

MILLENNIAL STAR

- REFERENCES TO EVAN ARTHUR, MISSIONARY

ARTICLE	DESCRIPTION	MILL. STAR REF.
	<u>MISSION ONE: JULY 1924 – AUGUST 1926</u>	
FROM THE MISSION FIELD: Meeting of Traveling Elders	The regular monthly Priesthood meeting of the Welsh conference was held the 27 th ult., at Cardiff, Wales. President John W. Crofts and all the traveling Elders were in attendance. Two subjects, "Salvation for the Dead," and "The origin, present status and final disposition of the Children of Israel," were treated by Elders Ralph C. Jones and Jesse N. Decker respectively; each subject was followed by a lively discussion. Elder Evan Arthur gave a very interesting account of his experiences in addressing members of the Dowlais Male Choir. After timely advice and instructions, President Crofts commended the Elders on their success in spreading the Gospel as shown by the number of new investigators now attending meetings.	1924 Oct.9 No.41
FROM THE MISSION FIELD: Meeting of Traveling Elders	Meetings of Traveling Elders.—The regular monthly Priesthood meeting of the traveling Elders of the Welsh conference was held the 25 th ult., at Cardiff, with President Crofts presiding. Elders Sterling C. Rigby and Evan Arthur delivered addresses on subjects that had been previously assigned. An interesting and lively discussion followed the presentation of each discourse. The Elders of the conference reported steady improvement in the various branches where they were labouring.	1924 Nov.20 No.47
FROM THE MISSION	Meetings of Traveling Elders—The regular monthly Priesthood meeting of the Welsh Conference was held at Cardiff on the 31 st ult. All the traveling Elders were present and	1925 Feb.12

FIELD	reported progress in their various branches. Special interest was shown in the report of Elder Evan Arthur , who reported he had sold eleven Books of Mormon, over one hundred pamphlets, and had distributed tracts for over eighty hours during the month. Elder Gordon Burt Affleck gave a discourse showing the necessity and importance of genealogy work. President Hansen complimented the Elders on their work of the month.	No.7
WELSH DISTRICT CONFERENCE	<p style="text-align: center;">THE WELSH CONFERENCE</p> <p>On Sunday, November 1st, the Fall Conference of the Welsh District was held at Cardiff. In attendance were Mission President James E. Talmage, President Wendell R. Anderson and all the Traveling- Elders labouring in the Welsh Conference, Elder Peter J. Clarke of the Bristol Conference and Elder Allen C. Reynolds of the Birmingham Conference.</p> <p>Addresses were given by the Mission President, President Wendell R. Anderson and Elders Albert Biggs, Thomas Biggs, Jr., Peter J. Clarke, Claudius D. Wheeler, Sterling C. Rigby, John E. Barker, George C. Mann, Evan Arthur and David H. Newman. Appropriate musical numbers were rendered during the conference by Miss Olga Bonnell. At the evening meeting the Cymric Quartet gave musical selections in both English and Welsh.</p> <p>In the evening session President Talmage spoke on "The Old and the New in Religion." He earnestly urged the people to live the Gospel as taught by Jesus Christ and said that this is the message of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to the world. These are the last days, he affirmed, and the second coming of the Lord is near.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">John E. Barker, Conference Clerk</p>	1925 Nov.19 No.47
FROM THE MISSION FIELD: Words from	History will repeat; the English hosts shall not outdo the valiant workers in Wales. We sense the worth of a little brotherly rivalry and are unitedly determined to perform our part in the great work.— Elder Evan Arthur , Welsh Conference.	1926 Mar.11 No.10

