife and two children, suffering from diphtheria. We are pleased to learn that they are progressing favourably.

PWNC. The churches of the various of the various non-conformist bodies in Dinas are busily preparing for the pwnc, which will be sung on Whit Monday. The Taborians will visit Jabez and Brynhenllan and the church will be heard at home. In consequence of the Congregational association meetings, to be held at Newport (Pem) next month, Gideonites will not recite the pwnc on Whit Monday, but in order to display their talent they will entertain their friends at Ebenezer (Newport) on Whit Sunday.

During the past week Mr John Evans, Tyhen (surveyor to the St Dogmells Rural District Council) accompanied by the local district councillors and the Rev G Morgans (Tyhen) and Mr Jones (Highland), visited Cwmyreglwys and inspected the land which is proposed to be taken over by the district council for the purpose of constructing a new road. A portion of the land was valued at 8s, and the other part at £6, but the result of the valuation was not very favourably received by the owners. We trust that some conclusion will be arrived at before our big regatta in August takes place, so that we may guarantee the public safety.

About three o'clock on Monday afternoon, it was reported in Dinas that the long expected relief of Mafeking had at last been effected, the inhabitants, having no reason to doubt the authenticity of the report, lost no time in showing their appreciation of the supposed British success. Flags were seen flying from the coastguards houses and the residents of Capt Gibby, one of the few Welshmen who had the honour of witnessing the battle of Manila. He is a true Britisher and a great admirer of Admiral Dewey. Every preparation has been made by Mr John Jenkins (shoemaker) for firing the jubilee gun, but as the news was not confirmed from Fishguard, this demonstration was abandoned. Imagine the feelings of our patriotic villagers when they discovered that the whole thing was a hoax. This is the second time that Dinasites have been misled by the war news from Newport (Pem) and we have no doubt they will be very reluctant to pay any heed to war reports which come through this source in the future.

In connection with the Baptist denomination, the bi-monthly meetings for this district – which extends from Dinas to Newquay – were held at Tabor on Tuesday and Wednesday in last week. As announced in our last week's issue, the sermons on Tuesday evening were preached by the Rev Mr Bassett (Penpark) and the Rev D J

Evans (Newport) the services being introduced by the first-named minister. On Wednesday at 10 a.m. The meeting was opened by the Rev Hugh Watkins (Cilgerran) and an eloquent and powerful discourse was delivered by the Rev G E O Hughes (Cardigan) on a subject given him by the last bi-monthly meeting, namely, "War in the light of the Scriptures". In the afternoon a society was held, the subject for discussion being "The duty of members of Christian Churches to attend the meetings in time". An excellent paper had been prepared by Me B Rees JP and the following gentlemen took part in the discussion – Mr J Williams (Cardigan), Rev S G Bowen (Penuel) and others. The evening service was introduced by the Rev D W Phillips (Blaenpant) and impressive sermons were preached by the Rev Hugh Watkins and S G Bowen. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather the attendances at the various meetings were remarkably good.

17 May

We were pleased to see Capt D Harries JP, Soar Hill, among the magistrates at the Fishguard Sessions last week, this being the first "sitting" for him to attend since his recent serious illness. We hope he will soon regain his usual strength and vigour.

On Tuesday in last week Mrs Owens, Ship-a-Ground, was taken seriously ill with inflammation of the lungs. Dr Rees of Newport was in attendance and under his care we are now pleased to learn that she is reported to be out of danger, and to be progressing very favourably. Her daughter, Mrs Williams, of Newport, Mon, has arrived home, and under her careful and tender attention it is hoped that Mrs Owen will be in her usual health again.

It is now stated by the influence of our local "war office" the last pro-Boer in Dinas has been converted. This has been a hard task, but it has been worth the labour! It is stated that what a "Cardi" can't do is not worth doing at all!

On Saturday last, we saw for the first time in Dinas a grand three year old dark chestnut horse, owned by Mr D Gibby of the Bridge End. It has been named "Baden the Hero".

Dinas will be well prepared for visitors this summer in the way of conveyances. Last Thursday, Mr Richards. Veidir Vawr, had his new brake out for the first time, which is indeed a capital conveyance. On Saturday, Mr Henry James, Brynhenllan, will have his conveyance ready, and after that day he will run every Saturday to Cardigan, and specials to Goodwick and Fishguard. Mr Dan Morris, Tabor; Mr J J Harries, Parkglas, and Mr T Jenkins will always be ready for a call; and we hope soon to see Mr E Murrow in his usual good health, and to the front once again.

The news of the Relief of Mafeking reached Dinas soon after 8 on Saturday morning, and in a very short time flags were flying at several houses in the place, but when the morning papers came to hand, work was suspended, and the people gave themselves to a general demonstration of their gladness that Mafeking had been able to withstand Boer privations and that relief had at last reached the noble garrison. The rejoicings were kept up all day and in the evening the Newport Brass Band paid a visit to the place, and played selections of patriotic music at various places. At about 8 o'clock our local shoemaker, Mr John Jenkins, fired off fifteen rounds from his "jubilee gun" which had a startling effect. Mr Jones, the Island Farm, had the furze over a vast

extent of land set on fire, as did also Mr Dewi Harries on the Chiffion, the fire covering about three acres of land, both of whom had kept the furze for the occasion.

24 May

A DINAS LANDLADY FINED Mary James, landlady of the Sailors Safety, Cwmyreglwys,[sic] Dinas Cross was charged with selling beer during prohibited hours on Sunday 15th ult. Mr W T S Tombs (solicitor, Fishguard) represented the defendant and pleaded guilty. He wished to say on behalf of his client that the defendant (who was an old lady of nearly eighty years of age) and her husband had held the licence for nearly thirty years and this was the first complaint made against the house.

Of course, as their worships were aware, it was not necessary to prove the sale of liquor, and he was bound to admit that the circumstances in this case were very suspicious. He should like to say that one of the men found on the premises was a relation of the landlady, and he and his wife were in the habit of going there to dinner on Sundays. There was an empty mug on the table on the day in question and he could not justify these men being on the premises, and therefore he was bound to lead his client to the mercy of the court. He could only say this to their worships, "As you are strong, be merciful". The Bench imposed a fine of 10s and costs.

CHARGE AGAINST A DINAS PUBLICAN DISMISSED

INTERESTING CASE TO LANDLORDS AND BONA FIDE TRAVELLERS

Stephen Davies, landlord of the Freemasons Arm's [sic] Dinas Cross was summoned for unlawfully opening his licensed premises at 3.20 p.m. On Sunday 6th May.

Mr W J Vaughan (solicitor, Fishguard) appeared for the defendant and put in a plea of not guilty. PC Morgans stated that he visited the Freemasons Arms, Dinas Cross in the occupation of the defendant, 3.20 on the afternoon of Sunday 6th inst. Standing in the bar he saw two men, who gave him their names as Jeremiah Keetings of Goodwick, and William Walsh of Wallis Street, Fishguard. There were two pint cups on the table, about half full of beer. He asked the men where they were going, and they said they came from the addresses given, and were going to see Dinas Churchyard. The Landlord asked what he was going to do, and he replied "I must report it". He left the premises and the men came out after him. The beer that was in the cups they drank in witnesses' presence. The men, after leaving the house, proceeded towards Gedeon, a distance of a hundred to two hundred yards.

Supt Phillips: Did they go to the churchyard? Witness: No, Sir.

How far did you follow them? - On their return journey as far as Yetybontpren.

Did they call at any other public house?

No, Sir, they did not attempt to.

There were no other people about? - I saws about a dozen.

Mr Vaughan here interposed and said he did not see what this has to do with the case. This was a specific charge. Witness, continuing, said that groups of pier men had been in the habit of visiting Dinas on Sunday and their conduct, as well as the defendant, he was sorry to say, was really shameful, and the trading that had been carried on in this house was a disgrace to the neighbourhood.

Supt Phillips: On the Tuesday before this happened did you and the sergeant caution Mr Davies? - Witness, Yes. Sgt Rosser gave him a proper reprimanding in my presence. I have also requested him several times not to supply these men at all. They are only going there with the object of getting drink.

Cross-examined by Mr Vaughan: The defendant had, he believed, a seven day's licence. When he called at the house of Stephen Davies on the 24th ult he (defendant) told him that he had had an interview with Supt Phillips.

Mr Vaughan: And Supt Phillips gave him permission to supply any quantity he liked?

Witness: No, I don't say that.

Did not lie [sic] tell you that he had asked Supt Phillips what he could supply on Sunday, and that the superintendent told him that if the men had come three or four miles distance they could have a drink, but told him to be careful that they did not come there for that purpose, and suggested that he should enter their name and addresses in a book – He did not tell me that.

Supt Phillips: you cannot prove that.

Mr Vaughan: Did the defendant say that Supt Phillips suggested his keeping a book for that purpose – Witness: No, Sir. He said that he had interviewed Supt Phillips about the seven day's licence, but he did not say that he told him to keep a book.

Did he mention anything about a book? - Yes, Sir.

When you went there three weeks ago last Tuesday, did Stephen Davies ask you if you would a copy for him to fill in the book? - He might have asked me.

Did you not tell him what headings to put on the book – I did not

Did you rule these heading for him? - No, Sir.

Have you ever seen that book (produced) before? - Yes, at the Freemasons Arms.

If you will kindly look at the book, you will find that the 24th April was on a Tuesday and the first time the book was used was on the 29th ult. You deny (in total) that you either suggested the headings for the book or that you ruled it? - I do, sir.

Coming to the 6th of May, did you ask the men their names? - Yes, sir.

Did they have any hesitation in giving them to you? - No, sir

At the request of the landlord, did you look at the book? - Yes, Sir.

And did you find the mens' names there? I did, and the place they were going to namely, Dinas churchyard.

Did you afterwards see anyone outside the door? - Yes, I saw someone knocking at the door.

Did you see the person go into the house? - No, sir: a good reason why.

Did you know this man? - Yes. He was from Fishguard

Did Stephen Davies tell you anything about this man? – He told me that he supplied him with drink.

What if he goes into the box and swears that he did not supply him? – I did not ask him for it.

Did no Stephen Davies ask you what was the good of a seven days' licence if he had to refuse travellers, and did you not reply “You could give it to him because he was respectable”? - That is a lie.

Dr Sweet: Were these men drunk or sober? – Witness: Perfectly sober, sir.

The Clerk: What is the distance from their residence to the public house? – Witness: about five miles from Goodwick.

Sgt Rosser was the next witness called. He deposed that in consequence of what he had seen in the newspaper of the disgraceful state of affairs in Dinas he drew the defendants attention to what took place in the parish on the Sunday previous. He also explained to him that persons were in the habit of visiting Dinas simply for the purpose of getting drink and he said he would not do it again.

The Clerk: You told him that people coming from Fishguard were not *bona fide* travellers? – Witness: Yes, Sir.

Mr Vaughan: Did you accuse him of supplying liquor on Sunday? – Witness: I drew his attention to a paragraph in a local newspaper?

What paper? – “The County Guardian”

A paragraph in that paper? – Yes, Sir. It was under the Dinas News.

I put it to you that you did accuse him specifically of an offence? – Yes, sir.

You presumed that he was the man after what you saw in the paper? Do you notice every little tittle tattle you see in the local paper? – Not always.

How could you prove that this was the house? – Because it was talked of all the week.

If that is the case, why didn't you prosecute? – We did prosecute.

Supt Phillips elected to give evidence. He said he wanted to contradict the remark made by Mr Vaughan that he suggested to Stephen Davies to keep a book for visitors attending his house on Sundays. He had a conversation with the defendant and he told him to be very careful about supplying people on Sundays as every case must appear on its own merits.

The Clerk: You never suggested to him to keep a book? – Witness: No, Sir.

You did not explain to him what a *bona fide* traveller was? – No, I did not.

Mr Vaughan in addressing the Bench for the defence, remarked that his client was the holder of a Seven Days' Licence, which enabled him to admit a person and supply him with refreshments on Sunday if he was a *bona fide* traveller. After reviewing the evidence, Mr Vaughan submitted that the question was for their worships to be satisfied that whatever Stephen Davies did, that he certainly thought when he was supplying these two men that they were *bona fide* travellers. He pointed out that no man could take more precaution than his client had. He first of all asked the advice of the superintendent of police, and on the 24th he went to the constable. He would ask the bench to bear in mind that there was no effort whatever made on the part of the defendant to screen these two men, or to make any excuse. It was not necessary that a man should go to a place on business to be a *bona fide* traveller. It was immaterial whether he went for business or pleasure. Of course, a person would have to cover the three-mile limit. Mr Vaughan then cited the following strong case: “A railway porter who on Sunday morning after attending to his work distant between two and three miles from where he slept the previous night, extended his walk to a public house more than three miles from his house and had beer and bread and cheese for breakfast, and told the police officer who found him in the house, he had come for “a walk and a drink”. The Queen's Bench Division hold he was a *bona fide* traveller, and not the less a traveller because he walked beyond his place of his employment to get beer at the inn. The sergeant in the box made remarks which he should not have made, and he should certainly have not noticed any comment in a local paper. They had read and seen how judges in the High Court had sat upon gentlemen of the Press. He would like an expression of opinion from their worships with reference to the comment in this local paper.”

The Clerk: The magistrates cannot take any notice of cases that are not before them. Any expression made by the press was before these proceedings were instituted.

Mr Vaughan: No, after these proceedings were instituted.

The Clerk: That may or may not be. Your contention is that it will prejudice the case. I haven't seen the remarks in the press, but I suggest they simply go to draw the attention of the public to the number of people who go to Dinas on Sunday for a drink.

Mr Vaughan: I was going to ask who was the informant.

The Chairman: The summons was not issued in consequence of what appeared in the newspaper. If the police see anything in the papers and then make enquiries that is another thing.

The Clerk: It has nothing to do with the case.

Defendant, who was examined by Mr Vaughan, then gave evidence, bearing out his solicitor's statement. He stated that he asked Mr Phillips's advice regarding the supply of liquor on Sunday and he told him to be very careful as to who he supplied. He also told him to give the visitor a reasonable time to take his refreshment, but to be careful that he did not get drunk. He was also informed by the superintendent that he could serve visitors if they were three or four miles from their home, and the excise officer told him the same. PC Morgans called upon him the 24th April and he told the constable what the superintendent had said, namely "that I ought to get a book and enter the names and addresses therein, and if they put a false name it would not be my fault." He then asked PC Morgans to make headings for him, and he ruled the book with a slate. His (defendant's) wife was present at the time. The constable suggested that he should put the words date, name and address, where from, and where going to, in the book, and told him to write them. The two men who were found on the premises were entire strangers to the defendant, but he was perfectly satisfied that they were *bona fide* travellers after they had written their names and addresses etc in the book. They were not in the house ten minutes altogether.

Mr Vaughan: You have heard a statement with reference to the Fishguardian who called after these men left? - Defendant: Yes, Sir, and as a matter of fact, I refused to supply him in consequence of what the constable had previously told me. I informed PC Morgans that I had refused this man. I also asked him what good my Seven Days' Licence good, that I had refused the last lot.

Mr Vaughan: What did PC Morgans tell you? - Defendant: He said I could give him a drink because he was a respectable man.

Did the constable come to the house and ask to see the book again? - Yes, Sir.

Are you prepared to swear that whenever a person called on a Sunday that you always made diligent enquiries as to whether he was a bona fide traveller? - Yes, Sir.

The Clerk: Did Supt Phillips tell you to "take" or "keep" the names? Defendant: He told me to be very careful and take their names.

The next witness was Martha Davies, wife of the defendant, and she corroborated the statement with reference to the police constable's visit to the Freemasons Arms, and as to his suggesting headings and ruling the book with a slate. William Walsh was also called and he deposed to visiting the house on the day in question, in company with Jeremiah Keatings. They had to write their names, addresses, etc., in a book before being served with refreshments. They were supplied with a pint of beer each. They did not remain in the house more than five minutes.

Mr Vaughan: You told the defendant you were going to the churchyard? - Yes, Sir. We went part of the road but we returned as it began to rain.

Supt Phillips: You have heard a little conversation at Goodwick to the effect that there was a chance of getting a drink on Sunday at Dinas? Defendant: No, Sir, I was never there before.

The Clerk: Who told you about the churchyard in Dinas? - Witness: I heard about it at the pier works.

Do you take an interest in churchyards? - No, but I have heard people talk about this one.

