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MEN IN SWOONS.

THE "WONDERFUL WOMAN OF CARMEL'S" RECEPTIONS.

"The wonderful woman of Carmel" is the description which is being given of Mrs. Mary Jones, the wife of a collier and a woman of humble origin, who is creating extraordinary scenes in Wales.

While those who are unaffected by her religious ecstasies urge nothing against the séances which the woman holds in her thatched cottage, they strongly deprecate her unexpected appearance at various places of worship.

Mrs. Jones visited a farm-house at Cwmtwrch, in the Swansea Valley, preparatory to attending revival services in the little place. Surrounded by friends, the woman, who claims to have the power to cast out devils, held a remarkable reception, lapsed into apparent unconsciousness, and then while the thirty or forty men around her were singing and gesticulating wildly she rose suddenly, stretched out her arms towards a young man, and collapsed again.

A man examined her hands, on the palms of which, he declared, he read in Welsh the words, "I am the resurrection and the life."

On Sunday evening Mrs. Jones appeared at Beulah Chapel, and in the course of a wild and incoherent address declared that she had been standing on Calvary, and had heard strange things. The man who had examined her hands fell in a swoon, and the scene became one of indescribable confusion. When he recovered the man wept aloud, and others swooned and wept also.

A leader of religious thought in Wales said yesterday that these scenes were as foreign to the true spirit of Mr. Evan Roberts's revival as could be imagined. Unless sternly discouraged, the so-called mission would have grave consequences.
