

We entered the Mesthys Meeting room at 8 o'clock, and found a goodly number present, who were anxiously awaiting the speakers. Bro. Parry immediately arose and addressed the meeting for nearly an hour on the subject "Utah and the Mormons" which he handled with much freedom. I followed, and occupied about half an hour.

After meeting we walked over the mountain again to Crown Back, and retired to rest about 10 o'clock in the morning.

Crown Back Friday Jan. 11

Being a little fatigued from yesterday's labor and walking, we layed abed until nearly

noon. After a good bath we took a walk to Bro. Thomas^{Evans} Mill Street, where we spent the afternoon and had supper. In the evening we went up to Hirwain in company with Bro. Evans and his son, and held meeting with the saints in Sister Arnolds house. We slept at Bro. William Price.

Hirwain, Saturday, Jan. 12.
We made up our minds this morning to walk to Swansea a distance of 24 miles. We started early and got to the Pkewen at 3 o'clock where we had a good dinner and a small rest.

We arrived at Swansea after

dark, and met Bros. Williams and Louis Howell who had just arrived from Cardiff and Rhondda Valley where they had been preaching to many outsiders in "Club Rooms" of Jones & Co. Bros. Howell and Williams stayed with Bro. D. P. Thomas, and Bro. Parry and I at Bro. D. Pickett's. Received a letter from Ben. Judson.

Swansea, Sunday, Jan. 13, 1878
Attended council in the morning, and found that there was quite an ill feeling existing amongst the Saints and the Presiding Priesthood, too much so to warrant us to reorganise them. The tenor of our remarks were to teach the Saints their duties towards

each other, not to back bite each other but to assist and build each other up, to exercise the spirit of humility and obedience that they may enjoy the spirit of the Gospel.

We attended sacrament meeting in the afternoon; and in the evening with both saints and strangers we had a large audience of nearly a hall full. We stayed over night in the same place as last night.

Swansea, Monday, Jan. 14.
We all four had breakfast this morning at Bro. Wm. William. Bro. Howell and I returned and spent the forenoon in Bro. Pickett's writing &c. I wrote

my second letter to my sister
Bernice.

At two o'clock Broz. Parry and
Williams left for Llanelli on
their way to Carmarthen shire.
Sister Jane Simon left in
company with them on her
way to St. Clears, ten miles be-
yond Carmarthen Town.

Held meeting in the evening
the Swansea saints.

Swansea, Tuesday, Jan. 15

Passed the fore part of the day
in Bro. D. P. Thomas; and in
the afternoon we took a walk
to Morriston and visited Bro.
Howell's Uncle Griffith Howell
who treated us very kindly
and invited us to call again

the next evening. We returned to Swansea at dark as we expected to attend Hussey Vivian M.P.'s Lecture on America through which country he had travelled a few weeks ago. After arriving at Swansea we found to our disappointment that the Lecture had been postponed until further notice.

We slept at Bro. D.P. Thomas where we are always made welcome when in Swansea.

Swansea, Wednesday, Jan. 16
 After arising from bed this morning I was much pleased to find a couple of letters addressed to me one from my cousin John Lewis, Fishguard,

and one from Henry Emery.
 Cousin John requested that I should
 meet him if I could ^{call} at New-
 Port between this and two weeks
 during that time he would
 be at our aunt's (Father's Brother
 Samuel's wife). If I couldn't
 meet him, I was to write
 him a line. Bro. Emery's
 letter contained some good ad-
 vice to the young missionaries.

We went to Morriston about noon
 and ^{visited} a family or two of the saints.
 We spent the evening in Bro. How-
 ell's 'uncles' where we had a
 good time. They provided us
 with a good bed in which
 we had a good night's rest.

Morriston, Thursday, Jan. 17.

We left Morriston for Ystalyfara on foot by the road on the canal Bank. Called at Bro. Benjamin Evans where I sat down and finished a letter that I had started to Eli. We called on John Evans and Alfred Thomas in the Afternoon, and in the evening we held meeting in Bro. Evans house where we had the privilege of some strangers to speak to. Bro. Howell and I addressed the meeting in Welsh.

Ystalyfara January 18.

We spent the whole of the day in Ystalyfara visiting the saints and reading &c.

Bro. Alfred Thomas gave us

a half a crown apiece to assist us on our way. We stayed over night at Bro. Ben. Evans again.

Ystalyfara, Saturday Jan 19

We left this place at noon and walked to the skewen, near Neath and called at Bro. Geo. Lang's where we had a good dinner. In the evening we paid a visit to two families of the saints in Melyn Grythen. We took a bed at the Vale of Neath Hotel for which we paid $1/3$ each.

Neath, Sunday, Jan. 20, 1878.

We took breakfast at Sister William Melyn Grythen, and at 11 O'clock for curiosity attended Church at

neath. We held afternoon meeting in Bro. Larrys house and enjoyed a very good spirit. We intended to leave with the afternoon train, but on account of the inclemency of the weather were induced to stay, so we held meeting in the evening again. We slept at a German's house where Sister Larrg had obtained a bed for us.

Skewen, Monday, January 21st

We took leave of the good folks of this place and started on foot for Hirwain, but the weather being wet, and the roads muddy we concluded to take the train from Resolven and arrived in Hirwain early in the evening, called at Sister Rowlands and

had something to eat, and from there we went to Bro. Whiteaker's and got him to announce to the Saints that we were going to hold a meeting that evening in his house, where we also stayed over night.

Hirvaim, Tuesday Jan. 22nd

The weather was very windy and rainy this morning, so we concluded to ride to Merthys. When we got to the station we met Bro. Wm. Price who paid our fare on the 12 o'clock train. We got to Merthys soon after one o'clock, called at Ed. Joseph's got the "Star" and then called at our "old home" 24th May where we were well received by Bro. & Sister Harrison.

I received two letters and a news paper; one of the letters was a Welsh one from Mothe in reply to the Welsh one that I wrote to her from Slony-bythin some two months ago. She reported everything well at home. Rachel and the little boy were getting along fine and all the family were enjoying good health. One of the brothers Richard Owens had returned to his home in the north to teach school. But David Evans was still with them and was going to remain until June. She gave an account of some of my relatives in Carmarthen and desired that I should call on them the next time I went that way, which I intend to do.

Emily's letter was in reply to the one that I sent to her from New-land requesting her hand in marriage, the following, which is an extract explains itself." And now I must approach the subject which is last in my letter, although supremost in my heart; the subject which I have long known must be discussed sooner or later, and I have been thankful that it has been so long before I have to decide against inclination, for duty, and though I have of course long known that I was blessed ^{with} your love it is sweet to have you tell me so. You have done me the greatest honor it is in man's power to do woman, and though I

assure you I appreciate it to
 the utmost, I cannot accept the
 happiness thus offered be-
 cause it would disgrace you.
 I blame myself that I had
 not put a stop to our intercourse
 as soon as I knew what the
 end must be, but I could not
 it were impossible to me, so the
 cause of my weakness must be
 my excuse. You have succeeded
 so far in your "object," that
 some time before you left home,
 I have felt that I could not
 live without you, but I have
 since learned that our lives do
 not depend on any mortal, we
 have to look higher, however
 hard the lesson.

I have now to mention a

subject that I can never speak of to any body outside of the family; that of my Father's criminal and our disgrace and shame. I can have no doubt that you know his reputation, but you must know all the rest of us well enough, to know that he is an affliction to us for we live in constant dread of his doing wrong.

You know my Mother well enough to know that she would not receive any benefit from such a practice, even if she could, but his ways have been so sneaking and trivial in the times when we have had to pay for his liberty, which has been three (this is all up