Is there anything particular about it? - Yes, the tide has washed a portion of it away.

They did not tell you there was such a place as the Freemasons Arms? - No, Sir.

It was only by chance you got to the Freemasons Arms? –Yes, Sir
Did you write both names in the book or your friend? No, Jeremiah Keatings.
Walsh was then charged with being found on the licensed premises of the Freemasons Arms during prohibited hours. He admitted being there but stated that he was a *bona fide* traveller. PC Morgans having repeated the evidence given in the other case the bench dismissed both charges. The chairman remarking that the magistrates were of the opinion that the landlord did everything he could to ascertain whether the men were *bona fide* travellers or not, but they were very doubtful about Walsh whether he ever intended going to the churchyard, but they could not disprove his statement.

THE ISLAND FARM, DINAS CROSS TENDERS for the ERECTION of a COWHOUSE at the above farm are requested. Plans and all particulars may be obtained from Mr J H Davies, 21 Old Square, Lincolns Inn, London WC.

31 May

The Rev Mr Evans, Gedeon, on Sunday last officiated at Mount Zion Congregational Chapel, Solva.

The many friends of Capt Breeze Williams of this place will, doubtless be pleased to learnt that the “Janet MacNeil” (of which he is Chief Officer) has arrived safely at Valparaison, after a rather long passage.

The solar eclipse was witnessed in Dinas by upwards of 250 schoolchildren with the aid of a piece of smoked glass, and they appeared to be much interested in the phenomenon.

We regret to hear the Mr Wm Thomas of “The Gate” is suffering from a serious affection of the legs. On Tuesday last he was removed to the Fishguard Cottage Hospital where it is feared he will have to undergo an operation.

The various denominations in Dinas are busy preparing for the “pwnc” on Whit Monday. The Taborians will visit Jabez, and the Gideonites will visit Brynhenllan, while the church Sunday school will meet at home. The latter will recite the “pwnc” during the day, and in the evening a meeting for recitation and singing will take place.

We understand that Mr Tom Maurice (son of our esteemed Baptist minister) is about to take a voyage up the Mediterranean for the benefit of his health. He leaved Dinas today (Thursday) for Cardiff and will probably sail on Friday. We desire to express our hope that the trip will have a beneficial effect on his condition.

Dinasites are anxious to know when the pipes are to be laid at the spout opposite Tyrhos. There appears to be a scarcity of water in the place, for only a few nights since one of our master mariners had to fetch a barrow-full from a spot over half a mile away from his house. It was rather annoying, however, to find the contents of the cask missing in the morning.

Some dispute seems to have arisen in Dinas of late about getting the rubbish for the bye roads. As our readers are doubtless aware the District Council decided at a recent meeting that Rhiwelly stones should be used for the roads in question. Since this decision was arrived at, the quarry had changed hands, and the new man expected to

have a portion of the carting of the stones, but the contractors would not agree to this. We understand that the road labourer has been getting stones from another quarry, further away from the bye roads, but that will not affect the contractor's pockets, as they are paid by the hour for carting. The only difference will be in regard to the quality of the stones and the expense on the parish.

7 June

We are pleased to be able to chronicle the success of Mr Ifor Reynolds (fifth son of Mr J Reynolds, sculptor) at a Board of Trade examination held last week at Liverpool when he gained the distinction of "Chief Officer".

Like almost every other town and village in the Principality immediately the news that Pretoria had been occupied reached Dinas there was an outburst of enthusiastic and patriotic feeling. There was a very pretty display of flags and bunting, almost every window in the place contributing its quota of decorations.

Whit Monday was as usual observed as a general holiday, almost the whole populace turning out to join the various Sunday Schools in their rendering of "pwnc". The day was fine, but the heavy rain in the evening caused great inconvenience to those of the schools from the place and district that visited Dinas.

14 June

WATER SUPPLY At a meeting of the St Dogmells Rural District Council the Clerk reported, in the matter of the Dinas Water Supply, that a letter had been received months ago asking for a plan of the proposed work, which had never been supplied,

and nothing could be done without the plan. The Inspector promised to supply a plan, but stated the work could not be properly done until September.

OBITUARY Dinasites will doubtless regret to learn of the demise of Mrs James Owen of St Dogmells. The deceased who was a cousin to Mr Stephen Davies (Freemasons Arms, Dinas Cross) died on Friday last at the early age of 32 years. She leaves a husband and three little girls to mourn their loss. The funeral took place on Monday last at Cardigan Cemetery, when the Curate of Cardigan officiated at the house, and the vicar at the grave-side.

The numerous friends of Mr Evan Murrow, Tyrhos, will we feel sure, regret to learn that he has been forced to return home from sea owing to a sudden change for the worse in his health. It was only about five weeks ago that we referred in these columns to the immense benefit he had derived from the first sea trip, and stated that he was about to embark on a second voyage. It appears, however, that Mr Murrow contracted a chill at Rotterdam which aggravated his complaint, and he is now lying at his house in a very precarious condition. We sincerely trust that he will be speedily restored to renewed health and vigour.

On Whit Monday, a large number of Dinasites assembled at the Church (Dinas) to listen to the rendering of the "pwnc", which was recited by the following choirs in the order named: - Llanllawer, Dinas, Cilgwyn, Nevern, and Newport (Pem). The various schools went through their parts very satisfactorily and the manner in which the anthems were sung was most creditable to the singers.

Later in the day a sumptuous tea was provided in the schoolroom to which full justice was done. The following ladies, assisted by many willing helpers, presided at the trays; Miss Williams and Miss Alderson (The Rectory), Mrs Capt Thomas (Cambrian Terrace), Mrs and Miss Drew, Mrs Bennett (Ashgrove), Mrs Carter Bennett (Hescwm), and Misses [sic] Hopkins. The room was very tastefully and profusely decorated for the occasion with flags, buntings and evergreens. We might mention that the flags were kindly lent by Mr Buffins (Coastguard) who also rendered valuable assistance in the work of decoration.

In the evening a most successful entertainment took place in the schoolroom, this being the first gathering of the kind ever held in this village by the church friends. Mr Wm Bennett (Hescwm) who was in his old form, made an ideal chairman, and he presided over a large and well-behaved audience. The proceedings were enhanced by the contributions of Mr Felix (postmaster) and Mr Samuel, both Newportonians, and the promoters feel very grateful to them for their kind and ready assistance. The singing of the church choir in the anthem "Dacw'r Hafan" was *par excellence* and much appreciated. The appended programme, which was of an interesting and varied character was then gone through in capital style:

Chorus, "Y mae Coron", Children's Choir; Song, "Why should I wait," Mr T Llewellyn Thomas; Duett, "I love to hear the story," Misses M and Lilian Hopkins; Dadl, Misses R Harries and Jane Davies; Song, "We are marching to Sion," Mr J Smyth Bennett and party; Song, "Hiraeth," Mr Carter Bennett; Song, "I have found a friend," Miss Mary Ann Williams; Recitation, "Shon yn dala'r train," Mr J Raymond Thomas; Song, "Pa le mae'r Amen," Mr J Smyth Bennett; Song, "The Gospel Bells," Miss Agnes Jenkins; Recitation, Miss Edith Davies; Song, "Go bury thy Sorrow," Miss Annie Carter Bennett; Duett, "Jesus loves me, yes I know", Misses Francis Williams and M L Thomas; Duett, "There is a green hill far away," Mrs A E Thomas and A M Thomas; Song, Mr Samuel; Anthem, "Dacw'r Hafan", Church Choir; Duett, "Pilot Grave," Mrs E Williams and L M Jenkins; Song, Mr Felix, Newport; Dadl, Mrs Rachel Harries and Ann Williams; Song, "Erien on the Rhine," Miss L Hopkins; Recitation, Mr John Smyth Bennett; Song, "We'll have courage my boys to say no," Mr Basil Hopkins and party; Recitation, Mr Willy Evans Bennett; Song, "Gates of the West," Miss Drew; Chorus, "Little Mary", Children's Party; Song, "Jesus loves me", Mr Thomas Llewellyn Thomas and party; Song, "The beautiful city," Miss Hopkins and party.

The singing of the National Anthem brought a most enjoyable evening's entertainment to a close (the above report did not reach us in time for insertion in our last issue – Ed.)

5 July

We are asked to announce that particulars of the forthcoming regatta at Cwmyreglwys will appear in our next issue.

Among the visitors at Dinas are Dr Greener and family, Cardiff, at their residence at Bryn Terrace; and Dr Howells and sister, Cheltenham at Glanhelyg.

The many friends of "Tom, Ffynnonwen" who met with an accident at Newport Fair will doubtless be pleased to learn that he is recovering from his injuries (Under the careful treatment of our local vet, Mr Griffiths, Capel) and that there is every probability of him being in harness soon again.

The following is the result of raffle which took place recently for the benefit of Mr George Thomas, Vron, Dinas Cross :- First Prize (ewe and lamb) was won by Mr Timothy Lewis, Garnwen, Dinas. Second Prize (hamper of wines and spirits) won by Mr L H Lloyd, Penffordd, Goodwick.

Some of the Dinas farmers did very well at “Ffair Gerrig” in the matter of selling their cattle and horses, good prices being realised. Several dealers visited Dinas the day previous to the fair, and offered high prices, especially for the horses, but our farmers preferred waiting for the fair, but in some cases the high prices offered them at home spoiled the fair for them.

REGATTA A meeting was held on Thursday evening in last week at the Dinas Schoolroom in connection with the proposed regatta at Cwmyreglwys to be held in August next. The chair was taken by Capt D Harries JP, Soar Hill, Mr Raymond being elected vice-chairman; Mr Dewi Harries, treasurer; and Mr E Davies (schoolmaster) was elected to act as Secretary.

A very influential committee was appointed to carry out the necessary arrangements, those selected being Mr Carter Bennett, Capt J Harries (Castle Stores), Capts Peregrine, Richards, Gibby, Davies and Jenkins, Doctor Greener (Cardiff), Mr Buffin, Mr Penman, Mr W G Howell (Ystrad), Messrs E Bennett, T Rhys, T Davies, D Thomas (blacksmith) and the rev gentlemen of the place. The programme (drawn out by the Rev Mr Jones, London) was submitted to the meeting and received unanimous approval of those present, few additions being suggested. It was decided to hold another meeting on Saturday evening next when important matters will be suggested and discussed.

12 July

Capt Harries JP and Mrs Harries left Dinas on Tuesday for Boncath where, by medical advice, they purpose spending a few weeks and we hope to see them returning greatly benefited by the change.

Among the recent arrivals home are Messrs L O Llewellyn, James Williams and John Harries, who formed part of the crew of the ss Escholbrook on her last voyage under the command of Capt James of Dinas.

Preparations for the school concert on August 1 are going on apace, and the event is looked forward to with much interest by the inhabitants of the place. Admission tickets will be offered for sale by the children the latter part of this week and it is hoped there will be a big demand for them.

It gives us very great pleasure to be able to announce that Mr Jenkin Jones, BA (London), of Dinas Cross, has been appointed headmaster of the Sawel Memorial Academy, Llansawel in succession to the Rev T Glyn James. Mr Jones, who received his earlier tuition at the Hall Grammar School, Fishguard, will, we understand enter on his new duties at about the beginning of September.

In Dinas just now cycling is the recreation. The ladies in particular have gone in for the wheel in real earnest, and in the early morn, at noon and night the village is made alive by the cheery ring of bells, the rattle of chains and an occasional (!) flash of lamplight. The wabbling [sic] tracks and damaged hedges are numerous at present but

things will come better in time. Meanwhile, "let pedestrians be well provided with lanterns".

We are very pleased to see amongst us this week Mr Morgan Lewis, of the Factory, who, we are given to understand, has accepted the unanimous "call" given him by the Baptist churches at Coedpoeth near Wrexham. He makes a second of Dinas boys who have secured pastoral charge in North Wales during the last few months. It is only a few weeks since we reported in these columns the selection of Mr (now Rev) T M Williams as pastor of a baptist church at Wrexham. We sincerely wish them every success in their new spheres of labour.

REGATTA A meeting of the regatta committee was held at the Schoolroom on Saturday evening last Capt Richards being voted to the chair. The members present were Messrs Tom Rees, D Thomas (blacksmith) W J Raymond, Edwin Bennett, Evan Davies, Dewi Harries, Capts Harries (Castle Stores) W Gibby, and D Jenkins, and the attendance of so many is a very clear indication of the interest taken in the forthcoming event, which is fully advertised in another column. The programme was carefully gone through and the amount of prizes fixed for each item.

DEATH On Sunday last, Mrs Capt James of Ashgrove received the sad intelligence of the death of Mr Thomas Lewis, St Dogmells who passed away on Saturday. Deceased was well known and highly respected at Dinas. He had been in the service of Capt James as ship carpenter, for many years until a few months ago when his health broke down and the news of the death of so faithful a servant came as a shock to the genial captain, who, to his great regret, was unable to attend the funeral on Tuesday, as he only arrived in Cardiff on the day of the interment. He was, however, represented at the solemn ceremony by Mrs James, the funeral taking place at Moylgrove.

At the last meeting of the St Dogmells Rural District Council, the plan of the Dinas Water Supply was produced. The Clerk said the plan would have to be sent to the owner of the field, Mr Williams, Prospect House, Newport, for his approval. The work ought to have been done some time ago and as soon as they had the consent of the owner the work would be proceeded with. Dr Havard thought they would now be opposed by the Fishguard Water Supply Company, the work should certainly have been done long before this. The Clerk did not think the company could prevent them as they were only improving the existing water supply. The chairman of the Parish Council had told him they would do all they could to assist in the work.

19 July

LIST OF VISITORS

Hill Park (Capt Richards) Mrs and Miss Tudor, Ebbw Vale; Ffynone (Mrs Stephens) Mr Evans, Cardiff; Glanhelyg (Mrs Francis) Miss and Dr Howell, Ysgtrad Rhondda; Rose Place (Mrs Howell) Miss Mendus, Bootle, Liverpool; New Cross (Mr O D Harries) Mr and Miss Richards, Swansea; Jericho (Mrs Llewellyn) Mr and Miss Rogers, Sheffield; Cross (Mrs Harries) Miss Harries, Cardiff; Pencnwc, Mrs Curry and family, Deptford; Werndew (Mrs Harries) Mr Jones, Trelech; Tycanol (Mr W Harries) Mr Harries, Clynderwen; Cwmyreglwys, Mr John, Treorky; Bryn Terrace, Dr and Mrs Green and family, Cardiff; Spring Gardens Mr Roach and family, Aberdare; Cambria Villa (Mrs Williams) Miss Lewis, Port Talbot; Veidr Vawr (Miss Jenkins) Mrs Lewis and family, Aberdare.

Our energetic sport committee have [sic] arranged a capital programme of events for Wednesday, August 22nd, and should the weather prove favourable, a most enjoyable afternoon will be spent. This event is almost the sole topic of conversation in the place at the present time, and it is gratifying to state that financial assistance is being readily given on all hands, conspicuous among the subscribers are the names of the visitors at the place.

On Wednesday last, several of our residents took a drive to St Davids. Those forming the party were – Mr and Mrs Carter Bennett, Mrs and the Misses Annie and Lizzie H Hopkins, Miss Holder (Belle-Vue), Miss Alderson (Rectory), and Mr J Harries (Castle Stores). The drive was much enjoyed and the many places visited in the ancient city were greatly admired.

VISITORS It is surprising to not the large number of visitors who have already arrived at Dinas. There is scarcely any vacancy in any of the houses of those who habitually let them to visitors, in fact there are several instances in which applications have had to be refused. Thus it shows that as a salubrious resort, Dinas is winning for itself a wide area of popular feeling, and this is not without ample reason and just cause. The district affords an almost unique combination of those heartfelt properties continuously sort by the many who take a respite from the grinding tumult of town and city life.

MARRIAGE We have this week been favoured with a copy of “The Kalgoorlie Miner” (Western Australia) for May 12th last, which contains the following interesting – to Dinasites – announcement:- On 25th April 1900, at St John's Church of England, Kalgoorlie, by the Rev Gordon Savile, William Alex, second son of W A Nelson, Esq., of Waratah, Mossmans Bay, New South Wales, to Margaret, second daughter of the late Captain David Laugharne of Dinas Cross, South Wales. Those of our Dinas readers who remember the late Capt Laugharne and his family as residents at Rosewall, Dinas, will doubtless join us in wishing the happy pair a long and prosperous life. Mrs Laugharne and her three children left Dinas for Australia about ten years ago.