the Workers		
FROM THE MISSION FIELD:	<p>Doings in the Conferences Welsh—The Traveling Missionaries met at Cardiff, on March 27th; plans for the Spring and Summer were discussed; Elder Evan Arthur gave a discourse on "Tracting and the Sale of Pamphlets."</p>	<p>1926 Apr.15 No.15</p>
ARTICLE: WELSH DISTRICT CONFERENCE	<p style="text-align: center;">THE WELSH CONFERENCE</p> <p>The Spring Conference of the Welsh district was held in the Memorial Hall, Varteg, on Sunday, April 25th. President James E. Talmage, Sister May Booth Talmage, Elders J. Howard Cook and James K. Knudson from Mission headquarters at Liverpool, Conference President Peter J. Clarke and all of the Missionaries of the Welsh district were in attendance.</p> <p>A well prepared program consisting of poems, readings and songs portraying the gradual unfoldment of the Gospel in these latter days was given in the first meeting by members of the Sunday Schools. Elder John E. Barker related the Parable of the Talents and asserted that no one of us is without some talent, which we should carefully and prayerfully develop. The Mission President commended those taking part on the program. He affirmed that this dispensation, like those preceding it, was inaugurated by a personal manifestation of God to man, and declared by word of Scripture that the Gospel thus restored will never again be taken from the earth.</p> <p>The honourable release of Conference President Peter J. Clarke and the appointment of Elder Thomas Biggs as his successor was announced by President Talmage in the afternoon service. Elder John E. Barker was also honourably released. President Clarke presented a brief review of the conditions and work in the district. He testified that the Gospel of Christ has been restored after a period of apostasy, and urged all to accept and apply its principles and observe its ordinances. Elder Thomas Biggs related the story of how he was led to investigate and accept the Gospel in Wales several years ago, and told of incidents in his life that had strengthened his faith. By well drawn illustration Elder J. Howard Cook showed how the Church trains its members in character to become real men and women. President Talmage addressed the assembly</p>	<p>1926 May 6 No.18</p>

on the subject "Fruits of Mormonism", and by effective argument comprising statistics combined with logical reasoning showed that by its results "Mormonism" has proved itself to be of God. He avouched that through living the Gospel the members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints live longer, are healthier and happier than other people.

Following this session the Mission President met with the local Priesthood and urged these brethren to look after the affairs in the branches so that the Traveling Elders may be free to do their special work among non-members. Sister Talmage received reports from the Relief Society concerning the progress and condition of this organisation, and gave instruction and encouragement for the future.

In the concluding session (Slder James K. Kundson declared that the members of the Church bear unwavering testimony to the divinity of the Saviour and are not affected by tendency to turn to so-called modernism. Sister May Booth Talmage explained the purposes of the Relief Society and the Mutual Improvement Association, and said that the Church provides great opportunity for self-development and progress through the medium of its auxiliary organisations. Elder Evan Arthur rendered a vocal solo. The Mission President discoursed on the power of obedience, saying that obedience is as much a force in the world as the forces of heat or electricity or other forces about us. The Lord, he affirmed, is a personification of justice, and His judgments are based Upon irrevocable laws. By rendering obedience we may claim blessings from on high. The speaker urged his hearers to accept the Gospel and comply with its saving ordinances while they may; for these are indeed the last days referred to in ancient and modern Scripture, and the coming of the Son of Man is nigh at hand.

The conference was one of the most inspirational held in Wales for many years and was marked especially from the standpoint of attendance, well over half of the number present being investigators. The fact of the meetings being held in a small country town instead of the usual centre, the large city, denotes that success awaits the missionaries in the fruitful country districts.

	Ariel G. Evans, Conference Clerk	
FROM THE MISSION FIELD: Branch Conferences	Of the Pontypool Branch, Welsh Conference, on April 4th. An interesting program portraying the resurrection was presented by members of the Sunday School. President Peter J. Clarke and Elders John E. Barker, Evan Arthur , Thomas Biggs and Richard C, Thomas spoke.	1926 May 6 No.18
FROM THE MISSION FIELD: Branch Conferences	Of the Cardiff Branch, Welsh Conference, on April 11th. President Peter J. Clarke and Elders Evan Arthur and Ariel G. Evans addressed the assembly on the principles of the Gospel.	1926 May 6 No.18
FROM THE MISSION FIELD	Words from the Workers: A missionary journey through west Wales netted real enjoyment for Elder Evan Arthur and myself. Despite inclement weather we distributed 1500 tracts, 300 pamphlets and two copies of the "Articles of Faith." We also held one street meeting. That the Lord prepared our way was evinced by the many friends that were raised up to minister to our needs. From President Thomas Biggs, Welsh Conference.	1926 Jul.15 No.28
EDITORIAL	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>IN THE PRIME OF YEARS</i> <i>An extraction . . . President James E Talmage</i></p> <p>. . . In the week before last a small company of missionaries, each of them honourably released after two years of more of devoted service, sailed from these shores for their homes in the Great West. Among them was ELDER EVAN ARTHUR, a vigorous youth now in his sixty-fifth year. Since July 1924 Elder Arthur has laboured untiringly and unceasingly as a traveling missionary, imbued with such earnestness and zeal as to attract and even compel respectful attention. After a few weeks spent in the Manchester Conference he was transferred to Wales, the land of his nativity and undying affection. He has travelled afoot, literally all over that principality, distributing gospel literature,</p>	1926 Sep.2 No.35

