

Secretary National Service League,
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CHRISTMAS AT BANGOR WORKHOUSE.

A HAPPY DAY.

At its last Workhouse life is a drab existence, and one really wants to visit a Workhouse on Christmas Day to appreciate the almost childish delight of the inmates—old and young—when they sit down in halls bedecked with paper festoons to eat a generous meal, vastly different to their accustomed fare, and later on are permitted—young, middle-aged, and old—to join in those old-fashioned games which have almost died out. It is becoming quite a fashion for people to renounce any Yuletide celebrations in their own homes and to go round to the Poor-law institution of their district and lend a hand in administering to the wants of the paupers.

There were a number of prominent ladies and gentlemen who assisted the Master and Matron (Mr and Mrs Owen Williams) and the officials of the local Workhouse on Christmas Day to dispense the generous fare. Among them were the Mayor and Mayoress (Mr and Mrs J. Peartir Williams), Dr. and Mrs Corbet Owen, Mrs W. G. Williams and Miss Williams (Garth), Miss Owen (Peartir), Mr Thomas Edwards, and Mr Joseph Davies.

The menu consisted of roast pork, roast beef, boiled beef, potatoes, carrots and turnips, with an abundant supply of plum pudding. In the afternoon they had tea with plenty of cake, mince pie, currant cake, and oranges were distributed among the boys, pipes among the men, and dolls among the children. Christmas gifts were received from the Mayor and Mayoress, Mr H. R. Davies (Treborrh), Mrs R. C. Trench, Miss Williams (Menailfion), Mrs Corbet Owen, the Brabazon Society, Mr Thos. Edwards, Mr Wm. Williams (baker), pupils of the Bangor County School for Girls, Mrs Lewis (Bronwyffa), Mrs L. D. Jones, Mrs R. W. Phillips, Miss Ambrose, and Miss Davies, (Pondref Post Office).

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