SCHOOL CONCERT The people of Dinas and neighbourhood who purpose attending the school children's concert on Wednesday evening, August 1st can well look forward to a most enjoyable evening, the name of Mr Evan Davies, the headmaster, under whose skilful training the scholars are, being a sufficient guarantee that the programme will present attractive feature. The previous concerts given by Dinas scholars under the management of the late popular headmaster, Mr J Harries, have been of a high order, and there is every reason to believe that next Wednesday's concert will be quite equal to his predecessor's. The main object of the concert is to encourage attendance at school among the children, and as good attendance means an increase in the grant, we hope parents and ratepayers generally will do all in their power for the success of the affair. We hear that the sale of the tickets has been very successful and in as much as the proceeds will be devoted towards buying croquet and cricket outfits for the use of the scholars, to see a bumper house. In addition to performances by the schoolchildren and other friends, Mr MacKenzie of Haverfordwest has very kindly promised that his daughter, aged ten years, shall appear at the concert and play her Trinity College examination pieces.

DEATH OF MR EVAN MURROW Some weeks ago we made the announcement in these columns that after a short sea voyage Mr Evan Murrow of Tyrhos, Dinas, had considerably improved in health, but this week it is our painful duty to state that this improvement was only of a temporary character. A change was noticed in his condition on Sunday week last, and despite the best medical attendance, he passed peacefully away to the great majority about 4 o'clock on Friday morning last at the early age of 34 years. Deceased had been in failing health for some time and in order to try and regain his strength he took several sea voyages which were the means of considerable renewing his lost vigour, but even these voyages proved too much for his delicate condition. The funeral which was a very large one took place on Monday afternoon, his mortal remains being interred amidst every token of the deepest respect and sympathy in Macpelah burying ground, where many a dear child of Dinas has lately been laid to rest. The officiating minsters were the Rev J W Maurice (in the house) and the Rev S Glannydd Bowen and the Rev G E O Morgan, Tyhen at the graveside, the ceremony being of a most touching and affective character. Deceased was one of those who was liked by everyone by whom he came in contact. He was deprived of his father when only sixteen years of age, but he proved himself a devoted son to his widowed mother in her extensive business. He was of a kind and genial disposition, and ever ready to do a kindness to those seeking his assistance. His death is greatly lamented, and the deepest sympathy is shown those who have been left to grieve their irreparable loss. To the bereaved widow and her three little children, and to all the relatives we extend our heartfelt sympathy and condolence in the great loss they have sustained.

Mrs Murrow desires us to thank all those kind friends who have shown their sympathy with her in her great trouble. As it would be impossible for her to thank each one individually, she hopes one and all will kindly accept this expression of her gratitude through the columns of the "Echo".

2 August

Mr Harris, the late master at the Board School, is spending his summer holidays in the place where he so ably "taught the young idea to shoot".

Every one is glad to see back, after a few weeks absence, Capt D Harries and Mrs Harries of Soar Hill, both greatly improved in health.

Cwmyreglwys is now full of visitors and everything should progress most happily. It is hoped that all disputes between neighbours have come to an end, and there will be no legal proceeding.

Hearty congratulations will be offered to Mr D Peregrine on obtaining his "Chief Ticket" at Newport, Mon, last week and everyone will hope he has a prosperous career in front of him.

Attention is drawn to the regatta which is to be held on August 22nd and that all entries made must be endorsed "regatta" when addressed to the secretary, Mr Evan Davies.

The Board Schools will break up tomorrow, Friday, for a month's summer holiday. It is contemplated that a tea will be provided for the children when the schools reassemble.

Amongst the many Institutions showing favourable progress in the district is the Baptist Sunday School whose numbers are still increasing every Sunday. The teachers take a great interest in this special work, and much self-denying effort is shown.

The pulpit of the Baptist Chapel was occupied on Sunday by Mr Jenkin Jones, BA, who is on the eve of his departure to take charge of Llansawel Grammar School. The Rev J W J Maurice was preaching the same day at Goodwick.

On Sunday evening at Brynhenllan chapel, a collection was taken on behalf of Mr W Thomas who is now an inmate at the Cottage Hospital, Fishguard. The idea originated with Capt Harries JP, Soar Hill, and Capt Peregrine, Smithfield. A solid sum was collected for the patient.

CWMYREGLWYS REGATTA For this event Mr Edward Powell, Sloop Inn, Porthgain, intends bringing up his steam yacht and Dinasites and Newportonians will be glad to see the old Newport lifeboat once more. Mr Powell has spent a considerable sum of money for machinery etc. to bring the yacht up to its present efficient standard. Several entries have been received from Goodwick for the first sailing race so that a good competition may be expected, and it is hoped that Capt T Beer of Newport, will enter his new yacht "Sariah" in the same class.

WEDDING At Trinity Chapel, Swansea, on Wednesday 25th inst, a very pretty marriage took place, the contracting parties being Miss Maud Thorne-Evans, daughter of the Rev Thorne-Evans of Swansea and Mr J M Hilton-Davies of Swansea. The bridegroom is a son of Mr David Davies, who, some years ago, lived at Brynhenllan, and afterwards removed to Whitland, At the wedding there was a large attendance of relatives and friends. The bride wore a lovely dress of white silk embroidered muslin, and large picture hat with white plumes and carried an exquisite bouquet. The bridesmaid Miss Edith James of Newquay, was dressed in soft grey cashmere trimmed with lace with fichue and under-sleeves of white crepe-de-chine, and plack picture hat, lined with pale pink. She also carried a bouquet of pink carnation, the gift of the bridegroom. Mrs Thorne-Evans, the bride's mother, wore a black poplin, trimmed heliotrope, silk and old lace, with bonnet to match. The bridegroom's mother, Mrs Davies of All-y-Pistyll, wore a handsome black silk dress with bonnet to match, while Miss J Davies, the bridegroom's sister, was in a very pretty grey cashmere dress, trimmed with parsementary [?] toque to match. Mr Tudor Davies was best man, and the marriage service was conducted by the Rev W Prydderch, assisted by the Rev Martin Luther Phillips MA The bride was given away by her father. As the wedding party entered the chapel, Mr G T Rees played "The Wedding March" from Lohengrin, and after the ceremony Mendelssohn's Wedding March. The presents were both numerous and valuable. Mr Hilton-Davies is now representing a Leicester drapery house, but previous to going "on the road" he was for many years in the employment of Messrs Ben Evans and Co of Swansea. He carries the well wishes of all Dinasites for his future welfare and happiness.

CHILDREN'S CONCERT On Wednesday evening last the Dinas Board Schoolroom was crowded with a large and appreciative audience when a most entertaining programme of music was given by the children attending the school, assisted by local artistes. Throughout a long and varied list of items, the young people acquitted

themselves with great credit and fully kept up the high reputation they had earned under the management of the late headmaster, Mr J Harris.

By Wednesday's performance, it is evident that Mr Evan Davies, the present master, is more than realising the good opinion expressed of him when he was appointed to the school a few months ago, for the children, to the evident delight of all, showed marked abilities in their singing and appeared to take the liveliest interest in their own advancement. Mr Davies must have worked energetically to have gained such a result. The principal object of the concert was to encourage that most worthy matter, both for the education of the children and the pockets of the ratepayers – the more regular attendance of children at the school, and it is desired that the concert will prove a stimulus in this direction. It needs only be said that Mr Evan Davies has, in the work of preparing for the concert, received, the assistance of his staff, and to them is due more than a meed of praise for their untiring exertions.

It would be invidious to select any special piece for praise, all being alike good, but it might be said that the singing and musical drill throughout were good, the boys especially acquitting themselves well. Mr Davies was heartily encored for his song. It is contemplated that a good sum will be raised to provide a tea and to purchase croquet and cricket outfits for the children who should be encouraged to cultivate healthy bodies as well as well-crammed heads. Mr J Raymond (chairman of the Board) presided and in a short speech encouraged both parents and teachers to combine for the furtherance of the children's education. The schoolroom was crowded and it was decided to repeat the concert tomorrow (Friday night) at popular prices. The programme was as follows:-

Part I – Speech by the chairman; overture, Miss Eva Williams; Glee, “Gwanwyn,”; Children: Dialogue, “Two kinds of Fun,” Masters T Evans and W D Evans; Action song, “What game's best for Playing,” Miss E Mathias and Party; Music Drill, Master J S Bennett and co.; Duett, “Reuben and Rachel” Master W R Thomas and Miss Agnes R Jenkins; Song (with humming accompaniment) “Autumn Winds”, Miss B P Gronow; Recit., “Charge of the Light Brigade,” Master Ezer Evans and co.; Action Song “Welsh Girls,” Miss D E Harries and Party; Song “By a Broom” Miss Gwladys Stephens; Duett “Where are you going,” Miss M Francis and Master J S Bennett; Song, “Mulligan Guards,” Master J S Bennett and Co; Song, “Sons of the Sea,” Mr Evan Davies.

Part II – Overture, Miss M Drew; Dialogue “Domestic Frugality,” Miss J Maurice and party; Musical Drill, Master Ezer Evans and Co; Song, “Won't you buy my pretty flowers,” Miss L John; Action Song, “Hoop Song,” with drill, Standard II girls (Miss B Rees and F Harries); Duett, “You shan't play in our back yard,” Misses M Davies and E A Lewis; Action Song, “The Tall Top Hat,” Master T J Williams and co.; Song, “Father, come to me,” Miss Bessie M Thomas; Action Song, “Flowers, beautiful flowers,” Miss M Davies and party; Glee, “Sleighing Glee,” children; Finale, “God Save the Queen.”

Mr Mackenzie of Haverfordwest sang a comic song, whilst his talented daughter gave selections on the piano. The accompanists were Miss Eva Williams of Fishguard, and Miss M Drew of Dinas.

VISITORS

Bryn Terrace (Mrs James) – Mr and Mrs Jones and Miss Evans, Carmarthen

Bryn Terrace – Mrs Greener and family, Cardiff

Tycanol (Mrs Owen) Mrs Parry and family, Ruadon [sic]

Tyllwyd (Mrs Campbell) Mrs and Mr Jones, Brixton, London
 Clover Hill (Mr Stephens) Miss D Evans, Aberdare
 Cilwenen Hill (Mr Reynolds) Mrs Reynolds and family, Sydney
 Freemasons Arms (Mr S Davies) – Mr Phillips, Pontsilly
 Gate (Mr D Thomas, blacksmith) Mrs and Mr Thomas, Llangoedmore
 Ship Aground (Mrs Owen) Miss Maud Williams, Newport-Mon.
 Hill Park (Capt Richards) Mrs Tudor and Miss Tudor, Ebbw Vale.
 Glanhelyg (Mrs Francis) Mr and Mrs Howell and family, Ystrad.
 Bryn Cottage (Miss Parry) Miss C Parry, Randon [sic]
 Pantydwr (Mr D George) Mrs Griffiths and family, Treharris.
 New Cross (Mr O D Harries) Mrs and Miss Richards, Swansea.
 Maesteg (Mrs Harries) Miss Harries, Landore, Swansea.
 No 1 Cambrian Terrace (Mrs Williams) Mr Williams, Gloucester.
 Rose Hill (Mrs Edwards) Mrs Curry and family, Deptford
 4 Cambrian Terrace (Mrs Thomas) Miss Lewis, Port Talbot
 Vidir Vawr (Mr Jenkins) Mrs Norton and family
 Brynymor (Mrs Thomas) Mrs Boxnan, Cardiff.

9 August Cwmyreglwys, Dinas

The Annual Regatta and Variety Exhibition will be held at the above place on Wednesday, August 22nd 1900 President – Mrs Greener, Chairman of Committee – Capt D Harries, JP Treasurer – Mr Dewi Harries, Secretary – Mr Evan Davies

LIST OF EVENTS	1 st Prize s . d	2 nd Prize s. d.
Sailing races, open (entrance fee, 1s 6d)	20 0	7 6
Sailing Race, confined to Newport and Dinas boats (entrance fee 1s)	15 0	5 0
Two oared boats – open entrance fee 1s.	10 0	5 0
Two oared boats -confined to Dinas boat (entrance fee 1s)	10 0	5 0
Sculling race (open)	4 0	2 0
Tub race open,	4 0	2 0
Swimming race, open	5 0	2 6
Swimming race, open	5 0	2 6
Diving, open	5 0	2 6
Obstacle, open	2 6	1 0
Boys' Race, running, open	2 6	1 0
Girls' Race (running) open	2 6	1 0
Committee Race – wheeling a barrow (confined to the members)	2 6	1 0
Knitting pair of gentleman's plain stockings	2 6	1 0
Making a buttonhole in white linen	1 0	0 6
Darning a hole in a piece of flannel	1 0	0 6
Putting a patch on print	1 0	0 6
The best home-made walking stick, confined to Dinas	2 6	1 0
For the best paper knife made in any wood, confined to Dinas	2 6	1 0
For the best drawing of the ruins of the church at Cwmyreglwys	2 6	1 0
For the best bouquet of wild flowers gathered		

by Dinas children, and made up on the Regatta day	1 6	0 9
The best fuschia, in pots, confined to Dinas	1 0	0 6
The best geraniums in pots, confined to Dinas	1 0	0 6
The best musk in pots, confined to Dinas	1 0	0 6
The best 12 pods of peas, confined to Dinas	1 0	0 6
The best twelve potatoes	1 0	0 6
The best white cabbage, confined to Dinas	1 0	0 6
For the best six carrots, scarce or yellow, confined to Dinas	1 0	0 6
The best six leeks, confined to Dinas	1 0	0 6
For the best recitation in Welsh or English.		
Competitors must choose their own pieces, open	1 6	0 9
For the best singing of "Hen Gwlad fy Nhaddau"	2 6	1 0
Map of Australia, confined to Dinas schoolchildren	2 6	1 0
The best tray cloth, hand-made	2 6	1 0
Donkey Race, open	2 6	1 0
Sack Race	2 0	1 0
For the best performing donkey	2 0	1 0

NEWPORT TOWN BAND will be IN ATTENDANCE

Entries to be in the hands of the Secretary and marked "Regatta" on or before the 18th August. The Committee reserve to itself the power to alter and rearrange all items and withhold and divide prizes according to merit and demerits. The decision of the committee is to be final in all disputes.

Several prominent members of Gideon Chapel attended the ordination at Rhosycaerau on Wednesday.

Mr Evan Davies, the schoolmaster, left on Sunday for his month's holiday, which he intends to spend at Pontycymmar.

Everyone will be glad to hear that Mr W A Harries, Old Cross, who met with an accident in the hayfield sometime ago, when a fork went through his hand, is progressing most satisfactorily.

A very good collection was taken in Gideon chapel on behalf of the testimonial to Mr J R Jones, late schoolmaster at Newport. Mr Jones has numerous sympathisers in Dinas who will, we feel sure, further augment the collections made by the Gideonites.

On Sunday evening, Tabor Chapel was crowded, when a memorial service was held for the late Mr Evan Murrow. An impressive and appropriate sermon was preached by the Rev J W Maurice, the pastor. Suitable music was rendered and the service was greatly appreciated by all privileged to be present.

CONCERT The schoolchildren gave a repetition of the concert on Friday night last in the Schoolroom, when they fully maintained the excellency shown on the previous evening. Owing to the inclemency of the weather the attendance was not so good as might have been expected, but the children were not discouraged by this fact, fully realising the best expectations of their instructors.

There are great expectations in Dinas with regard to the forthcoming regatta, and, given fair weather, the event will no doubt, attract a good many people to the place.

Those who were present at the first Cwmyregwlys regatta have not forgotten the very pleasant time they spent, and one and all can be assured that in view of the energetic preparations now being made by the committee the success of this year's regatta will exceed the most sanguine expectations.

There is a rumour current in the village that a syndicate is to be formed for the purpose of building a large hotel for the accommodation of visitors. Dinas has become popular as a summer resort, and this year the number of visitors exceeds that of previous seasons. The accommodation is very limited, and in view of this fact, we are sure that the proposal to erect an hotel will meet with the approbation of Doctor and Mrs Greener as well as other visitors, who this season have had great difficulty in obtaining accommodation whilst visiting the lovely village of Dinas.

16 August

Mr and Mrs W E Bennett are spending their well-earned holidays in Newport Mon.