	<p>preaching and singing his way into the hearts and homes of the people, in village, town and city, from the deepest valley to Snowdon's peak, in the miner's cottage, the farmer's substantial home, and the mansion of the wealthy. As to the activities shown on statistical reports, such as hours in tracting, printed matter sold or given, and the like, Brother Arthur has set a record for the Mission. He holds the office of a Seventy in the Priesthood. Highly gifted as a musician, he has been in congenial atmosphere in the land of the bards. His beloved Wales has been enriched by his aggressive yet persuasive ministry. . .</p>	
	<p><u>MISSION TWO: JUNE 1929 – JULY 1932</u></p>	
<p>FROM THE MISSION FIELD: Arrivals and Assignments</p>	<p>The following missionaries arrived aboard the Leviathan at Southampton, on July 5th; they have thus been assigned: For the British Mission: Evan Arthur, Salt Lake City, Utah, to the Welsh District.</p>	<p>1929 Jul.25 No.30</p>
<p>WELSH DISTRICT CONFERENCE</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">WELSH DISTRICT CONFERENCE</p> <p>THE Autumn Conference of the Welsh District was held at Kenard Hall, Richmond Road, Cardiff, Wales, on Sunday, November 17th. In the morning session the theme of "The Restoration of the Priesthood" was presented in song and essay by Sunday School members.</p> <p>In attendance were : Mission President A. William Lund and Sister Josephine B. Lund, from the Birmingham office; Elders Weston W. Taylor and Ralph A. Garner from the Liverpool office and President Iver L. Larsen, Harold K. Richmond, J. Ferrin Gurney, Morgan C. Boley, Lester H. Jones, Alton S. Maughan, Lowell R. Rich, Evan Arthur, Dean R. Merrill, William Bailey, Albert W. Horman and Thomas Biggs of the Welsh District; Elders William F. McKelvey and Reese R. Parker, Scottish; Elder Lovell A. Youngberg, Manchester; President Wilford N. Hemmert and Elder Devon Y. Stewart, Bristol. Elder Justin B. Lillywhite of the Welsh District was unable to attend on account</p>	<p>1929 Nov.28 No.48</p>

of illness.

One point of interest shown in the District President's report, was an eleven per cent, increase in the paying of tithing over the previous six months. Another worthy feature is that one hundred percent, of the officers and teachers of the District attended the conference.

At the afternoon session President Iver L. Larsen was released as District President, and Elder Harold K. Richmond was sustained in his stead. A special officers and teachers meeting convened after the afternoon session. Throughout the day the Spirit of the Lord was manifested in rich abundance.

J. Ferrin Gurney, District Clerk



MISSIONARIES AT WELSH CONFERENCE

MISSIONARIES AT WELSH CONFERENCE (photograph)

Front row, left to right: Elder William Bailey, Welsh District; President David H. Huish, Bristol District; Elders Owen L. Andreasen, and Clyde B. Crow, Welsh District; second row: Elder Virgil E. White, Welsh District; Elder Wesley D. Amott, Sister Josephine B. Lund, President British Mission Relief Societies; British Mission President A. William Lund; District President Harold K. Richmond; President J. Clyde Sumsion (incoming District President); third row: Elders Thomas Biggs, William L. Stephens, and Evan Arthur, Welsh District; Elder R. Eldon Crowther, Bristol District; Elders Richard M. Gledhill, George E. Clark, Lester H. Jones, and Albert W. Horman, Welsh District.

