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Front row - left to right: Mr George Barrah, Mrs Sarah Morgan, Mrs Beattie Llewellyn, Miss Dixon, Mrs Edith Dixon, Mr W E Dixon, Mrs Olive Stephens, Mrs Viney Hughes, Miss Dixon, Mr Owen Dixon (the younger son, who predeceased his father), Miss Dixon, Mrs Floratina Palmer

2nd row: Mrs. Eric Stephens, Mrs. Myra Rees, Mrs. Blodwen Gettings, Mrs. May Prout, Mrs. Clarice Rees, Mrs. Anna Palmer, Mrs. Aileen Lewis, Mrs. Polly Stokes, Mrs. Lillian John, Miss George, Mrs. Eva Hughes.

3rd row: Mrs. Annie Palmer, Mrs. Nellie Hughes, Mrs. Phyllis Phillips (whose husband was killed in the colliery), Mrs. Dolly Davies, Miss Sarah Ann Palmer, Mrs. Bella Thomas, Miss Sarah Morgan, Mrs. Dora Thomas, Miss Stephens, Mrs. Ellen Phillips, Mrs. Stephens.

4th row: Miss Lottie Morgan, Mrs. Beattie Morgan, Mrs. Louie Havard, Mrs. Phillips, Miss Millie Thomas, Mrs. Lottie Jones, Mrs. Katie Palmer, Mrs. Gladys England, Mrs. Flossie Roch, Mrs. Kathleen Evans.

5th row: Mrs. Pattie Harwood, Miss Dixon, Mrs. Florrie May Barrah, Miss Maggie Swindle, Mrs. Florrie Palmer, Mrs. Maud Phillips, Mrs. Olga Davies, Mrs. Muriel Thomas, Miss Cynthia John, Mrs. Lily Saines.

6th row: Messrs. Edwin Palmer, William Llewellyn, Willie John Hughes, Tommy Hitchings, Willie Hitchings, Mervyn George, Affie Bevan, Eric Stephens, Willie George Barnett, Leslie Palmer, Tom Hughes.

In 1922, the well-known Mr. W. E. Dixon moved into Williamston House, Houghton, and just one year later he formed this choir at Galilee Baptist Chapel in Llangwm. Under its energetic conductor the choir rapidly achieved a fine reputation, and guest stars came from far afield to sing in its major concerts. Mr. Dixon himself had a good tenor voice and his wife, Edith, two sons and five daughters were all valuable members, with the eldest daughter, Mrs. Gladys Morgan, also a first class accompanist on the piano.

Before he moved to Houghton, Mr. Dixon had formed the Haverfordwest Choral Society and throughout his long life (he died in 1950, in his 80th year) he devoted a great deal of his time to music.

In business as a timber merchant, he was a County Councillor, had been Chairman of Pembrokeshire County Council and was an Alderman of Haverfordwest Borough Council. W.E. Dixon was noted for his forthright manner and for the strong stand he took on economy in local government.

Sixty years ago, in the year after it was formed, the Llangwm Choir performed the Hallelujah Chorus in Galilee Chapel, and this photograph was taken after the performance. The photographer was Mr. Seth Griffiths, the well-known Haverfordwest photographer, whose studio was in Picton Place.