The management of the Post Office here leaves nothing to be desired and we trust that our friends will return much benefited by the change.

Amongst the visitors at Dinas are Mrs Rees (Late of Yetybontpren) and Mrs Davies and family (Landore) who are staying with Mrs Morgans at Bankyffynon.

In the report of the second concert given by the children attending Dinas Board School we forgot to mention last week that Mr J Harries, the late schoolmaster, played most of the accompaniments. It is needless to say that he performed his duties with his usual verve.

The pulpit at Gideon last Sunday morning was occupied by Mr Edward Jones, Inter BA, son of Mr David Jones, Werndew Mills; and in the evening by the Rev E Gower-Richards of Cemaes, NW J. Both sermons were very eloquently delivered and were much appreciated by the worshippers at the chapel.

Mr Thomas Davies of Cwmyreglwys, who is well known as a boatman to be "a hard nut to crack" took a very prominent part in last year's regatta. He has been extremely ill, at one time hovering between life and death, but he, we are glad to state, is now convalescent. He will not, however, be sufficiently recovered to take part in the events on Wednesday next in which he has been so greatly interested since the inauguration of the regatta.

The visitors at Dinas are delighted at the agreeable change in the weather, and seem to make the most of it. Mr Jenkins of the Glanffynon Hotel, has had his hands quite full lately and it seems a pity he has not more horses at his command to cope with the unusual demands made upon him. However, everybody has to start with one, but now that Mr Jenkins finds so many calls, all of which he is very anxious to fulfil, he will probably feel justified in speculating a little more.

It seems a pity that the accommodation for visitors in this beautiful spot is so very limited. We hear also that tenants are afraid to accommodate respectable visitors for fear of incurring the displeasure of their landlords and landladies. Can it be believed that some of the tenants have been threatened with "notice to quit" if they would take

in visitors? It is monstrous to think of such coercion this side of the Irish Sea. All and everyone should vie with one another to make the visitors comfortable during their short pilgrimage.

Newportians and Fishguardians are looking forward to the forthcoming regatta which takes place next Wednesday. We can assure the visitors to Dinas that everything will be done that possibly can be for their comfort, including plenty of provisions for the inner man, and, given fine weather, they will have a most enjoyable day. The exhibitors of vegetables, flowers, etc., must bring their articles before twelve o'clock noon on Wednesday, and place them in the hands of the caretakers. Entries for the swimming race (8) confined to Dinas, and for the obstacle race (no. 10) must be sent to Mr Dewi Harries, Dinas Cross. The regatta commences at 12 noon sharp.

MISS DINAH ELLEN HARRIES We behold with a deal of pride the great progress made by Miss Dinah Ellen Harries in piano playing. She is the youngest daughter of Mr David Harries, Star Inn, who has every reason to feel proud of her abilities after so comparatively short a time. Taking into consideration the fact that the young pupil has hitherto had no piano at home to practise, we feel that we are right in predicting a splendid future for her now that want has been supplied. Miss Hopkins, Belle View, her teacher, has, as before reported, passed all her examinations with great credit to herself, and we congratulate her most heartily on the success of her pupil. Other pupils are making very satisfactory progress indeed.

Dinas, as a health resort, is becoming annually more popular, and just now the visitors exceeds [sic] those of any previous year. Dinasites feel exceedingly flattered with the patronage extended to the locality by persons of note. We have already referred to Dr and Mrs Greener, Dr Neash, etc. We must, however, call attention to the distinguished visitors, Mr and Mrs Chas Thompson, Cardiff, who are spending five or six weeks at Bryngelly, the residence of Mrs Capt Jenkins, daughter of the popular pastor at Tabor. Cardiff has benefited by the great liberality of this family, as besides giving 15 beds for the Convalescent Homes and providing a museum worth £10,000, they presented the Welsh metropolis with a magnificent park at Canton. Mr and Mrs H Thompson are staying with Miss A Harries at Soar Hill. We are all very pleased that these gentry are delighted with the place and may their visits be frequent and long.

Dinasites are very pleased to see amongst them once more the Rev D C Jones of London. The rev gentleman, like Mr and Mrs W G Howell, has been an annual visitor at Dinas for a good many years, and takes a great interest in the place. He is very rarely about the parish, all his times being spent at Cwmyregwlys. With him it is "traeth Cwmyreglwys, dim ond traeth Cwmyreglwys I mi!". Many regattas on a small scale have been held through Mr Jones's energies in years past, and he was one of the principal movers in the present annual regatta. To him is, in a great measure, due the success which has attended Cwmyreglwys regatta held at this beautiful spot. The rev gentleman has his smoking-room and study on the rocks near the "fynwent ynyl y mor", and those who wish to consult him may note the address.

The haymaking has passed off this year without an extraordinary incident, with the exception of one which occurred recently in the upper part of the parish. It seems that a haymaker had been imbibing too much "John Barleycorn" and in leaving the hayfield it would appear that his walk took him much longer than usual. On his way

he met a most respectable farm wife whom the tippler forthwith began to abuse. He had his hayfork in his hand, and with this threatened the woman. The poor baby [sic] had to run for her life, and fortunately managed to reach her house and get the door closed, before the infuriated man arrived. In his violent anger, he thrust the fork bang through the door. The impressions which the instrument made may be distinctly seen and will stand as a testament to the cowardice of a drunken brute. It is a pity that Mr Gibby was not about at the time to administer to the man what he deserved – a good drubbing.

People who are interested in the development of the child mind and body, will be glad to know that Mr Evan Davies, the schoolmaster, is about to teach the youngsters of the school the games of cricket and croquet. The games will learn the children to be smart, to develop their own resources, and to be quick of eye and hand. From the “Normalite” for July, a magazine recording incidents connected with the Normal College, Bangor, North Wales, we find that Mr J Harries, the late master of Dinas Board School, distinguished himself as a footballer. It seems that when his services were not required for the College team, he was always called upon in the City team. The captain of the latter Eleven, had such a high opinion of Mr Harries's prowess on the football field that he had to be included in the team when they were playing in the semi-final and final matches for the Welsh Cup. When reading the above we were surprised to find that no attempt was made in Mr Harries's time to train the young of Dinas to kick “soker goals”.

We are very sorry to hear that Capt D Thomas of Bennett Terrace has been laid up for the last two months in hospital on the West Coast of South America. Further information as to his condition had been most anxiously awaited but up to now nothing has been received. As is well known, Capt Thomas only lately buried his wife, and before leaving Dinas last March he left his three little children to the tender care of Capt Thomas of Bwlchmawr. We regret to report that the patient's half-pay has been temporarily stopped and everyone will sympathize with the children in their present predicament.

A collection will be made in the course of a few days towards providing the little ones with necessities, and we are glad to state that the Rev J W Maurice has taken the matter in hand. No doubt his appeal will meet with a hearty response, as Dinasites are nothing if not sympathetic in the hour of distress.

VISITORS

Rose Place (Mrs Howells) – Mrs and Miss Mendus, Porth; New Cross (Mr O D Harries) – Mrs and Miss Rowlands, Swansea. Rose Hill (Mrs Edwards) – Mrs Curry and family, Deptford. Bay View (Capt Harries) – Mrs Rowlands and family, Penclawdd.

Maesteg (Mrs Harries) – Miss Harries, Swansea. Cross (Mrs Harries) – Mr and Mrs Boxman, Penarth. Dyffryn (Mr Mendus) – Mr Mendus, Treorky. Jericho (Mrs Jenkins) – Mr and Mrs Jones and family, Treorky. Soar Hill (Mrs A Harries) – Mr Thompson, Cardiff. Tyllwyd (Mrs Campbell) – Rev and Mrs and Master Jones, Brixton, London. Ynysgarth – Mr Jones and family, Clydach Vale. Island Farm (Mr Jones) – Mr Davies and family, Dowlais. Pwllgwaelod (Mrs James) – Mr Jones and family, Treorky. Brynhenllan (Mrs Owen) – Mr Parry and family, Ruabon. Glanhelyg (Mrs Francis) – Mr Howells and family, Ystrad, Rhondda. Henllan (Mr Ramond) – Mr and Mrs Jones, Treorky. Bryngelli (Mrs Jenkins) – Mr Thompson and family, Cardiff.

Bryn Terrace (Mrs James) – Mrs Hancock and family. Mount Pleasant (Mrs Clay) – Rev Hancock. Bryn Terrace – Mrs Greener and family, Cardiff. Brynymor (Mrs Thomas) – Mr Pringle, Bridgend. Ship-a-Ground (Mrs Owen) – Miss Williams, Newport Mon. Smithfield Place (Miss Evans) – Mr and Mrs Hughes, Porth and Mr Evans, Porth.

23 August

Cwmyreglwys regatta was held yesterday (Wednesday) in showery weather which marred the proceedings. A full account of the event will appear in our next week's issue.

EXCHANGE On Sunday there was an interchange of pulpits which should tend to cement the friendship already existing between the various Nonconformist sects. The Rev W Maurice (Tabor) was the preacher at Harmony Chapel, his place being filled at Tabor by the Rev W Rees (Harmony). The services at the Parish Church on Sunday the 12th and 19th inst, were taken by the Rev H B Hancock, of Spilsby, Lincolnshire. The attendance was large and the services, which were conducted in English, were greatly appreciated by both the Welsh and English sections of the congregation. The rev gentleman is staying at Mount Pleasant, the residence of Mrs Clay.

We have received the following corrections and additions to the list of visitors in our last issue:- Bryn Terrace (Mrs James) – the Rev J Hancock, Mrs Hancock and family of Bristol; and Mrs H H Hancock, Trinidad, West Indies. Mount Pleasant (Mrs Clay) the Rev H B Hancock and Mrs Hancock of Spilsby, Lincolnshire; Mrs E A Hancock and family of London; and Miss Lucas of Bristol. New House, Brynhenllan (Miss Williams) – Mrs J Edwards and family, New Bridge, Mon.

The Rev D C Jones who is at present a visitor at Dinas, occupied the pulpit at Gideon on Sunday, and preached two very impressive sermons. The large congregations were delighted with the rev gentlemen's discourses, especially as he gave his services gratuitously. Mrs Jones, his respected wife, has been, we regret to hear, in bad health for some months previous to her visit to Dinas, but all will be glad to hear that she has now greatly improved physically, and trust that she will soon be restored to her usual health.

A MUSICIAN One of the latest visitors to Dinas is Miss Theobald, from London, who is staying with Mrs Greener. Miss Theobald is a most accomplished cello player, and performs classic or chamber music with precision and skill. To hear her play the instrument, which is one of the most musical when properly manipulated, to a piano accompaniment is a treat never to be forgotten. It is a pity that during the talented lady's stay at Dinas there should be no opportunity for her to show her exceptional abilities, which would bring, in the train of her performance, a further augmentation of admirers.

Amongst the prize winners at the Cilgerran Eisteddfod held last week was the Rev J W Maurice of Tabor, who, with his collaborator, the Rev W Cynog Evans of Blaencwm, late Cilgerran, wrote a biography of the late Mr Asa Johnes Evans, who was connected with the Baptist cause in the district for many years in which he took a vital interest and was a good supporter. The prize originally awarded was £2 2s. But the committee doubled this making it £4 4s. Which is to be divided between the two

competitors. We congratulate Mr Maurice on his success and trust that the biography will be published, for Mr Evans was widely known.

On Wednesday last, the members of the churches at Llanllawer and Llanychllwydog were given a treat by their respected rector, the Rev E Richards. The party congregated early in the afternoon at the ideal rendezvous for picnics – Cwmyreglwys – when a light repast was partaken of on their arrival. After indulging for some time in boating, boating, and other amusements, at four o'clock the party once more assembled together for tea, when all kinds of delicacies were provided, with which all did justice to the inner man. The following ladies kindly assisted in superintending: Mrs Richards, Miss Alderson, Mrs and Misses Hopkins and Mrs John. All are also greatly indebted to the Rev T G Mortimer of Court for providing conveyances for the occasion. At half past six, all started on their homeward journey feeling exultant and thankful at their outing.

FOOTBALL.

With reference to the paragraph which appeared in last week's issue of the County Echo, regarding the introduction of cricket and croquet and the remark that there had been no football club initiated, Mr J Harries, the late schoolmaster, informs me that he had never been averse to the introduction of good manly sports which would improve the minds and bodies of the children, but, at the same time, he is of the opinion that if football was introduced into Dinas, it would be a complete failure. "There is too much kicking in the parish now, without the introduction of football. "Some folk can only kick at another's downfall. The captain's lot would be like that of the proverbial policeman "not a happy one" – having as his share of the profits and loss, a good number of "fouls" whilst penalties would be galore.

THE NEW HOTEL

The only drawback experienced by visitors in this growing popular seaside resort is the long and hilly distance to be overcome before they reach the sea, and to meet this objection which has steadily grown, some persons have seriously thought of building an hotel at Pwllgwaelod, large enough to contain twenty beds. This, it was thought, would dispense with the drawback to which we have referred, and would meet with the approval of all visitors to Dinas, who prefer to be near the sea where they can have their morning dip before breakfast, and enjoy the other one thousand and one privileges in privacy without so much of the long distance walking and hard hill climbing to which they are now subjected. In the favourite resorts all over England and Wales, hotels by the sea are well patronised by every class of society, and it was far from the intentions of the writer of the previous paragraph on the subject – as far as the North is from the South, or the East is from the West – to give offence to anyone.

That such a project – the erection of a serviceable and commodious hotel at Dinas – will have to be seriously considered, that is, if the place is to maintain and increase in popularity goes without saying. Some folks are so narrow minded as to insinuate that this way of meeting the wants of visitors is a reflection upon Dinas, but Hastings, Eastbourne, Margate, Torquay, Tenby, and other popular watering places are not without their hotels by the sea. It is, rather a reflection on "some folks" to throw cold water on a scheme which would meet with the hearty approval of visitors and be of substantial benefit to Dinas. Do "some folk" think that to patronise such an hotel would be *infra dig*? No one with any common sense would think that by advocating

an improvement of this nature they were “causing mischief” indeed they are led to believe that the “mischief” is only the hallucination of a very bad night mare. [sic] We understand also that there are proposals for building a very large hotel on the Warren at Newport and at Goodwick, where in the latter case something like £10,000 is to be spent

30 August

TRANSFER The licence of Rose Cottage was transferred at Newport Sessions from Mrs Stephens nee Lydia Ann Thomas to her husband Mr David Owen Stephens.

The visitors at the Mill, Dinas Cross, include Mr D Lewis, manager of the Dare Colliery, Cwmpark, Rhondda Valley; Mrs Lewis and Master R Lewis; Mr and Mrs James, Oaklands, Treharris; Mrs G Rees and Miss E M Rees, Cheltenham; Mrs Rees, Hillside, Pentre, Rhondda Valley.

THE SCHOOLS The report of Her Majesty's Inspector has been received at the Board Schools, and both departments, we understand, are described as excellent. Miss Maurice is recognised under Article 68 of the Code; two pupil teachers have passed fairly well. The report is most encouraging and reflects highly on the teaching staff.

On Sunday, five trawlers came into Pwllgwaelod for shelter, which drew the attention of a lot of young men to the scene, and since then there has been a superfluity of fish in Dinas. One of the trawlers seems to like the place so well that she came into port on Monday, but no one seems to know if anything has been damaged or not.

Mr T Maurice, son of the Rev J W Maurice of Dinas, arrived home today (Thursday) from Hartlepool where he landed from his vessel after being on a voyage to Port Said for the benefit of his health. He is greatly improved by his outing and hopes to be able to resume work with renewed vigour. His friends will rejoice at his recovery.

TOO MUCH OF A JOKE Jokes are very well in their own way, but they may be carried too far, and instead of amusing, may annoy people. It was certainly too much of a joke when two young ladies were heard shouting at the top of their voices “murder, murder, deuwlch ma” close on midnight last Friday, when some young fellows were returning home from Fishguard regatta, but the boys were wideawake enough and did not trouble about the disturbance, nor go to the help of the poor bodies in need.

