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RTHYR.

Walter J. Lewis,
Journal,
For the year 1848.

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Abersychwan, Jan. 1, 1878.

After calling at Sister Stevens (who had been sick for the last few days) to see how she was getting along, we started on our way to Ebbw Vale, where we had an appointment to hold meeting with the Branch. We took dinner with Sister Roberts, after which we called at Myrddin where we spent the afternoon and had tea. We ^{had} a good little meeting in Bro. Roberts, and after the close Mrs. Elizabeth Heywood who had been a member of the church in years gone by, desired to have her covenants renewed by baptism. A young lady, Miss M. A. Griffiths signified her willingness to become a member

of the church also. As there were no convenient place for baptizing in this place, we decided to baptize them to-morrow evening at Tredegar.

I slept over night with my uncle.

Elbow Vale, Wednesday, Jan. 1st

Spent the fore noon at my uncle's where I had the pleasure of meeting my cousin Rachel (mother's sister Hannah's daughter) who is a nice little woman about 28 years old.

She is the mother of three children all Boys. I was sorry to learn that she was in rather poor circumstances owing to the depressed state of affairs, and the bad management of her husband.

We walked over to Tredegar in the afternoon and held a good meeting with the Branch in a house of

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of one of the saint's neighbors, I addressed the meeting in Welsh and Bro. Thomas Howells in English.

Immediately after the close of the meeting I baptized Mrs. Elizabeth Heywood and Miss Mary A. Griffiths. Bro. Howells was mouth in confirming Sister E. Heywood and I, in confirming Sister Mary Ann Griffiths!

We stayed over night at our usual place of Lodging—Bro. Jeremiah Williams'.

Fredegow, Thursday, Jan. 3rd

We spent the whole of the day in Bro. Gold's reading and studying. In the evening we walked over to Rhymney called at my uncle John's where we spent a couple hours. It was now about meeting time, so

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we left for Bro. David Charles' where we held meeting. We also stayed there over night.

Rhy money Friday January 4th
We arose very early this morning so as to catch the 9 o'clock train at Rhy money, as Bro. Howells foot was too sore to walk it. On our way we called at Bro. Thomas' and Sister Ann Evans. The latter put a shilling in our hands as we left. We arrived at the Conference House at about noon, and found one "News" and a couple of letters; one from Jos. Bull Jr. Birmingham, and the other from Emily S. Elsmore which was very pleasantly written, and contained several little items of interest. Spent the afternoon in reading the

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News paper and writing a letter to Emily. I stayed in the Con. House over night, and Bro. Howells went to Sister Edwards Hoelgerig, where he generally makes his abode when in Merthyr.

Merthyr Tydfil, Jan. 5, 1878.
Spent to-day in the Con. House reading and writing, wrote an answer to Bro. J. W. Summerhays letter. Bro. Parry arrived in the afternoon from Cwm Bach, he had been making a trip through Rhondda Valley, where in connection with Bros. Louis Howell and Wm. N. Williams held several meetings in "long rooms" of Inns, which were well attended and good order prevailed with the exception of the first meeting, which

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ended with quite a hub-bub. The doctrines inculcated seem to be a little too strong for their carnal minds.

In the evening I took a walk to Hoel Gerrig. When I found the good Edwards folk all well.

Bro. Parry and I slept together in the Leon. House.

Westbyr. Tydfil Sunday Jan. 6.
Before rising from bed this ^{morning} I heard the knock of the Post man who had two letters apiece for Bro. Parry and I. The letters addressed to me were from Eli and Hugh Watson. Eli's stated that he had been sick for a couple of weeks, but at the time of writing was mending.

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also that he and others were going to see the Salt Lake Iron Works for their wages as it was impossible to obtain them otherwise. Hugh reported everything at home in a floundering condition. - Said that he would send me the Weekly "Des. News."

We attended Methyr District Council at 11 A.M., Sacramental meeting 2-30 P.M. and evening meeting at 6.30 P.M. The meetings were well attended by the saints and some outsiders, and a ^{good} spirit prevailed.

We all three slept in the Cow Bed to-night.

Methyr Trydfil Monday Jan. 7.

Spent the day in the Con. house. In the evening we held a meeting in a strangers house where we enjoyed a good spirit.

Wenthyr Tydfil Tuesday Jan. 8

Spent the forenoon in the Con. house reading. In the afternoon Bro. Parry and I went down to Pentra Bach, and spent the time in Bro. Henry Owen's.

In the evening we sp held a meeting there which was well attend by the neighbors. The meeting was addressed by Bros. Jos. Parry, Thos. Jones and myself.

We returned again to the Con. House.

Wenthyr Tydfil Jan. 9. 1848.

Wrote a letter to Eli; A Folland in the

morning, and went down to Trod-
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 of going down the Pit with Pres-
 Jones the overseer of that col-
 liery. But as the bands were not
 all at work, we deemed it advisable
 to await a better opportunity.
 We spent the afternoon with Bro.
 Jones family and returned in the
 evening to our quarters at Twining
 odine.

We decided this evening on the
 question that had been discus-
 sed by the five of us on Christmas
 mainly that of discontinuing the
 Com. House on account of so
 short an income from the
 Branches owing to the depressed
 state of affairs in the work
 line. We ordered a team to be

at 24 May St. on Thursday,
for to convey the conference chattels
over to Crown Bach. Sister Philips
had given us permission (previously
if we discontinued) to leave the
things with her.

Merthyr Tydfil Thursday Jan. 10.

We took everything down from
the upper room, and got things
generally ready for a move.

I received a letter at noon from
Bro. Lehi S. Timgey, it was quite
an affectionate letter, and con-
tained considerable domestic news.
He stated that Stephen Newman
was going to get married. He gave
an account of the destructive
fire at Brigham City, which
destroyed their large woolen factory.

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Estimated loss \$35,000. I was very sorry to hear of this, as Brigham City is very thriving little co-operative community. The cart came in the afternoon and moved all the chattels over to Elizabeth Philips Cronbach. Bro. Parry and I walked over and spent a couple of hours in arranging the things in the upper room of the House. As we had made an appointment on Sunday to meet with the West by Branch of the Saints this evening, we started our walk over the mountain in pretty much of a hurry as our time was limited and the journey a long one.