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<p>ARTICLE</p>	<p>WELSH DISTRICT CONFERENCE</p> <p>Many members of the Church and their friends gathered in the Park Hall, Newport, on Sunday, September 14th, to attend the semi-annual conference of the Welsh District. This is the first conference held in Newport, and marks the rapid disappearance of prejudice.</p> <p>At the morning session, the members of the Pontypool Branch ably produced "The Awakening," which portrayed the evils incident to the neglect of the Word of Wisdom. Talks were given explaining the glorious truths of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and testimony was borne to the divinity of "Mormonism" by local members and missionaries at the afternoon meeting.</p> <p>British Mission President A. William Lund, at the evening session of the conference, discoursed on the divinity of the Book of Mormon and the evidences supporting the Prophet Joseph Smith, referring to recent archaeological discoveries in Central and South America.</p> <p>Those attending included: British Mission President A. William Lund, (Sister Josephine B. Lund, President of the British Mission Belief Society, was detained at Birmingham due to illness); Elder Junius E. Driggs of the British Mission Office; and the following travelling missionaries of the Welsh District: President J. Clyde Sumsion, and Elders William Bailey, George E. Clark, Clyde B. Crow, Richard M. Gledhill, W. Layton Barlow, Thomas Biggs, William L. Stevens, Lester H. Jones, Virgil E. White and Evan Arthur.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Elder William Bailey, District Clerk.</p>	<p>1930 Sep.25 NO.39</p>
<p>ARTICLE</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">A MISSIONARY'S TESTIMONY By Elder Evan Arthur</p> <p>I am living in wonderland. I enjoy parks, knowing as I do that I am living in a world filled with beautiful manifestations of our Heavenly Father's divine will and superior intelligence. I live on earth to worship the Lord, to adore His wonderful handiwork and creation. He has provided for me, that I might have pleasure and joy while worshipping</p>	<p>1931 Oct.1 No.40</p>

	<p>Him.</p> <p>In my travels, beautiful landscapes have visioned before my eyes, with hills covered with pines, pastures lined by hedges of sweet smelling hawthorns, with sheep and cattle grazing therein, decorated banks with blossoms of daffodils, cowslips, Canterbury bells, varieties of wild roses, varied colours of verdure in huge trees with overhanging branches, tunnelling the highways; and the high wavering corn swaying from gentle zephyrs. The music from the singing of rippling rills, and the roar of rivers over rocks and caverns, give to me charming melodies.</p> <p>All is happiness to me, to enjoy while walking through my native land (Wales). What great and marvellous revelations can come to one if he has the desire to live in the realms of the Lord's intelligence – His creations. The Heavens and earth speak it to us every hour, every tick of the clock, and every time we look at the wonders of mother nature. Our feast and banquet, provided by our Father in Heaven, is for us to enjoy.</p> <p>Yes, I adore the Lord's name. His wonders never cease to me. I praise His name in song. I thank Him that He desireth me to walk in His beautiful creation – His gardens – and occupy the place prepared for me.</p> <p>The Lord is the Head Gardener, and souls are His most precious flowers. He clothes the lilies of the fields, but the souls of men and women are more precious to Him than the flowers and shrubs of all creation. The Gardener stands at the gate, inviting all souls to come therein and enjoy the beauties and blessings prepared for those who will but come and dwell with the Giver of gifts.</p>	
<p>WELSH DISTRICT CONFERENCE</p>	<p>The Welsh District Conference, held at the Miner's Hall, Merthyr Tydfil, on September 20th, was one of the largest conferences ever held in the British Mission. The morning and afternoon sessions were well attended, while an enthusiastic and appreciative audience of eight hundred people were spiritually fed by the inspiring atmosphere of the evening session.</p> <p>During the morning session of the conference, several missionaries bore their testimonies, and beautiful songs were sung by the Pontypool Branch Sunday School. President A. William Lund also made appropriate and inspiring remarks.</p>	<p>1931 Oct.8 No.41</p>