CWMYREGLWYS REGATTA The regatta, which has now become an annual event at this beautiful spot, took place on Wednesday 22nd inst., and was again carried out with much enthusiasm and energy. For some time previous to the day, the committee and officials had been working energetically, and all that they can do to make the regatta and variety exhibition a success was done with patience and willingness. Mrs Greener was president for the year; whilst the chairman of the committee was Captain Harries, JP. Mr Dewi Harries took charge of the finances and acted as Treasurer, and Mr Evan Davies as Secretary. The latter, however, has been away on his holidays, and his honorary duties have been undertaken by the Rev D C Jones, Tyllwyd, who as everyone knows carries out his labours with success as he knows every inch of Cwmyreglwys. Each worked with energy and by the combined efforts of the many the regatta was made a success. Unfortunately the weather was disappointing element, for

towards evening the rain came on and several very heavy showers marred what would otherwise have been an ideal day's enjoyment. Amongst those visiting the regatta were noticed Mr John Worthington of Glynymel; Mr T E Thomas of Trehale; Dr Sweet and friends, of Fishguard; Mr Walter J Vaughan, Fishguard; and Messrs Meagers of Swansea. The racing was very good, although owing to the rough weather, the Goodwick boat could not come up. Mr H Mann's yacht (Pearl) turned up in the course of the afternoon, but could not compete, and had to return to Cwmyreglwys where she remained until the following day. In the second sailing race there was a very good contest which, however, proved to be an easy win for Mr T Davies in the "New Hope", but this would not have been the case had not the main boom of the "Daisy" broken. All the other events were well contested and much appreciated by competitors and spectators. Mr W J Vaughan of Fishguard kindly lent the committee his boat the "Dawn" a privilege which the committee highly appreciated. There were some excellent articles exhibited, both in the vegetable and floral sections, as well as amongst the goods made by hand. The drawings of the ruins of Cwmyreglwys church were exceptionally good, and were highly praised, in fact were amongst the best things ever exhibited in Dinas. Other articles shown also excited praise and admiration. The Newport Town Band was in attendance and played several selections. The officials were as follows: starters, Capt Davies (Cnuck) and Mr Dewi Harries; judges, sailing and owing events, Capt W Richards, Capt Davies (Laurel Villa), Capt Harries (Castle Stores), Capt Gibby and Capt Titus George; Swimming races, Dr Nash and Mr T C Bennett; boys race, Mr Edwin Bennett and Mr John Harries; garden produce, Mr Davies (Excise Officer, Newport), Dr Rees (Newport), Mr Raymond and Mr J L Symmons. Fancy articles etc. Mrs Greener, Mrs Pringle, Mrs Bosscowan, Mrs Herbert Thompson, Mrs Charles Thompson, Mrs Pinsant, Mrs Hamilton (Stone Hall), Mrs Rees (Maeshyfyd), Mrs Harries (Soar Hill) Mrs Edwin Bennett, Miss Williams (Rectory) and Mrs Jones (London); drawing, Mr Gabriel Thompson, Mr W G Howell and Mr John Harries. All performed their duties to everybody's satisfaction. The subscription list is not quite complete but will appear in our next week's issue. All who have not yet subscribed are invited to do so at once, when Mr Dewi Harries, the treasurer, will be glad to receive any sum. Next year it is intended to have the exhibition on a very large scale and it will take place on Wednesday, August 21st. Full particulars will appear in due course.

The results were as follows:-

Sailing race, open – 1, Mr T Davies's "New Hope"; 2, Capt D Thomas's "Daisy"
Sailing Race confined to Dinas and Newport Boats, 1. Mr T Davies's "New Hope";
2, Capt Williams's "Majesty" Newport. Also raced Mr Pinsant's (Newport) yacht. The latter vessel came in second, but lost the prize on the time allowance of five minutes which she had to give the "Majesty".

Rowing – two-oared boats – open, - 1, Newport Coastguards; 2, Capt Davies's "Nestor" (Newport).

Rowing – two-oared boats – confined to Dinas – 1, Dinas Coastguards; 2, J Reynolds.

Sculling race – open – 1, J Davies, Newport; 2, Mr French, Newport.

Tub race, open – 1, J George; 2, J Lewis, Goodwick.

Swimming race, open – 1, J Lewis; 2, J M Symmons, Fishguard

Simming [sic] race, open – (Under 18 years of age) – 1, J M Symmons; 2, J M Lewis

Boy's race – 1, J M Lewis; 2, Walter Evans, Fishguard

Boy's race – 1, Leslie Kelly; 2. John Lewis

Boy's race – under-14 – 1, L Kelly; 2, J S Bennett

Boy's race over 14 (open) – 1. B Evans (Pontfane); 2. W Thomas, Fishguard
 Donkey race – 1, Pat (Hescwn); 2. Prince (Forest)
 Performing donkey – 1, Prince (Forest); 2. Jack (Cwmgwaun)
 For the furthest donkey taken out to sea – 1, De Wet (Island); 2, Prince (Forest)
 Best handmade tray cloth – 1, Mrs E Bennett (the prize was kindly returned to the committee); 2, Miss Parry, Hill Park
 Knitted pair of gentlemen's plain stockings – 1, Miss Parry; 2, Miss Williams, (Cambrian Terrace)
 Making a buttonhole in white linen – 1, and 2, The Misses Stephens, Clover Hill
 Darning a hole in a piece of flannel – 1, Miss Harries, Soar Hill; 2, Mrs Gronow
 Putting a patch on print – 1, Miss Thomas, Brynmor; 2, Miss Clay
 For the best homemade walking stick, confined to Dinas, 1, and 2, Thomas Rees, Cnuck. He showed a good selection of sticks of his very own cutting and treatment which were very much admired
 Map of Australia – 1, J S Bennett; 2, Ezer Evans
 For the best paper knife made in any wood – 1, Miss Stephens, Clover Hill.
 For the best drawing of the ruins of the church at Cwmyreglwys – 1, Campbell Jones; 2, Miss Curry
 For the best bouquet of wild flowers gathered by Dinas children and made up on the regatta day – 1, Lillian Raymond; 2, Lizzy John.
 For the best fuchsia in pots – 1, Mrs Harries, Maesteg; 2, Mrs Gronow, Brynhenllan.
 For the best geraniums – 1, Miss Alderson; 2, Miss Harries, Cwm; extra prize for pink geranium, Miss M Jones, Clyview.
 For the best musk – 1, Miss Alderson
 For the best 12 pods of peas – 1, Mr Williams; 2, W Harries
 For the best 12 potatoes – 1, Mrs Wood; 2, Dewi Harries
 For the best white cabbage – 1, T Lewis; 2, Mrs Williams
 For the best 6 carrots, scarce or yellow – 1, Miss M L Harries, Castle Stores; 2, D Thomas, blacksmith
 For the best 6 leeks, 1 and 2, D Thomas, blacksmith
 Broad Beans – 1 and 2, D Thomas
 Apples – 1, Captain Harries, JP

TO BE SOLD, In West End, Dinas Cross, A DWELLING and large GARDEN.
 Immediate possession: - apply Mrs Gronow, Myrtle Hill, Dinas Cross.

6 September

Mr Tom Maurice, son of the Rev J W Maurice, will leave on Saturday to take up his appointment as assistant master at Blaengarw School, under the Llangeinor Board. His many friends will wish him every success and hope he will have good health.

We are pleased to find the Rev B Rowlands and family of Clydach Vale, once more amongst us. The rev gentleman intends staying a month and it is hoped we shall have the pleasure of hearing him preach in one of the different chapels before his return home.

On Sunday, Mr W Mendus, Swansea, son of the late Captain John Mendus, of Rose Hill, officiated at Brynhenllan Chapel. Considering that he only just entered on his ministerial career, from his masterly discourses which were listened to most

attentively both morning and evening, we can expect a bright future for the young preacher, and extend to him our good wishes.

Last Thursday, at Cardigan, the marriage took place of Captain W Williams, Brynymor, and Mrs James, widow of the late Mr B James, Feidrgerigog. It is a consolation to the genial captain's many friends to hear that it is not his intention to remove from Dinas as was at first thought. All will wish them a happy future and may they be blessed abundantly with the fruits of matrimony.

It is with much regret we have to report the illness of one of Dinas's most loyal inhabitants – Mr T C Bennett of Hescwm. He has been ordered by his medical adviser to take a complete rest for some time. Everyone hopes to see him fully restored. We are given to understand that Mr W Williams, Rhiwelly, is indisposed, and wish him also a speedy recovery.

The Board School was reopened on Monday after the summer holidays. Mr Evan Davies, the headmaster, has returned to his duties revigorated [sic] after his vacation, prt of which he pleasantly spent at Weston-super-Mare. The cricket and croquet outfits have arrived for the use of the children who have already commenced practising. Soon there should be at Dinas the nucleus of a good cricket team.

We give below the list of subscribers to the Cwmyreglwys regatta. Owing to Mr Evan Davies, the Secretary, not having returned, at bills not being received, the promoters of the regatta are unable to show exactly how they stand financially, but hope in the next issue of the “Echo” to publish a complete account, and to have a good balance in hand.

In the meantime, Mr Dewi Harries will be glad to take the promised contributions. The balance will be carried forward towards next year's regatta. We are sorry to find the names of so many seafaring men and others living in Cwmyreglwys, where the regatta was held, missing from the list, but it is not yet too late to contribute, and next year the officials trust to have the pleasure of adding those absentees to the list.

The subscribers were as follows –

Dr Greener, Mrs Geener, Dr Neash, H Thompson, Esq, C Thompson (all of Cardiff), David Harries, Esq, JP – Pincent Esq, W G Howell, Esq, 10s 6 d each; Mr B Rees, 7s; Mr Dewi Harries, Mr Edwin Bennett, Mr G Roberts, Fishguard, Rev Jones (London), Mrs Curry (London). Mrs Pringlo, Mrs Boscawen, Mrs Evans (Rosovallo), 5s each; Mrs T Williams (Ynysfach) 3s; “Cwmyreglwys”, Mr J Raymond, Mr D Raymond, Capts Richards, B Harries, D Jenkins, J Harries, Titus George, Foss Howell, W Mendus, W Gibby, D R Davies, Mr Davies (Schoolmaster), Mr T Bennett, Mr W Bennett, Mr W A Harries, Mr G Williams (Newport Mon), Rev Mr Richards (Tygwyn), Mrs Hopkins (Belle Vue), and Mr J N O Harries (Cambria Terrace) 2s 6 d each; Messrs D Sandbrook, T G Evans, D Thomas (smith), T Rees, N Peregrine, D Peregrine, Ll Peregrine, T Stevens, D Harries (Star), D O Stevens, W Rowlands, D Gibby, Jenkins, Mrs E Owens, Mrs M Walters, Mrs M A George, Mrs M A Jenkins, Mrs E Walters, Mr G E O Laugharne, Mr Lloyd (Cardiff), Mr J H Williams, Mrs Perkins, Mr G Thomas, Mr O D Harries, John Jenkins, Mr Williams (Poplar), Mrs Thomas (Castle Green), Mrs Edwards (Rose Hill), Mrs Llewellyn (Bay Vue), Mrs A Harries (Soar Hill), Mrs O Harries, Cross, Mrs Williams (Cambrian Terrace), Mrs

Thomas, do., Mrs Williams Cambrian, Mrs Jeffs, Messrs V Thomas, Laugharne, T Meyler (Fishguard), W J Raymond, T G Raymond, Rev Evans (Porth), Rev J Maurice, Rev G Morgan 1s each. Sums under 1s, 4s; entrance fees 12s; Rev Mr Williams, Rectory, 3s. Miss Alderson, who won two prizes for geraniums and musk, has kindly returned the money to the regatta funds.

A Dinasite having no further use of same, wishes to dispose of a splendid pair of clogs – size 9, Cardigan make, will last for years, no worse than new. No reasonable offer refused – Apply Frisco, Echo Office, Fishguard.

MICHAELMAS 1900 List of sales collected and cashed by George Davies Saturday September 22nd at HESCWM UCHAF in the parish of Dinas Sale of valuable livestock crops of corn &c.

Wednesday September 28th at PENMYNYDD in the parish of Dinas, Clearout sale of dairy Cows, calves, mares, ewes, pigs, crops of corn and hay, implements &c Monday October 1st TYRHOS in the parish of Dinas Clearout sale of livestock, crops, agricultural implements dairy and brewing utensils, &c

TO LET The farm of TYRHOS, Dinas Cross situate on the main road and containing about 30 Acres of Pasture and Arable Land. Possession may be had this Michaelmas. Apply at Tyhen, Dinas

13 September

The Rev B Rowlands, late of Gideon, will preach at Glandwr next Sunday evening, and no doubt Dinasites will avail themselves of this opportunity to hear their old friend.

On Sunday night, Mr Vaughan, son of Mr John Vaughan of Tregynnon, preached at Tabor in the absence of the Rev J W Maurice, who was officiating at Caersalem.

Dinasites will be glad to hear that Capt Bennett is improving, and in a few days, they may expect to see him about in his usual health, it is hoped. Mr Williams of Rhiwelly, is also improving.

There have been large catches of mackerel at Cwmyreglwys, but prices have been high. Whether the local “volcanic eruption” referred to below had anything to do with the case, we cannot say, but it was a noteworthy fact that the fish left on Thursday night and have not returned,

Mr Davies, excise-officer of Newport, who was one of the judges at the recent Cwmyreglwys regatta, praises highly the garden produce &c there exhibited. Referring to the exhibition of sticks made by local people, however, he is understood to say that every one of them was filled up with putty, but we are requested to state that Mr Thomas Rees, who took the first and second prizes, is prepared to show both sticks to anyone who wished to see them, and to prove conclusively that no putty had been used on them.

Amongst the crew of the “Taunton” which left Rio de Janeiro on August 11th and reported wrecked at Galveston on September 6th, is the name of J L Howell (Dinas). We learn upon enquiry that Mrs Howell of Dinas Cross has not heard from her son, Mr J Ll Howell, by the last two mails from Rio de Janeiro, but it is hoped she may

soon have satisfactory news of him. It cannot be stated positively that the J L Howell referred to as amongst the crew belongs to Dinas Cross.

“Where did you get that hat?” This is a question which is seriously occupying the attention of a section of Dinasites, especially those who are wont to love-making. A young man took a fair maiden down to the beach, a few Sundays ago, and of course they had a rare good time. Unfortunately the wind was not half as kind as the maiden for, as it blew from the land, it carried off the young man's hat to sea. In desperation, he offered the only boatman on duty threepence to go out in search of the missing headgear, but he was not be enticed. The lady, however, being more generous and having the welfare and health of her lover at heart, promised the boatman double that sum if the hat was returned the following day to a certain house. The reward is yet unclaimed. As for the young man, he, alas! had to borrow something to cover his head with and returned home a sadder yet wiser man. The ways of women are uncertain, it is said, but the ways of the wind on the above occasion were certain, and should be a warning to all going out courting. Moral: always carry with you a tiny bit of string.

We are informed that the attendance at the school is not as satisfactory as it should be. Parents are keeping their children at home for every trivial matter, and consequently all will eventually feel the loss – children by their lack of education, teachers by the backwardness of their pupils, and parents by the loss of grant and consequent call upon the rates to make good the loss. There are, however, other means to force obedience to the Education Acts and the regular attendance of children, but it is to be hoped that parents will take warning before these extreme measures are put into force.

The children are to be entertained to tea in the school on Saturday. It is intended to open a night school next month, Mr Evan Davies having received permission from the school board to do so. He hopes to teach some interesting subjects, music being one of them, and thus to have good classes.

Not since December 1893 have the inhabitants of Jericho been disturbed in their nocturnal slumbers at midnight until last week, when a trap, driven tandem, was heard to enter the precincts of this portion of the district. People were afraid by the noise that was created by the occupants of the vehicle, that the “Caerau of Jericho” would come down, but owing to gentle persuasion, the people were induced to take refuge in a friendly hostelry, where they were kindly taken care of until next morning. It was noticed that one of the four untimely visitors was like the prodigal son, and wanted to return on foot to his native hearth, where no doubt the fattest calf would be killed, and he would be met with more tokens of love than he met at Jericho, but as it is now harvest time, people are apt to turn out very early for their labour, and were greatly surprised to see such an exceptional turn-out as a tandem leaving Jericho at that hour of the morning. The question of most interest was “Does your mother know you're out?” One of our district councillors who is very loath to widen and improve roads, had to jump on top of the hedge to make room for the turn-out to pass.

20 September

Captain Howells of Roseneath, left on Tuesday after a short stay at Dinas Cross, to rejoin his vessel. Captain Bennett of Hescwm, is still making rapid progress towards recovery. His friends will doubtless be glad to see him about again.

