

# CHOIR WINS £40 AND CUP

## SUCCESS AT FIRST ATTEMPT

Pontypridd Educational Settlement. Male Voice Choir, which a year ago only had 10 members, gained first prize at a semi-national eisteddfod held at Llanharan on Saturday. The opposition consisted of the redoubtable Ebbw Vale, Neath and Llanharan male choirs.

It was the first competition for the Pontypridd choir to enter and 32 of its 58 members had never before been on a concert platform, a fact that makes their triumph an even more notable achievement. The choir now look forward with zest to competing at Glynneath on July 7, at Lydney on July 14, and at Aberystwyth on August 25. In view of the remarks of the chief adjudicator, Dr. Lionel Salter (London), Mr Gwilym T. Jones (the conductor) says that the choir will feel more confident of success in future competition.

The adjudication on Pontypridd Male Voice Choir was: "Attack and balance was very good and there was an alertness about the whole rendering which was most taking.

"It was a musical performance that was made very vivid from beginning to end, with plenty of colouring—light and shade—by a well-balanced choir that had good tone."

The piece the choir chose for competition was "Castilla," a Spanish ballad written by Mr P. W. Gunsaulus and arranged by Dr. Protheroe. Apart from a challenge cup, the choir received a cheque for £40, and a silver medallion was presented to the conductor.