	<p>The members and their friends who attended the evening session had the privilege of listening to the nationally know Dowlais Male Voice Choir of eighty-two voices. Miss Sylvan Howells added to the interest of the meeting with a soul-inspiring soprano solo. Patriarch James H. Wallis gave a discourse on the fruits of “Mormonism” and related interesting and faith-promoting personal experiences, which were fully appreciated by the receptive audience. President Lund also gave an inspiring discourse upon the Book of Mormon truths, and made the Spaulding Theory and other attacks on this sacred book of Scripture look ridiculous. He closed his remarks with an impassioned plea for the people to come back to simple truths of the true Gospel of Jesus Christ.</p> <p>Thursday evening, September 17th, a lantern-slide lecture was given by Elder G. Dwight Wakefield in the I.L.P. Hall, Merthyr Tydfil. Three hundred people became interested in the lecture, which has helped to allay prejudice and false propaganda, and also helped to advertise the District Conference.</p> <p>The following mission authorities and missionaries attended the conference: Mission President and Sister A. William Lund; Patriarch James H. Wallis; Elder Percy L. Matthews of the London District; District President Clarence H. Taylor and Elders Elman T. Woodfield, Evan Arthur, Henry B. Squires, T. Byron Jones, Thomas Biggs, Merrill P. Gunnell, Leon Whiting and Leonard N. Giles of the Welsh District.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">ELDER ELMAN T. WOODFIELD, District Clerk.</p>	
FROM THE MISSION FIELD: DOINGS FROM THE DISTRICTS	<p>WELSH (District) – Five persons were baptised by Elders Evan Arthur and Leon Whiting at a baptismal service held near Merthyr Tydfil, Glam., Sunday, January 10th. They were confirmed members of the Church the same day by local Elder Edward M Rowe, President Clarence H Taylor, and Elders Evan Arthur, Marion J Olsen and Elman T Woodfield.</p> <p>(Names of those baptised on this occasion: Walter Ernest Pulman, Florence Ellen Pulman, Thomas Hubert Pulman, Thomas Price and ?)</p>	1932 Feb.11 No.6
FROM THE MISSION	<p>WELSH (District) – Banquets in honour of departing District President Clarence H. Taylor, were held in both the Merthyr and Pontypool Branches of the Welsh District.</p>	1932 Mar.31

FIELD	<p>Musical selections and appropriate toasts contributed to the success of both functions. Onlookers numbering over two hundred and fifty were deeply impressed by a baptismal service held in the waters of the River Taff. Nine baptisms were performed by Elders Marion J Olsen and Clarence r. Ellsworth. At a meeting held immediately after, the new members were confirmed by President Clarence H. Taylor and Elders Evan Arthur, Marion J. Olsen, Donald K. Ipson, Clarence R. Ellsworth, Frank R. Miller, and Vern R Butcher.</p> <p>President Clarence H. Taylor was honoured at an impromptu programme and social held by the Cardiff Branch in the Co-operative Hall. A large number of people were present, all of whom expressed deep regret over the departure of President Taylor. Refreshments and games completed the evening.</p>	No.13
RELEASES	ELDER Evan Arthur of the Welsh District June 14 th , sailing July 9 th , on the <i>Leviathan</i>	1932 Jun.30 No.26
FROM THE MISSION FIELD	WELSH (District) – Elder Frank R Miller baptised two converts in the River Taff at Cefn Coed, near Merthyr Tydfil, June 18 th . They were later confirmed by Elders Evan Arthur and Marion J Olsen.	1932 Jul.14 No.18
	<u>MISSION THREE – JUNE 1935 – SEPTEMBER 1937</u>	
AGE HATH NO BARRIERS	<p>Article: Background of Elder Evan Arthur who served three missions in Wales and Elder Joshua Rallison who served in Pontypool branch by Elder John W Boud.</p> <p>"PICTURE an elderly, slightly bent gentleman neatly dressed in grey leading a small gathering of saints and friends in a hymn. The scene is a branch meeting in one of the homes of the members in Merthyr Tydfil, a mining town nestled in the hills of South Wales—in the region of old castles. His face and hands are wizened with age, but his Welsh voice has all the melody and freshness of youth.</p>	1936 Jan.9 No.2

His whole being seems to throb with the rhythm of the music. He is happy. His countenance and the vigour in his voice reveal that.