Two members of the Dinas School Board waited upon Mr O Gledhill, headmaster of the County Intermediate School, with reference to the instruction of the two pupil teachers in their school. It was arranged that the pupil teachers every week should each attend two days alternatively at the County School.

The Rev E Richards (formerly curate of Nevern and Cilgwyn) was presented last week with a very useful walnut pedestal writing table by the members of the above churches as a token of the high esteem which they have for him, and also of his indefatigable services when amongst them, especially with regard to singing. Some time ago, the above rev gentleman was promoted to a higher sphere, viz to the livings of Llanllawer and Llanychllwydog, and he takes with him the good wishes of his many and dear friends of Nevern and Cilgwyn.

The friends of Mrs Howells of Dinas Cross, whose son Mr J Ll Howells, was one of the crew of the steam ship "Taunton" which was in a tremendous gale at Galveston [sic] a short time of ago, will be glad to know that she has received satisfactory intimation of her son's welfare. The owners of the vessel wired Mr Howells that the crew had been saved and subsequently she was the recipient of a cablegram from her son at Galveston, which contained the one but welcome word "Well". Naturally, the delightful news was received with much satisfaction at Dinas Cross.

The children attending Dinas Cross Board School were entertained to tea &c on Saturday last. The day proved gloriously fine, so that the children were enabled to thoroughly enjoy themselves. They met at the school shortly after the dinner hour, and, forming into a procession marched through the village singing various pieces to the evident delight of their parents and friends. Returning to the school, the youngsters found ready for them what they most heartily enjoyed, a splendid tea, and it is needless to say that they did more than ample justice to the good things provided. The following ladies kindly presided at the tables:- the Misses George (2) Hescwm; the Misses Davies (2), Garn; Miss Thomas, Pentre; Miss Maujrice; Miss Evans, Rosewall; Miss Griffiths, Capel; Miss Evans, Black Horse; Mrs Drew and Miss Drew; Miss M E Harries, Castle Stores. Amongst the visitors present were Mr J Ramond, chairman of the Board, Rev J W Maurice, Rev Mr Evans, Capt Harries JP, Mr B Rees JP, and Mrs Rees. After tea, the children adjourned to an adjoining field where they scrambled for nuts and sweets, whilst games of cricket and croquet were indulged in, and other amusements were provided, one child vying with another to get most enjoyment out of the day. Mr Raymond, too, did not forget the practical side, for he made a short speech advising the children to regularly attend school, or the Board would have to take extreme measures. Prizes were awarded to J Raymond Thomas for doing the greatest number of sums in a given time, whilst Mary Evans took the first prize in a similar competition with Eliza George second. Mart Edith Davies was also the recipient of an award for selling the most tickets for the recent concert. Every thing passed off most happily, Mr Evan Davies the schoolmaster doing his utmost and using every endeavour to make the affair a success. It was not until the greatest of all lights had disappeared that the children dispersed, having had a very happy day.

27 September

We are pleased to learnt that Mr Thomas Rees of Brynhenllan, who was severely bit on the hand by a dog some time ago, in attempting to stop it fighting with another animal, is now rapidly recovering.

Mrs Evans, of Rosewall, has returned home. She was taken very ill at Antwerp, where she had gone to visit her husband, and it was some time before she had sufficiently recovered to travel. Mrs Evans, is now as well as can be expected.

The scholars in the upper standards attending Dinas Cross Board School, were taken for a ramble on Tuesday morning, but the master, Mr Evan Davies, when they were shown the different kinds of trees growing in the neighbourhood. They were accompanied by the Rev J W Maurice, who takes a great interest in everything pertaining to the study of botany. Sixteen different kinds of trees were discovered, but no birch tree could be found evidently much to the chagrin of the master.

The many friends of Capt D Thomas, Bennett Terrace, will be sorry to hear of his present severe illness. On his voyage from England to Portland, Oregon, as Chief Officer of the ship "Glennigil" the captain was taken ill, and died of his illness. The mate turned the vessel into Tocopilla, Chile, for the purpose of burying the corpse, The worry and excitement consequent proved too much for him. He became demented and in that state was sent to Valparaiso, whence he was sent by HMS British Consul to England. He arrived at Birkenhead last week and the news reached Dinas on Sunday. His little ones since the death of his dear wife two years ago, at his request, have been tenderly looked after by Capt Thomas, Bwlchmawr and Mrs Phillips, Garden Terrace, who have also kindly undertaken the care and responsibility until the recovery or otherwise of the poor father.

11 October

The Board School will be closed next Tuesday and Wednesday on the occasion of the Newport Fair. The evening class will not be held on Wednesday.

Mr Wm Mendus, Roshehill, is getting on well after the serious bicycle accident he had a fortnight ago near Cardigan, and which prevented him returning to London.,

We regret to learn that Mrs Maurice, the wife of the respected pastor of Tabor, is seriously ill and confined to her bed. We hope, however, that ere long, she may recover.

Mr Harries, the late schoolmaster at Dinas Cross Board School, has had to return home through indisposition, but has since, we are pleased to say, has been able to continue his duties considerably recuperated.

Cattle is realising a very good price at Dinas Cross this week. Captain Harries JP had the pleasure of selling a yearling steer to Mr Enoch Lewis of Fishguard for £10 10s, a very good price indeed.

Tyrhos farm, which was recently occupied by the late Mr Evan Murrow, has been let to Mr David George and his sister, Mrs Gilbert (widow of the late Mr Ll Gilbert of Newport-Pem.)

Mr T Carter Bennett, who sometime ago had a serious relapse, is now improving as well as can be expected. His father fell a victim to the prevalent disease, influenza, but is now able to get about his shop as usual.

A collection was recently taken by prominent residents on behalf of the family of Mr David Thomas, who is now at Chester. The response, we are glad to say, was a liberal one, and amounted to about £10. A similar collection is, we understand, being taken at Swansea by some Dinas friends for the same object.

Mr John Francis Harries, who spent four years apprenticeship at Cardigan, has joined the ss Derwent, 6000 tons, as Third Engineer. He is, we believe, the first person from Dinas who has been appointed to such a position, although the place is well represented by seafaring men. We wish Mr Harries every success, and hope that others may follow his example.

The annual meeting of the British and Foreign Bible Society, was held on Wednesday evening the 3rd inst., in Tabor chapel. The rector, (Rev J Williams) who takes the keenest interest in this and kindred societies, occupied the chair. The Rev G Morgan (Tyhen) conducted the opening service, and a most impressive and instructive address was given by the deputation, the Rev T D Evans of Tyrhos. There was a splendid attendance and the meeting was in every way a great success.

The evening classes at the Board School were opened on Wednesday evening and the initial attendance was very encouraging. Dinas Cross is to be congratulated on these evening classes, which are to be held on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings. The fee will be 1s for the term, and this sum is to be returned to the regular attenders. The subjects to be taught are vocal music, reading and writing. Prizes of 5s and 3s 6d are to be offered for the most regular and proficient scholars, and most probably a tea will be given to the pupils at Christmas times or at the close of the terms.

There are still heard murmurs at Dinas Cross as to the need for a resident policeman; in fact, the murmurs have of late greatly increased, and there is a general opinion that Dinas Cross is entitled to the services of a man in blue. With two Justices of the Peace resident in the place, there should also be a constable. The demand of the inhabitants is a most reasonable one. Dinas Cross is on the main road, and for six miles – from Newport to Fishguard – there is no policeman, so that it is possible for the evil-minded to transgress and commit breaches of the law. It is to be hoped that ere very long a policeman may be stationed at Dinas Cross, not of course to keep the inhabitants in order, but to stop any would-be transgressor who must of necessity be a stranger, from doing deeds he would afterwards repent of. Policemen act as preventatives as well as discoverers of crime, and it is in the former capacity that a constable will be useful at Dinas Cross. It is also noticeable that there are a large number of private houses practically unprotected as the head of the house is engaged on his duties at sea. Again, the commons are used by all kinds of wandering tribes, and although they are quiet and do not create enough disturbance to justify wiring for a constable, yet the presence of such a person in Dinas Cross would stop many attempts to disturb the peace. It is hoped that the two resident Justices will give the project every assistance and also the local ministers may be expected to favour the idea, as the property of one of them was seriously damaged recently.

18 October

We regret to hear that the news has reached Dinas Cross of the death abroad of Mr Evan Gwynne, son of Mr Gwynne, Cwmyregwlys. He was home last summer for a

considerable time owing to ill health, but eventually again went to sea. Much regret is expressed at his decease.

A correspondent writes:- I cordially agree with the suggestion that we should have a resident policeman at Dinas. In my opinion there is one special reason why we should be protected a little more than at present. There is a great deal of furious riding going on in the vicinity of Dinas Cross which should be stopped in the interest of the people. Again, there are a lot of lady residents in Dinas whose husbands are engaged at sea, and they more than anyone else should feel that they are protected. The proposal for a resident policeman has my support.

25 October

HESCWMB UCHAF, DINAS The above compact farm TO LET, containing about 27 acres of thereabouts of excellent Pasture and Arable Land, with Convenient Dwelling House and farm building; possession may be had this 29th day of September. Apply to Dr H Bowen Perkins, Highfield, Barking, Essex.

We are given to understand that Captain Richards, Parrog, Newport, has bought West End, Dinas Cross, the new tenant of which is to be Mr David Thomas, late of Rose Cottage, who is shortly to take part in an interesting ceremony.

On Sunday last, Captain Gibby left Dinas Cross to join his ship at Glasgow. We wish the genial captain all success on his voyage to China, and hope that he may be an eye witness to such an affair as he saw at Manila when Admiral Dewey did good work for the American Fleet.

Mr Evan Davies, the headmaster at Dinas Cross School Board, has been away from school for some days owing to the death of his mother at Pontycymmer. Mr Davies was at home during the short holiday at Newport Fair, and extended his stay on account of the reason referred to. He returned to Dinas Cross on Tuesday and recommenced duties on Wednesday morning. We extend to him our sympathy in his bereavement.

A very quiet wedding took place at Dinas Cross church, the contracting parties being Mr John Lloyd of Brynhenllan and Miss Rachael Harries formerly of Dinas Cross Rectory. The ceremony was performed by the Rev Williams. None of the general public were admitted to the church whilst the marriage was performed, but amongst those privileged to be present were the Rev Richards, Tygwyn, and Miss Alderson, the Rectory. The newly-married couple afterwards left for Cenyronnen, Cwmyreglwys, where they intend to reside. We wish them every happiness.

SUDDEN DEATH On Wednesday morning about none o'clock, John Daniel George, aged eight years, eldest son of Captain and Mrs David George, Garden Terrace, died very suddenly. The boy was in school on Tuesday afternoon, but in the evening he complained of feeling very unwell. He was put to bed, and early on Wednesday morning Dr Havard of Newport was sent for, but he only arrived at the house about half an hour before the child passed away. He was a nice boy, and everyone was very fond of him. About three years ago, he was with his father and mother on a voyage to Australia and America and had a miraculous escape then when he fell down the hold of his father's ship, but to everybody's surprise he got over it alright. We tender Mrs

George and all relations our sympathy and also to Capt George who is now away on a long voyage.

A correspondent writes;- "Some folk are always talking about things they do not understand and which are beyond their comprehension. With reference to the proposal to have a resident policeman at Dinas Cross, it must be remembered that two blacks do not make a white. It is no argument to state that as there is no policeman between Newport and Cardigan, therefore there should be none between Newport and Fishguard, because in the first distance there is no village, no life, no improvements, no enjoyment, a state of things which some folk to judge by their diatribes, take a great delight in. But between Newport and Fishguard there is Dinas Cross, no mean or insignificant place, possessing good houses and buildings, and valuable property, left at the mercy of any strolling vagabond, as some folks would have it as they only want the policeman to visit Dinas Cross once a week on a specially prepared quiet night. During the time some folk would leave the place unprotected for days together, events might occur which would result in serious consequences.

Some folks majority is another hallucination, no doubt due not to the effect of the moon but to the extraordinary recent displays of meteors which are liable to upset some folks equilibrium." Another correspondent wants to know if property is damaged and he has taken reasonable steps to prevent its continuance, is he to be designated as "messengers of peace". Are not these pacification duties, if not, what are?

1 November

IN MEMORIAM

<i>The Master took a little bud</i>	<i>Darkened, a home, a mist sweeps o'er.</i>
<i>From 'mongst a group of radiant flowers</i>	<i>While little Johnnie's loved ones weep;</i>
<i>"To grace my home" said He, "and bloom</i>	<i>Tho' little weary eyes are closed</i>
<i>beneath the shade of heavenly bowers."</i>	<i>"God giveth His beloved sleep"</i>
<i>And, mortal, we with bated breath,</i>	<i>Yet the fre'd soul can sweeter sing</i>
<i>Sorrowing, whispered - "Cloud of Death."</i>	<i>"Beneath the shadow of his wing."</i>

<i>Though here the little voice is still,</i>	<i>Oh! Vale of tears, our hopes and fears</i>
<i>It swells the chorus of the blest;</i>	<i>Oh! Vale of tears, our hopes and fears</i>
<i>His thoughts so sweet the soul may thrill,</i>	<i>Nor with the slowly passing years</i>
<i>The lambs next to His bosom rest,"</i>	<i>Can love's sweet memories ever fade</i>
<i>And little Johnnie Daniel's smile</i>	<i>With brimful eyes and hearts so lone</i>
<i>has only vanished for awhile.</i>	<i>We strive to say - "Thy will be done."</i>

Mrs Jenkins of Dinas Cross has been paying a fortnight's visit to Liverpool where her husband's vessel has been in port.

Mr Carter Bennett has completely recovered from his recent indisposition, and his genial presence is now to be met at his father's place of business.

The Rev J W Maurice (Tabor) and Mr B Rees JP, are representing Pembrokeshire on the executive committee of the Welsh Baptist Union, whose meetings are held this week at Llanwrtyd.

The winter meetings of the Band of Hope held at Tabor commenced on Tuesday, but owing to the inclement weather the attendance was not as good as it otherwise would have been. It is contemplated that many pleasant evenings will be spent in connection with this institution.

It is pleasing to note that the attendance at the Board School lately has been exceptionally good. The late warnings have evidently taken effect, and consequently there has been a marked increase in the average attendance – a result which is very gratifying to everyone concerned.

Amid many tokens of regret, the funeral took place on Saturday at Macpelah of John Daniel George, the eight year old son of Captain and Mrs David George of Garden Terrace, Dinas Cross, whose painfully sudden death was recorded in our last issue. At the wish of Mrs George, the children attending the Board School were present at the funeral, and rendered very sweetly the little boy's favourite hymns. At the door of his home they sang "Days and moments quickly flying" and at the graveside the popular hymns "Wele'r Hafan" &c, both being very impressively given. The Rev J W Maurice (Tabor) conducted the service at the house and the Rev E Morgans (Tyhen) at the graveside. A large gathering of sympathising friends were [sic] present. Several beautiful wreaths were sent, while Mrs George has been the recipient of many letters of condolence, including one from Exeter from Mr Harries, the late schoolmaster at Dinas Cross.

8 November

In our last week's issue we omitted to state that the lines "In Memoriam" were dedicated by the writer to the late little John Daniel George.

The gentleman's walking stick (a blackthorn) which won the first prize at Cwmyreglwys Regatta, is to be raffled for on the 23rd inst, for the small sum of twopence per name. It is worth that amount to see the stick which is home-grown and home-made.

We are very pleased to see home for a short holiday the Rev John Mathias Raymond, son of Mr James Raymond, the chairman of Dinas School Board. Dinasites would like to hear him preaching once more at the Parish Church. They hope that the weather will improve so that he may have an enjoyable holiday.

On Sunday evening a good number of Dinasites availed themselves of the opportunity of hearing their old friend, the Rev B Rowlands of Clydach Vale who was preaching at Ebenezer, Newport-Pem. Since the reverend gentleman's departure from Gideon it is evident that he has not lost any of his "hwyl" and it was a great treat to hear him in a large chapel like Ebenezer.

Fifty students' names are on the books of the night school, an exceptionally good number, although the attendance is not very regular. The pupils should remember that George Stephenson and many famous men obtained their first education at night schools, and the chances are that the advantages of the school may result in some "budding" youth by diligent study emulating their example.

