

have any knowledge of, but we do not know when we may have to hear of the same affliction again) that it was quite like the actions of a being without reason. You never can know Walter dear what I do and have suffered for my Father's sin. I could cry tears of joy over your letter to-day, but now they are of bitterness. I do not think that there would be much love if I could allow you to marry a thief's daughter."

I felt considerably grieved at the circumstance that my Dear was thrown in by the wickedness of her Father, and especially while she took it so to heart,

and, ^{thus} causing it to be an obstacle
in her way of accepting an
offer in Marriage. I replied
that afternoon to the effect, that
I knew her to be an honest vir-
tuous girl, and that I didn't think
her Father's character should
deprive her of her future bless-
ings and happiness, and that
I had known her Father's reputation
long since, and that if I had con-
sidered it objectionable to keeping
company with ^{her} I would of brought
our intercourse to an end long
ago. I asked to her to fully con-
sider the matter, and that if
she still declined the offer I would
have to direct my attentions in
another way. That I had learn-
ed ere this that it was not

impossible for me after loving
 one & to bury it, and learn to
 love another.

We held a meeting in Bro.
 Alarn's in the evening.

We slept at Bro. Harrmans.

Merthyr Wednesday Jan. 23.

Spent the fore part of the
 day in Bro. Harrmans read-
 ing and writing. I wrote a
 letter to Bro. Jos. Bull Jr.
 asking him if he could
 come down to Hereford with
 Bro. Lorus Pratt between the 5
 and 15th of Feb, and meet Bro.
 Louis Howell and I, and then
 separate, him and I to come
 down to Wales and Bro. How-
 ell and Pratt to go towards

Birmingham, by so doing we would have a change of companions, and it would also allow us the privilege of seeing more of the country.

In the afternoon Bro. Howell and I, induced Bro. Harman to go up to Pen Gwynn Wdu with us, where we held a good welsk meeting with the saints of that district. We returned after meeting to Mestlyn and stayed over night at Bro. Harman.

Mestlyn Thursday Jan. 24.
after breakfast we left for Rhymney, called at my uncles and found all in good health except aunt who had

not been very well for several weeks. We visited several of the saints, and held a good meeting in Bro. David Charles where we also stayed over night.

Rhymney Friday Jan. 25.

Owing to not wanting ~~to go~~ to go any farther than Fredegan before Sunday, we spent the day in Rhymney reading writing and visiting the saints. We held a meeting in Sister Parry's Port-lottin in the evening. I wrote a letter to Geo. R. Emery.

Rhymney Saturday Jan 26.
We left about noon for

Tredegar and found some of the members of that Branch in a very destitute condition owing to the "hard times" which are growing harder every day. We attended a "Scotch minstrel" performance in the Temperance Hall in the evening.

Tredegar, Sunday, Jan. 27.
 We met in council with the Tredegar district of the Am at 11 A.M. The district embraces Rhynney, Tredegar and Ebbw-vale from which there was a good representation of the Priesthood present. We held a good Sacramental meeting in the afternoon, and a well attended meeting in the evening, a goodly

number of strangers being present. We stayed over night at Bro. Jeremiah Williams, where there is a good bed &c. for the missionaries.

Tredegar, Monday, Jan. 28.
Spent the forenoon in Bro. Greenland's reading the Book of Mormon. In the afternoon we walked over to Ebluval and called at Uncle Eliasier's where we spent a few hours. The family were all well except Aunt Mary who had been very sick for some time, but is now improving a little. We held a good meeting in Sister Hayward's house in the evening. After meeting we walked over to Tredegar, where we

Stayed over night.

Fredergar, Tuesday, Jan. 29, 1878.

Spent the morning reading the Book of Mormon and writing a letter to my mother. Walked over to Rhymney in the afternoon and held a meeting in Bro. Barron where we had a few strangers present. We stayed over night at Bro. William Thomas where we had a good comfortable bed.

Rhymney, Wednesday, Jan. 30.

We spent the day very pleasantly in Sister Ann Evans. We had an appointment to hold a meeting this evening on Pengarn Ddu. Bro. Louis Howell and I in company with Bro. Thomas

and wife walked over, the distance being about 3 miles. Bro. Allen and Louis Thomas from Methy came in, in a few minutes after arrived there.

The meeting was addressed in Welsh. After meeting we walked to Heolgerig, and found the Edwards folks at rest. They soon got ^{up} however and prepared us something to eat after which we retired to bed.

Heolgerig, Methyr, Jan. 31st

In the morning on our way down to Methyr we called at some of the saints. We spent the afternoon at Bro. Thomas Jones Dyffra, where we are always treated hospitably. We attended mee-

ting with the Methys Branch in
the "Cross Keys" in the evening.
after which we walked to Geol-
gerrig and spent the time in
reading the letter that I had
received at the "room" from Bur
Gharman. A letter written by
Eli on the 21st, contained
the following item; "I attended
the Y. M. W. I. A. two weeks ago, and
the question came up of getting
up a concert for the "boys" that
are on a mission from our ward,
and it met with quite a rebuff.
Gold saying that he ^{was} opposed
to it, because it would be always
resorted to by those going, or
those already on missions, and
not only that, he says no need
of getting up anything, for he

knew that they needed nothing for he done business for one of them and thought that they would be opposed to the Society getting anything for their benefit, and not only that, the Society couldn't get up a concert, for the Ward would not patronise, a concert composed of adults, and no concert would be a success without it was got up by the Sunday School, at the same time referring to Evan's concert which he got up some thing over a year ago and failed financially, owing to the fact that the S. School was not interested. And moreover the Sunday School anticipated the getting up of two or three con-

casts this winter and thus
 throw a concert for the mission-
 aries away into the spring
 as the Sunday ^{School} had the
 House; he also spoke of the
 inability to get up a party
 for their benefit. Summerhayes
 was substantially the same. Vin-
 cent refused to have anything
 to do with it. These were all
 that spoke against the mo-
 tion, I spoke in return to these
 and reflected some of Golds re-
 marks. Walter Brown spoke
 and favored getting up a con-
 cert, as also did a few others.
 But I seeing that I would off-
 end the Sunday School if I
 insisted on my motion, I
 withdrew it with a pro-

test and Gold seeing the position of things and my ideas, made a motion to raise a subscription among the members of the Society, and as an argument in favor of his motion said that the "boys" would appreciate the contributions as they would be entirely from the Society, and not from the ward as a concert would be. Will Williams Brother opposed this, said that the boys needed nothing, and that it would humiliate them &c. I also spoke against it, and as argument said some of the members could contribute and some could not, but all could do something towards a

Concert, and as far as I was individually concerned I could not raise five cents for said subscription at present, but could help in getting up a concert. The motion of Gold passed, but I have heard nothing of the committee which was to have been, to collect subscriptions.

Bro. Peter Reid, after the exercises were through with, was called upon to say a few words. He favored the getting up of a concert, thought it could not come off until June next, he got heated up in his remarks and went after the donations motion and said that we ought to give the poor in Zion first and let the missionaries work for what they needed &c. His remarks created

quite a sensation. Cope said that I had should not have withdrawn my motion, but I thought best rather than lose it and fight the Sunday School exhibition to do as I did. Probably I should not write all this, but I have heard — folks have talked about it a great deal and throw blame on me, and they also saw that I said, "I would not give five cents to the 'boys', so if you, so if you hear anything of this you will know of the facts and you can judge for yourself."

The action that the above refers to, was taken on the strength of a slight hint that I made to Eli in a letter some two months ago.