That man is Elder **Evan Arthur**, who is on his third Latter-day Saint mission to his native land. He is 74 years of age and president of Merthyr Tydfil branch.

About 25 miles away another elderly gentleman goes from door to door, lifting his black bowler hat to reveal a panache of snowy hair as he proffers a tract at each door. He is Supervising Elder Joshua Rallison of Welsh district, who is labouring in Pontypool. Seventy years of age, he is another missionary who finds in age no barrier for spreading the restored Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Elders Rallison and Arthur, the two oldest travelling missionaries in Britain and two of the oldest in the Church, are examples of joy which the Gospel brings to those embracing its principles. No sacrifice is too great for them in their zeal to proclaim in their parent land, without monetary remuneration, the same message which brought new brightness and purpose to their lives when they accepted the Gospel in Britain decades ago.

Nothing brings greater felicity to **Elder Arthur** than to proclaim the Gospel with song. He sings wherever he goes. He recently led a congregation of hundreds of people in hymns at the Mission Health Exhibition in the Royal theatre in Pontypool. He is a former member of the world-famous Salt Lake Tabernacle choir and has sung in the Temple Annex and Salt Lake Oratorio choruses. Walking from village to village, tracting as he goes, is another fond proselyting practice of **Brother Arthur**. He has walked around Wales three times during his labours, and still covers by foot each month the distance of thirty miles between Merthyr Tydfil and Varteg, where he also conducts meetings.

Brother Rallison, in addition to fulfilling the responsible duties of supervising elder, has one of the best tracting records in the British mission.

As fascinating as the missionary experiences of these two elders are the stories of their reception of the Gospel. Not long after **Brother Arthur's** birth in Blaenavon, Wales, his grandparents joined the Church and emigrated to Utah. But young Evan's family remained in Wales. They were staunch Baptists. However, two years after he had left school at the age of 13 years, to work in a machine shop, his family emigrated to

Pennsylvania in eastern United States. They remained there only a short time and then pushed out across the plains to the West.

There **Evan**, who had been a choir boy in the Baptist church, became associated with the Mormons and sang in some of their conferences before ever giving a thought to baptism. One day the bishop of the ward in which he lived approached him. "Evan," he said, "when are you going to be baptized?"

A bit startled, the youth turned and answered, "I'm a Baptist, and one baptism is good enough for me."

Then the bishop explained to him that baptism into the true Church, like any ordinance of orderly government, must be performed by those who have authority. Only one church holds the same authority which Christ and His apostles had, he explained, and that was the church bearing His name.

Evan began to investigate. He read the story of the Prophet Joseph Smith's vision in which God the Father and His Son appeared, and learned how John the Baptist restored the Aaronic Priesthood to the Prophet and how Peter, James and John later conferred the Melchizedek Priesthood upon him. With the restoration of the Priesthood returned the authority to baptize.

After hearing a sermon at Tooele, Utah stake conference by the late Elder Francis M. Lyman of the Council of Twelve Apostles, **Evan** was convinced and applied for baptism. Since that time he has been an untiring worker in the Church. He served his first mission in Wales when President David O. McKay was presiding over the European and British mission (1922-24), and later laboured in Wales under President James E. Talmage (1924-28).

JOSHUA RALLISON was born in Cockney Clay, North Swaffham, Norfolk on March 23, 1865, the third child of a family of five. Reared in the Church of England, the only church in the village, he recalls an incident in his childhood which proved a turning point in his life:

When I was about eight years of age, I listened with the rest of family to my brother, Herbert, question the minister on his authority, or the authority of the bishop of the church, to lay his hands upon his head and confirm him a member of his denomination.

(Herbert was 12 years of age and the minister wished to confirm him with others at the confirmatory service of the Church of England.) The boy contended that the church did not have the organization of the primitive church as mentioned in the Bible and was only apostate from the Roman Catholic church. This being so, it could not possibly claim to have authority from God. He made his case so clear that the minister could not answer him, and after asking my parents who had been putting such ideas in the boy's head, left our home greatly puzzled. Herbert was not confirmed.

As they grew older, the little village had little to offer the brothers. The need of work caused them to leave their home, Joshua going north to Huddersfield, Yorkshire and Herbert going south to Cheltenham. Meanwhile they constantly searched for the true church which they felt must be on earth.