What has become of Dinas Cross Parish Council? No meeting has been held since the annual one in March, and yet there are several matters requiring attention. There are amongst other questions the covering in of the gutter crossing the entrance of Veidir-Fawr and the widening of the road near Pont Tabor where it is impossible for two vehicles to pass. Another improvement has received the sanction of the parish council, the district council and the landlord, to have pipes laid down to carry water to the spout opposite Tyrhos. The work, although decided upon many months ago, is still left undone.

Several inhabitants of Dinas having been left without culm, they were glad that Capt J Rowlands was enabled on Monday to discharge a cargo of that article on the beach. In spite of the bad weather on Tuesday and Wednesday nearly all of the sixty tons were carted away to different houses, where no doubt the article will be greatly appreciated. Perhaps, some people were no doubt of the opinion that the the price of culm would be reduced, while others waited for rain to mix with the culm, but now they have had plenty of water and culm for which they have had to pay dearly. Moral: cart culm while the sun shines.

In accordance with the suggestion of HM Inspector, a ventilator was put on the roof of the Infants School on Monday. The work was carried out by Mr Timothy George who was acting under the instructions of the architect, Mr John Jenkins, Veidirfawr, and Mr J Raymond, chairman of the board. It is a matter for regret to notice that some damage has been done to roofs by stone throwing. Unless this practice is stopped at once the board will have no alternative but to summon the offenders.

Our correspondent writes:- You will, I hope, grant me space to reply to my critics in your contemporary on the police question. I admit, there is nothing in the attack made upon my contributions to the "Echo" that calls for reply, still, I think that I should enlighten the writer or writers on certain words used by me and to which reference has been made. First of all, I will give them the meaning of the word "diatribe", a word their "pacification duties" should make them thoroughly at home with. Here is the meaning – diatribe: a disputation; critical examination; a stream of invective; an abusive harangue". I will leave my critics to take their choice of the four meaning given. As for "English undefiled" commend me to the following taken from the little three-sheet local paper of the 27th ult.:- "The wives of captains who are away on sea on account of the suggestion of a contemporary to proved police protection for them are up in arms" &c. Who are at sea? The wives, the captains, or the writer of the foregoing magnificent sentence of bad grammar, loose and crude ideas and undefiled English! This is the first time for me to realise that the wives of captains residing in Dinas should go away to sea because it is suggested that there should be a policeman stationed in the place. Captains' wives wherever my critics' hallucinations may put them on account of the coming policeman – on land or on sea – would, I feel sure, object to being taken up in arms. I have never seen any of the captains' wives carried about! Then, again, last week there was a following remarkable statement made in the same contemporary :- "We have our readers to judge!" No wonder captains' wives go to sea if certain folk set themselves up as judges. Poor old Dinas! What great crime have ye committed that a judgement throne should be set up in the place. I know that their readers are few in number but I hope that a little mercy will be extended to even the few when the judging job comes off. Time enough that we have a policeman in the place if it has come to this. With a board school and also a night school in our village,

their penny dictionaries and the guidance of a varsity man, surely something better than the examples quoted should be expected from those who set themselves up as literary critics. Oh! Yes. I see reference is made to the new member for Swansea. Can it be that he was returned to Parliament with such a large majority through the influence of my critics? And I take it that they have discovered by this time that map-selling is a very remunerative occupation and having nothing much else to do, I shall not be surprised to hear that they have taken up an agency for the sale of Ward, Lock and Co's Penny Dictionaries”

15 November

Capt George or Garden Terrace, Dinas Cross, has safely reached Cape Town with his vessel. News has been received that Mr J Maurice, son of the Rev J Maurice of Dinas Cross, reached Iquique, Chile on board his vessel on the 12th inst.

The Rev J W Maurice, Tabor, had a busy day on Sunday. In the morning he officiated at Puncheston, in the afternoon at Beulah, and in the evening at Tabor.

The musicians of Tabor are busy preparing for the coming Christmas Festival at Caersalem. Mr J Howells, the conductor, is very energetic, and is “leaving no stone unturned” to make his little band of vocalists thoroughly efficient.

The numerous friends of the Rev T Davies of Pontycymmer, who is well known at Dinas Cross where he has been in the habit of spending his summer holidays, will regret to hear that the rev gentleman is at his home seriously ill. He has not been able to preach for many months.

The Rev J Mathias Raymond officiated at the Parish Church on Sunday evening, when a large number of his numerous friends from different denominations attended to hear him preach an eloquent and instructive sermon. Everyone was pleased to see the rev gentleman looking so well. He intends to finish his brief holiday and take up his duties on Saturday.

The mail coach from Newport to Haverfordwest met with an accident on Wednesday morning, near to Jericho, Dinas Cross, when one of the iron bands came off a wheel. The mails were conveyed to Fishguard by Mt T Jenkins of Glanffynnon Hotel, who rode one of the coach horses. The passengers on the coach were accommodated in a wagonette and ultimately reached Fishguard in safety.

22 November

The Rev H W Thomas of Caerfarchell, occupied the pulpit at Brynhenllan on Sunday morning and evening when he delivered two powerful sermons to large congregations.

An outbreak of measles is reported in Dinas Cross, three families suffering from the complaint. The attendance at the Board School, in spite of this serious drawback, is exceptionally good.

The popularity of the night school is increasing. On Monday 39 pupils were present, while there are 62 names on the register. It was noticed that the pupils were more punctual last Monday than they had been since the opening of the classes.

Much regret is expressed in Dinas Cross at the death of Mr James Bowen, of Garnwen, which took place on Saturday. For many years Mr Bowen has been engaged in clog making, and was consequently well-known in the district. He was a most godly man and was greatly respected by a wide circle of friends, who mourn his loss. The funeral took place on Wednesday at Macpelah and was largely attended.

Further particulars are to hand regarding the death of Evan James Gwynne, son of Mr William Gwynne of Cwmyreglwys, which was recorded in these columns a few weeks ago. He was a member of Tabor Chapel and was highly respected by everyone who knew him. He was suddenly taken ill on board the steamship "Enfield", and after only six hours sickness, he passed away on September 18th while the vessel was in the port of Stockholm at the early age of 25 years. The young man was buried in the English cemetery at Stockholm, and it was strange to find that both the undertaker and his wife were natives of Pembrokeshire. The lady, on hearing that the deceased was a fellow countryman, followed his remains to their last resting place, and shed a tear over his grave for the sake of his bereaved mother, who was mourning in her far-off home the loss of her last son. On Sunday evening, there was a large congregation at Tabor Chapel, when a memorial service was held. The most impressive sermon was preached by the revered pastor, Rev J W Maurice, who took for his text Job XIV, vv 7-14. The service was deeply touching.

A correspondent writes:- I would not have troubled you again had it not been for the last dying squeal of "some folks". Previously, I only wished to show how they may be "hoisted on their own petard". The two specimens I gave of their mixed effusions were only, to use their own words, examples of the jumble of misplaced type and bad grammar, conveyed no meaning to those who had been used to "English undefiled". And again, to use their apparently forgotten utterances:- "There are many things beyond our comprehension. One is – why a person who cannot make himself (or herself) understood by means of plain English should send a letter (or a jumble of unintelligent notes) to people who cannot assist him (or her) by their superior knowledge of grammar (and varsity training) to make himself (or herself) understood." Sir, I have done. By their purrings and squeals ye shall know them.

29 November

We are sorry to report the illness of Capt B Harries, Bay View, late master of the "Aberystwyth Castle". All join in hoping he will soon be about again.

Capt Howells of the Dominion Line, "Turkoman", to the delight of his many friends has been home for a short holiday but had to return to duty on Tuesday.

Several of our well-known farmers, we regret to hear, have lost good milching cows owing, no doubt, to the cold and wet weather setting in.

Owing to the fact that the books for the raffle for the home-grown and home-made walking stick had not all been returned, the event has had to be postponed for a week. The winning number will appear in next week's issue of "The County Echo". The Rev T V Jones, occupied the pulpit at Brynhenllan on Sunday, when he preached three powerful sermons. In the evening, there were many strangers present from other denominations, a fact which shows the high esteem in which the reverend gentleman is held.

A meeting of the Parish Council has been called to take place in a few days, when amongst other business, a councillor will be elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Mr Evan Murrow. The council has also to consider the question of "paying bills". For what?

The clerk to the School Board (Capt Harries) and the schoolmaster (Mr Evan Davies) were at Cardigan on Thursday in last week to meet the district auditor, when the school accounts were found satisfactory. This was the first time Mr Davies met an auditor in Pembrokeshire. "Alas! There are no auditors in the Transvaal."

We are glad to see Capt James Harries of St Davids, on a short visit to his father at Brynhenllan. It is his intention to buy a more suitable vessel for the conveyance of coal and culm to Dinas Cross, and to commence business in those commodities. Some will appreciate his enterprise, especially those who, a few weeks ago, were almost left out in the cold.

Many will be sorry to hear that Mr Penman, one of our genial coastguards, will have to leave Dinas Cross before very long, owing to the ill-health of his wife. At present he is at Holyhead for the annual training, and during his absence it is hoped that Mrs Penman will have sufficiently recovered so that her husband will be persuaded to stop amongst his friends at Dinas Cross.

The news reached Dinas that amongst the crew of the overdue ss "Charles Mitchell" is Mr Johnny Harries, son of Mr James Harries, late of Bay View, Dinas Cross. The vessel left Barry last Friday week with a cargo of coal for Havre and, as reported in "Lloyds Gazette" on Saturday, the gravest views are entertained in Cardiff with regard to the fate of the steamer. Hopes are entertained that the vessel may be sheltering somewhere. Everyone will sympathise with Mr and Mrs Harries during the terrible time of waiting for news from their only son.

Capt D Jenkins, who has the honour of being on the first vessel to be at Sebastopol, was considerably surprised to be told the other day that he had another honour (?) thrust upon him. It reminds one of Shakespeare's lines which are easily altered to meet his case. "Some men are born with honour; some men achieve honour; and some have honour thrust upon them". The honour to which the captain objects is to be numbered amongst the agents of a certain paper with a small circulation, which he says he never sees, let alone sells!

Many Dinasites should avail themselves of the opportunity of hearing their genial schoolmaster, Mr Evan Davies, sing at the entertainment in the Temperance Hall, Fishguard on December 10th. Mr Davies has been a schoolmaster at Pretoria, and during his life has played many parts, ever being willing to help forward a good cause similar to the one for which he is to appear at Fishguard. Mr Dewi Harries has also generously to drive Mr Davies to Fishguard and back, thus saving the expenditure of a sum that can be devoted to the object for which the entertainment is promoted.

Capt David Harries JP, of Soar Hill, has, with his usual generosity, once more shown his great kindness and interest in the poor of the district. It is always his custom to distribute amongst the widows and those in necessity something that will remind them there is such a time of rejoicing as Christmas and this year he has not forgotten his annual practice. He has, however, taken "time by the forelock" for last week his men

were seen going round to various persons with their baskets, in which were pieces of prime beef. The recipients were, no doubt, thoroughly grateful for the kind gift. We hope that Capt Harries's example will be followed by many others.

Great indignation is expressed by Dinasites at the receipt through the post of certain printed scurrilous poetry. The papers are sent anonymously and the envelopes bear the Swansea postmark. We are glad to know that those who receive the papers have, with one exception, had the good sense to consign them at once to the flames, or make use of them for spills for the use of their customers. It is noticeable that the papers were sent in batches to publicans, who, fortunately, would not allow their calling to be sullied by the circulation of such dirty trash. It is a pity that the writer could not make better use of his money, brains and abilities, than to descend to vulgar personalities which do him nor anyone else any good. We wish the writer would carefully read over the first few verses in the seventh chapter of St Matthew, and study them before he decides to continue his unpleasant effusions. If he is desirous of increasing the knowledge of Dinasites there are means quite as easy within his reach to circulate pure literature amongst the people. We would remind him further that there are means of tracing the printed matter back to the writer who should be punished for circulating anonymous, scurrilous doggerel of this type.

6 December

Capt B Harries of Bay View is recovering from his recent illness.

The Rev J W Maurice (Tabor) attended a meeting at Pembroke Dock on Tuesday to make arrangements for the furtherance of the Baptist Twentieth Century Fund. We regret to hear that Mrs Maurice, the wife of the Rev J W Maurice, has again been seriously ill. Latest enquiries, however, state that she is improved somewhat.

Mr Davi Raymond, son of Mr J Raymond, chairman of Dinas Cross School Board, left for Liverpool on Monday to join the "Charles Cotsworth" as chief officer. Capt Thomas of Cambrian Terrace is in command.

The winner of the home-made blackthorn stick is Mr John Samuel, Heathfield, Dinas with ticket no. 44..Another drawing is to take place just before Christmas for a fao [sic] turkey the property of Mr John H James, at 2d a name.

Dinasites should not forget the lecture at the Temperance Hall, Fishguard on Monday evening next. Tickets may be had at Mr Bennett, Post Office. It would be well if arrangements could be made to run a conveyance from Dinas Cross.

Mr Ll Owen Llewellyn, chief officer of the ss "Escholbrook" was home at Dinas Cross for the weekend. At Malta a short time ago he met the late D Ll Jenkins, whose death is recorded in another column, who was looking very well at the time.

We regret to record the death on Thursday, 29th inst, of the Rev Thomas Davies, Baptist Minister at Pontycymmer. He was well known at Dinas Cross where he spent many pleasant holidays. The funeral took place on Tuesday.

No fresh cases of measles have been notified in Dinas Cross, and all the patients are progressing favourably. There is, however, much sickness in the parish which materially affects the attendance at the schools.

Fishguard butchers will have to pay more attention to Dinas Cross or else their trade will be greatly injured by the leading farmers selling prime beef about the parish. This has been done by farmers these last two weeks, although all are not satisfied with being supplied by the amateur butchers.

On Tuesday evening Mr James Mendus of Tymmeiny, was returning home in a trap from a temperance meeting at Gethsemane a few minutes after ten o'clock, when just below Rose Cottage the horse fell. The shaft and fore-part of the trap were broken. Mr Mendus was very fortunate in saving himself. The horse was uninjured.

Mr William Williams of Jericho, who is second officer on board the ship under the command of Capt Evans of Rosewall, Dinas Cross, was taken ill on a voyage to Norfolk, America. News has not yet been received whether Mr Williams was able to rejoin his vessel when it left Norfolk, but it is hoped he was able to do so.

Mr Edward Jones, son of Mr D Jones, Werndew Mill, has succeeded in passing the final examination in arts (BA) of the University of London. He was placed in the First Division. Mr Jones is at present studying in the University College, Aberystwyth, and intends to sit for the Welsh degree next June.

Mr Dan Thomas, of Dyffryn Fernant, met with a slight accident at the latter end of last week. It appears he was driving home, accompanied by his daughter, when the pony stumbled near the Morning Star, and he was thrown violently out of the vehicle. He fell on his shoulder, with the result that a small bone was broken. He is getting along as well as can be expected.

Dinasites will hear with regret that there is little room to doubt that the steamer "Charles Mitchell" has gone down. It will be remembered that Mr Johnny Harries, son of Mr James Harries, formerly of Bay View, Dinas Cross, was a member of the crew of the ill-fated vessel. There is slight hope, however, that the crew got away in their lifeboat, and were picked up by a passing vessel. The "Charles Mitchell" is supposed to have gone down between one and two o'clock the day after her sailing, and about that time the sailing ship "Emmanuel" which was on her way from Havre to Pensacola was in the neighbourhood. It is possible that she might have picked the distressed crew, and in that case news as to their whereabouts may not come to hand for some time. The crew numbered 14 in all.

The painful news reached Dinas Cross on Saturday that Mr David Ll Jenkins, son of Capt James Jenkins of the Morning Star, had died of sickness and been buried at sea. The news was reached by Capt Jenkins in a letter from the owners of the ss "Duke of York" (Messrs Robinson Bros., Whitby) in which vessel his son was first mate, which stated that they had received a wire from the captain from Madeira to the above effect. No further particulars are to hand. The late Mr Jenkins was 31 years of age. A few days previous to receiving the foregoing communication, Capt Jenkins had a letter from his son from Malta. He must have severely felt the great blow when he received the terrible news of his son's death, and we extend to him and his relatives our deepest

sympathy. It has always been the case that when news of this description has to be given to sorrowing relatives a letter is sent first to the rector or some minister in the place, and they have broken the news instead of it being received in this abrupt manner by those affected. It would be wise thing if the old course could be reverted to.

