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Haydn Davies

The present minister provides an account of the history of the church situated in the Ithon Valley in the parish of Llananno in Radnorshire. Notwithstanding its remote location, by 1883 the church had become one of the largest in the Baptist Association, second only in size to that at Newtown, Montgomeryshire.. In the twentieth century the pastor of Maesyrhelem also served as the minister of other churches, and currently four belong to the Maesyrhelem Group. The Maesyrhelem church has played a significant part in Association life and the Revd Haydn Davies has also served as President of the English Assembly of the Baptist Union of Wales 1997-98. An Appendix lists the men from the church who were recognized by the Association as Assistant Preachers in the period 1843-1931. It is a timely reminder of the contribution of lay preachers to the Gospel preaching.

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