It was in 1883, when Joshua was 18 years of age, that he received a startling letter from his parents. It contained the news that Herbert had joined the "Mormons." Inquiry by the family had brought forth many weird and exaggerated stories. They asked Joshua to come home immediately. But not for long—for he was sent to Cheltenham to "rescue" his brother.

Young Joshua arrived in Cheltenham full of determination, but his anger soon faded away. Twenty-four hours with Elders William Panter and Nathaniel Hodges made him eager to search further for truth. He had arrived on a Friday morning and attended his first Latter-day Saint meeting the following Sunday. After the meeting he applied for baptism. On February 16th, 1884 he was immersed in the waters of baptism by Elder Panter.

Returning home beaming with happiness and enthusiasm, Joshua told his parents of the truths he had found. Soon a younger brother was baptized and from that time on the Rallison home became a regular stopping place for the elders. Four years later the family emigrated to Utah, where the parents joined the Church. There Elder Rallison had the pleasure of baptizing his mother and firstborn son, three generations being in the water at once.

Later Joshua and Herbert Rallison moved their families to Idaho, and became active in homesteading government land and in building chapels and school houses. Active in

	<p>both civic and Church affairs, Elder Rallison has served as county assessor and as state auditor of Idaho. Prior to his entering the mission field in January, 1934 he served as clerk of Franklin stake.</p> <p>Elder Rallison and his wife, Margaretta Hull Rallison, have been blessed with three sons and three daughters. All three sons and two of his daughters have filled missions. They have twenty grandchildren.</p> <p>The lives of Elders Arthur and Rallison have been full of trial, persecution and hardship, but in them one finds true expressions of devotion and sacrifice for a Gospel which has brought to them a full understanding of life. Like Alma the younger and the sons of Mosiah in the Book of Mormon writ they received the effulgent message of the Lord in young manhood, and, like them, went forth proclaiming the word because "they were desirous that salvation should be declared to every creature, for they could not bear that any human soul should perish." (Mosiah 28: 3.)</p>	
<p>WELSH DISTRICT CONFERENCE</p>	<p>“With President Joseph F Merrill of the Eurorpean Mission and President Joseph J Cannon of the British Mission in attendance, the autumnal series of district conferences began Sunday, September 6, at Merthyr Tydfil, Wales when 420 people attended the evening session of Welsh District conference in Miner’s Hall. Approximately 350 of that number were non-members.</p> <p>President Merrill spoke of the Resurrection and immortality of man, showing that every person who was ever born on earth will be resurrected, by virtue of the atonement of Christ. President Cannon bore a strong personal testimony of the Truth. Elder Darrell F Brady also spoke.</p> <p>Music for the evening session was provided by the Salem Male Choir, under the direction of Mr William Peters, L.T.S.C. A vocal solo was sung by Miss Betsy Watkins. District President Richard C Thomas was in charge.</p> <p>Genealogy work – theme of the autumn conferences – pervaded the afternoon meeting, also presided over by President Thomas. Speakers and their subjects included Sister Muriel Perry, ‘Pre-existence,’ Brother William Perry, ‘Necessity of</p>	<p>1936 Sep.10 No.37</p>

	<p>Salvation for Living and Dead,' and President Cannon, 'Work for the Living and Dead.'</p> <p>A report on Welsh District was given at the morning services by President Thomas. Other speakers were Supervising Elder Evan Arthur, President Cannon and Elder Brady. A vocal duet, 'The Lord is My Shepherd,' was sung by Brother and Sister Albert Perry. A testimony meeting was also held Sunday morning."</p>	
FROM THE MISSION FIELD	<p>WELSH (DISTRICT) — At the first sacrament service in Merthyr Tydfil's new chapel on Sunday, December 20. Elder Evan Arthur, 74 year old missionary who has laboured so hard and faithfully in its planning and construction, was the principal speaker.</p>	<p>1937 Jan.7 No.1</p>
RELEASES	<p>ELDER EVAN ARTHUR, who has laboured in Welsh and Liverpool Districts, being supervising elder of the former, to return to his home in Salt Lake City.</p>	<p>1937 Aug.5 No.31</p>