On Tuesday evening, 27th inst., an accident occurred to Mr Harry Gibby, late of Pant, Newport, Pem, but now residing at the Bridge End Inn, Dinas Cross. About 9.45 on the above night, he was coming up Veidir Vawr in company with Mr Dewi Harries when he stepped into one of the mud-heaps left at the side of the road. His foot slipped and in falling broke his left leg just above the ankle. Mr Harries at once got assistance and the injured man was carried into the "Ship Aground". The former went immediately off to Newport, Pem, for medical aid, and Dr Rees accompanied him back. He examined the injuries and found that both bones of the leg were broken. After it had been set, Mr Gibby was placed in a conveyance lent by Mr Harries and taken to his home. Mr Harries, Dr Rees, and Mr David Thomas followed in another conveyance, but were unfortunate themselves to meet with an accident which, however, was not of a serious nature. When near Gedeon, the shafts of the trap broke and the occupants were violently shaken. They managed however to reach Bridge End without any further mishap, and Mr Gibby was taken in and carefully attended to.

Dinas Cross Parish Council

A meeting of the members of the above council was held in the Board School on Thursday evening, Nov. 29th. The Rev George Morgan presided and there were also present Messrs W J Raymond, Evan Evans, David Harries, Dewi Harries, and Stephen Davies, Capt B Thomas, and Captain T Davies (Clerk). The minutes of the last meeting held on April 19th were read and confirmed. The next business was to elect a Councillor in the place of the late Mr E Murrow. Mr David Harries proposed that an old member, Mr Dan George, of Pantydwr, be elected to fill the vacancy. This was seconded by Mr Evans and agreed to. The chairman said there was a bill from Mr David Davies. Solicitor, of Cardigan, for £1 18s 7d, the portion of costs incurred along with fourteen other parishes in opposing the new County Rate Bases for Pembrokeshire. The Clerk said the bill had been sent in a long time. In answer to a question, the Chairman said the council employed Mr Davies to oppose the new County Rate Bases. Mr Dewi Harries: What benefit would it have been in opposing that? The chairman: Well, we thought that as fourteen other parishes were opposing, we were justified in joining them. The Clerk: It would have been of great benefit for us if we had won. Mr Dewi Harries; Do you not consider £1 18s 7d a large amount for doing that? The Chairman said that Dinas Parish Council discussed the matter very carefully. They left it the first time so that they could ascertain what other parishes were doing, and they found that a large number of parishes were employing a solicitor to oppose the new County Rate Bases. The council thought it was best to join the other parishes. The Clerk said Mr Davies had employed counsel. The Chairman said he was told Mr Davies made a very strong appeal against the new Rating Bases. It would not have been very honourable on the part of the Dinas Council if they had not joined in the appeal, as Newport and several adjoining parishes were opposing. They had nothing to do now, but to pay the piper. On the motion of Mr David Harries, seconded by Mr Dewi Harries, it was agreed to pay the bill.

The Chairman said the Treasurer was unable to be present on account of illness. According to the Treasurer's book there was a balance of £1 6s 5d in the Post Office Savings Bank; and £1 8s 4½d in the hands of the Treasurer, making a total of £2 14s 9½d. After the council had paid the above bill, they would not have much balance remaining in hand so they had better pass that a precept for the payment of £5 be served upon the overseers, and the amount put in the bank. Mr Dewi Harries said they had sold some property. The Chairman said that was so, and the amount had been made use of. The only precept that had made was in February 1895, and he did not suppose there was a parish council anywhere that had drawn so little upon the ratepayers. If the council had done nothing, they had cost the ratepayers nothing (laughter). Mr Dewi Harries: We have got to the wall now (laughter). The Chairman: We must give a better account of ourselves (laughter). Mr Dewi Harries moved that a precept for £5 be served upon the overseers. This was seconded by Captain Thomas and agreed to.

The Chairman remarked that Dinas Cross was the only parish council that made the Post Office Savings Bank its bank. He suggested that other councils might follow their example. On the motion of Mr David Harries, seconded by Mr Dewi Harries, it was agreed that on account of the business to be transacted, the representative of "The County Echo" should be notified by the Clerk of all future Council meetings.

Mr Dewi Harries drew attention to the road between Tyrhos and Tabor Bridge, and should like to have the correspondence read that passed between the Clerk and the Distric Council. They knew very well that the work, along with other repairs, ought to be done, and had talked over the same thing again and again, yet nothing had been done. The Clerk said that he had no reply to his last letter. Mr Stephen Davies: Nothing at all? The Clerk: No. Mr Dewi Harries wanted to know what good the Parish Council was if they could not get the work done – evidently not for the good of the parish.

The Chairman said the road between Tyrhos and Tabor Bridge was discussed by the council, and the Clerk wrote to the District Council drawing their attention to culverts which were dangerous. The Clerk said he wrote to Mr Eaton Evans, but he replied that he had nothing to do with the matter. The Chairman: I do not know what to do, nor who we should write to. Mr Dewi Harries; What is to be done? The Chairman: Well, I think, at the last Parish Council, you were asked to write with Capt Davies. Mr Dewi Harries said they wrote to Mr Arthur Thomas. The question was what could they do now. The Chairman know that something must be done.

The Chairman: Nothing can be done but write continually. They were expected to keep an eye on the wants of the parish, and they have done so, sending to those they thought should do the work, but no notice had been taken. Mr Dewi Harries; that is so. We have had no reply at all. The Chairman suggested that they should write again. The Clerk enquired if it would not be better for the Chairman to write. Perhaps it would have more effect. The Chairman: Oh, no, you must write as the Clerk, there is no higher authority. The question is this, Who are we to write to? Shall it be the Clerk, the Surveyor, or the Main Road Committee? The Clerk: Mr Eaton Evans wrote to say his council had nothing to do with it.

The Chairman suggested they should write to the Chairman of the Main [Roads Committee] that we respectfully request that our County Councillor, Dr Havard, to draw the attention of the Highway and Main Road Committee of the County Council to the dangerous state of the road from Tyrhos to Tabor Bridge, owing to its narrowness and deep culvert, and desire that steps be taken to have the

dangers at once remedied. And that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Chairman of the Main roads Committee. Mr David Harries seconded, and it was agreed to. Mr Dewi Harries drew attention to the suggested pipe to come down Tyrhos. The work had been passed by the District Council. On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Dewi Harries, the Clerk was instructed to write to the District Council on the matter.

13 December

Capt James, Cross, of the ss "Ottoman", is home for a brief holiday. Last week, Capt Walters joined the ss "Carlisle" which has left Barry on her outward voyage.

Capt O Jenkins, who has had an attack of malarial fever, is now on a short visit home to Dinas Cross to recuperate.

Mrs Davies and Miss Maurice, sister-in-law and neice [sic] of the Rev J W Maurice of Tabor, are now paying a visit to Dinas Cross.

Much sympathy is expressed with Capt Rowlands of Garnwen and his family. All have been lying ill in the house at one time, a condition of things which aroused the ready help of his friends and neighbours. One of his little children, we regret to hear, has been seriously ill. We hope that before long they will all recover.

Dinasites should not forget the needs of the Fishguard Cottage Hospital. The only patient in the institution during the last six months came from Dinas Cross, and he was in the hospital over five months, leaving considerably improved. It goes without saying that the institution is a worthy one, and should be supported by all in Dinas. Can not some arrangement be made to have collections in the church and chapels for this deserving object?

Letters have been received by the Clerk to the Parish Council (Capt T Davies) with reference to the dangerous state of the road between Tyrhos and Tabor Bridge. Mr N A Roach, the chairman of the Main Roads Committee, has given the road surveyor instructions on the matter, while Dr Havard the representative of the district on the County Council, is also giving the question his attention. In all probability, therefore, it is most likely that the desired improvement will be made before the next meeting of the Parish Council.

The Rev J W Maurice (Tabor) had the pleasure of presiding at a crowded meeting at Bethany Chapel, Pembroke Dock, last week, in connection with the Twentieth Century Fund, which is being promoted by the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland. The rev gentleman in taking the duties of chairman, said he laboured under the difficulty that for 38 years and three or four months he had been preaching in Welsh. They were met to promote what was in his opinion was one of the best movements of late years if not the best. They had been called upon to take part in many movements but he had fallen in love with that one. He wanted them to become converted to the 20th Century Fund. One church wanted a house built for the minister, another a new chapel or something; but they wanted all those excuses removed. He had known a great deal of Pembrokeshire especially the Welsh part, and he felt sure the people could raise £500.

Dinasites will be glad to know that Mr J D Thomas, son of Capt Thomas, of Bwlchmawr, has met with the recognition in the Swansea musical world that he deserves. Mr Thomas is conductor of the choir at Ebenezer Church, Swansea, and also the conductor of the Cymmrodion [sic] Musical Society, which occupies such a prominent position in the male voice competition at the recent National Eisteddfod at Liverpool. On Thursday 6th inst, a complimentary concert was given to Mr J D Thomas in the Albert Hall, Swansea, and a large audience assembled to show their appreciation of his valuable service to the musical art in Swansea. The mayor and mayoress of the town were present, and Mr Thomas had the assistance of several of the best artistes of Swansea. The concert was the most successful heard in the town, and it is hoped "that a good sum will be left to be handed over to the energetic conductor Mr J D Thomas, who undoubtedly deserves substantial acknowledgement. Dinasites will join in wishing Mr Thomas increased success and prosperity.

Mr James, the sub-inspector of schools, paid a visit on Thursday, 6th inst to the evening classes held in the Board School. It is pleasing to note that Mr James was thoroughly satisfied with the manner in which the classes were carried on. He gave a lengthy address to the pupils, in which he urged them to be regular and punctual in attendance, and this no doubt, would give the greatest encouragement to the master, Mr Evan Davies. He was much pleased to see so many grown-up pupils attending the evening school, and referred to one class especially, the scholars of which commenced doing simple addition sums when the school was first opened, but now were thoroughly mastering the most difficult rules of long division. This he considered to be highly creditable to both pupils and master. The scholars rendered some of their glees which were very well given and altogether the evening school gave the inspector the greatest satisfaction.

20 December

We are glad to see home for a short holiday Capt Evan O Williams of the ss "Langham".

Mr James Harries, son of Captain Harries, Castle Stores, is one of the officers of the ss "Canada" on which Lord Roberts and his staff are returning to England from South Africa.

The Rev T V Jones of Mamre and Puncteston, is becoming quite a favourite preacher at Dinas. He will preach on Sunday next at Brynhenllan Chapel.

A marriage is, we understand, to take place today (Thursday) at Tabor Baptist Chapel, the contracting parties being Mr Nicholson of Solva and Miss M J Rowe, of Garnwen, Dinas.

At Haverfordwest on Thursday last, Mr Tom Harries, son of Capt B Harries of Bay View, Dinas, was married to Miss Williams, Winter Hall, Haverfordwest, but lately of Greenhill Farm, Pembroke. We wish the newly married couple every happiness.

At the St Dogmells Board of Guardians meeting, Mr Phillips of Pontypridd who is a certificated man (a necessary qualification) was appointed sanitary inspector for the district. One of the applicants for the post was Mr W A Harries of Dinas, whose only drawback was that he did not hold the desired certificate.

News reached Dinas Cross that Mr Wm Williams of Jericho, who, as our readers will remember, was left at Norfolk, America, suffering from malarial fever, is now speedily recovering. According to Mr Williams's letter, which has been received by his wife, he has been in the hospital and was highly gratified that he had been left behind so as to completely recover.

Mrs Owen, of Brynhenllan, we regret to learn, has been ill for a considerable time, and had been attended by Drs Havard and Rees. These gentlemen, with Dr Williams, Drim, recently held a consultation, and, in their opinion, it is necessary that an operation should be performed. Next Wednesday, Mrs Owen will go to Cardiff Infirmary for this purpose. We hope the operation will be a successful one.

There is little fear of the beer at Dinas containing arsenic or the other compounds which recently caused so much havoc in some of the large towns. Placards have been conspicuously displayed by Mr Dewi Harries stating that the beer supplied by him from Messrs John Bell & Co, Burton-on-Trent, has been analysed and the materials examined, with the result that the analysts are able to guarantee that the beers of this firm are perfectly wholesome, free from arsenic or other injurious metallic contamination.

We regret to announce the sudden death on Friday of David Harries, four months old, the son of Mr Wm Harries, of Clyn View, Dinas Cross. It appears that the child seemed to be well on Thursday, but on Friday morning the mother noticed it was out of sorts, coughing a great deal, yet she did not anticipate any great danger. The child however died suddenly in a fit of coughing in its mother's arms on Friday morning. As no medical practitioner had attended the child, it was necessary to communicate with the coroner (Mr Ivor Evans), who held an inquest on Tuesday afternoon at the residence of Mr Harries. After hearing the evidence of the parents and Dr Havard, the jury returned a verdict of death from suffocation caused by a fit of coughing. We extend our sympathy to the parents in their sudden bereavement.

28 December

Mr Evan Davies, the schoolmaster left on Saturday for his home at Pontycymmer, for a fortnight's holiday, the board schools being closed for that period.

Last Sunday, being Peace Sunday, the Rev J W Maurice preached a very powerful sermon in Tabor in the evening. There was a good congregation who listened to the discourse which was founded on Isaiah II, 2-5.

Christmas at Dinas Cross was quiet. The Baptists had to get an early dinner so that they could attend the festival at Caersalem. The weather turned out to be very bad, but many braved the elements and were rewarded by a good day.

Many Dinasites have returned home for the Christmas festivities, a great number coming from Glamorganshire, where many of our sailors have gone to earn their living. It is said that plenty of money has been circulated in Dinas Cross this Christmastide.

The annual Christmas drawing came off on Saturday, when the winner of the turkey was Master Stephen J Harries, son of Mr Wm Harries, of Fynonau, Dinas Cross.

Everyone interested in the drawing was delighted when they found out where the turkey was going.

On board the ss "Summerhill" which had to put into Portland owing to her masts being swept away and other damage to her decks during the recent storm, was Mr B O Harries of Dinas Cross, who is chief officer. We are glad to find that the vessel was ultimately able to proceed safely to her destination. We hope to see Mr Harries home before long.

There was a service in the parish church on Christmas morning, when the rector, the Rev J Williams officiated. A good congregation was present, and the service, which was most appropriate, was greatly enjoyed. The church had been neatly decorated for the occasion, this being very prettily done by Miss Williams, Miss Alderson, Mrs E Bennett (Ash grove), Miss Hopkins, Mrs Devonald, Mr Richards and Mr Williams.

We have received several letters from Dinas Cross complaining of the circulation of another scurrilous poem. It has again been posted at Swansea. Really, it is most regrettable that any so-called civilised person should soil their fingers or their consciences – that is, if they have any – by writing and distributing these. However, we accept the suggestion of our Dinas Cross correspondent that the less said about the matter the better; and the writers of the letters will, we feel sure, agree with this when they reconsider the matter. A few weeks ago, we referred to the scribbler of the previous poem to the seventh chapter of Matthew. Now we would ask him to consider this couplet from Shakespeare:-

*Forbear to judge for we are sinners all;
Draw close the curtain and let's to meditation.*

In spite of a wet morning, there was a very good number present at Tabor Baptist Chapel, on Thursday, 20th inst to witness the marriage of Mr Tom Nicholson of Harbour View, Solva, to Miss M A Rowe, Garnwen. The ceremony, which took place at 10.30 a.m., was performed by the Rev J W Maurice, the respected pastor. The bridesmaids were Miss Thomas (niece), and Miss Nicholson, sister of the bridegroom, and the bride was given away by Mr David Thomas, her brother-in-law. Mr Nicholson acted as best man.

Previous to the ceremony, the marriage party, along with a number of their relatives and friends, sat down to breakfast at Garnwen, and after the marriage the happy couple left for Haverfordwest en route for Swansea. Many regretted that owing to the very rough weather, they were unable to be present at what was described as one of the most interesting marriages that had taken place at Dinas for some time. The wedding presents were numerous and costly. Mr and Mrs T Nicholson returned to their new home at Solva, where Mr Nicholson is well known and highly respected on Saturday night. Most of the windows in Solva were decorated with lighted candles and a crowd of the bridegroom's friends gathered to give him and his wife a hearty welcome home. But it was found that the train was very late, and when the news of this delay reached Solva much regret was shown. However, a number of friends lingered about until 11.30 p.m. When Mr and Mrs Nicholson arrived, who were given a good welcome by their many well-wishers. We hope that the newly married couple will have a long life of happiness and prosperity.

