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INAUGURAL LECTURE

Weathering the frightful hurricane which brought havoc to the South of England, Mr John Grigg succeeded in reaching Aberystwyth on 16 October 1987 to deliver the inaugural lecture of the Welsh Political Archive. His subject was *Lloyd George and Wales*. Lloyd George would have been delighted, by the weather, the subject, the speaker and the occasion. He loved storms; his Welshness ran deep; the speaker was the author of an authoritative and sympathetic multi-volume biography; and the National Library of Wales was (as the speaker reminded his audience) a beneficiary of Lloyd George's favour when he was at the Treasury.

In an eloquent lecture, Mr Grigg gave a thoughtful analysis of Lloyd George's relationship with the land that nurtured him and which came to expect so much of him. He traced Lloyd George's views on Welsh issues and emphasised his favourable treatment of Wales when in power. He presented much interesting evidence, pointing, for example, to the extra moneys granted to Welsh colleges and the National Library by Lloyd George and to his comment: *'What's the use of being a Welsh Chancellor of the Exchequer if one can do nothing for Wales?'*. He also referred to that 'Welsh Mafia' of advisers and civil servants who joined Lloyd George's entourage when he became Prime Minister.

The large audience present at the lecture, and those unable to be there, will be pleased to learn that the lecture has been published by the National Library of Wales (for full details see below).

The Welsh Political Archive's annual lecture for 1988 will be held on Friday 4 November. The lecturer will be Dr Kenneth O Morgan who has recently been appointed the Principal of the University College of Wales, Aberystwyth.

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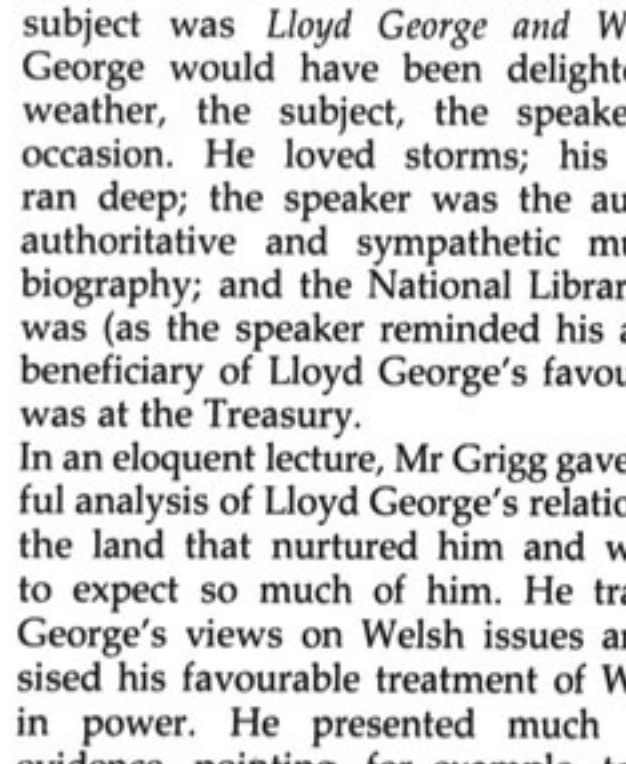

LLOYD GEORGE AND WALES
John Grigg

The Welsh Political Archive Annual Lecture 1987
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The Advisory Committee
The Welsh Political Archive's Advisory Committee, which was set up in 1985 to assist the Archive in fulfilling its objectives, met again in October 1987.
The Chairman welcomed three members to their first meeting: Lord Hooson, Mr Emyr Daniel and Mr Hefin Williams. Among matters discussed were possible new acquisitions, the Archive's Annual Lecture and the setting up of a computerised database of Welsh election results.

The present members of the Committee are:
The Librarian, Dr Brynley F Roberts (Chairman)
Dr Denis Balsom, UCW, Aberystwyth
Dr Deidre Beddoe, The Polytechnic of Wales
Mr John Clement, formerly Under-Secretary at the Welsh Office
Mr Emyr Daniel, Deputy-Head of Programmes HTV
Mr Tom Ellis (Social and Liberal Democratics)
Lord Hooson (The Welsh Liberal Party)
Dr Deian Hopkin, UCW, Aberystwyth
Mr D Elwyn Jones, Conservative Party agent
Mr Jon Vaughan Jones, Research Officer, Labour Party Wales
Mr David Melding, Research Officer, Conservative Central Office for Wales
Dr Kenneth O Morgan, The Queen's College, Oxford
Mr Gareth Price, Controller, BBC Wales
Mr Ted Rowlands, Member of Parliament (The Labour Party)
Mrs Lorna Schärer (Social and Liberal Democrats)
Dr Dafydd Elis Thomas, Member of Parliament (Plaid Cymru)
Professor Gwyn A Williams, UC Cardiff
and from the National Library's staff: Mr Daniel Huws, Mr Gwyn Jenkins, Mrs Beti Jones, Mr J Graham Jones and Mr Hefin Williams.

Hel Straeon
Ymddangosodd Mrs Beti Jones ar y rhaglen deledu 'Hel Straeon' ar 25 Tachwedd 1987 yn dangos rhai o'r taflenni a phamffledi gwleidyddol a gasglwyd gan yr Archif Wleidyddol. Cymharwyd taflenni'r gorffennol â'r taflenni lliwgar a gynhyrchir heddiw a dangoswyd un o'r taflenni etholiadol cynharaf ymhlith daliadau'r Llyfrgell sef taflen Syr John Williams yn etholiad Sir Gaerfyrddin, 1837.
(Mrs Beti Jones appeared on the Welsh language television programme 'Hel Straeon' on 25 November 1987 showing some of the leaflets and pamphlets collected by the Archive).

Bronze bust of Viscount Tonypandy by the Cardiff portrait sculptor Luke Shepherd. This bust was purchased recently by the National Library's Department of Picture and Maps.

New Principal
The Welsh Political Archive was particularly pleased to learn of the appointment of Dr Kenneth O Morgan to the Principalship of the University College of Wales, Aberystwyth. Dr Morgan is a member of the Archive's Advisory Committee and we wish him well in his new post.

Database of Welsh Election Results
The Welsh Political Archive, in conjunction with the National Library's Automation Unit, is in the process of setting up a computerised database of Welsh election results. The database will include all Welsh district, county, parliamentary, and E.E.C. election results backdated, eventually, to 1973 when local government was reorganised.
In preparation at present is a booklet containing the General Election Results for 1983 and 1987 with an introduction by Dr Denis Balsom of the Department of Politics, Aberystwyth. It is hoped that this booklet will be published during June 1988.

HENRY RICHARD (1812–1888)

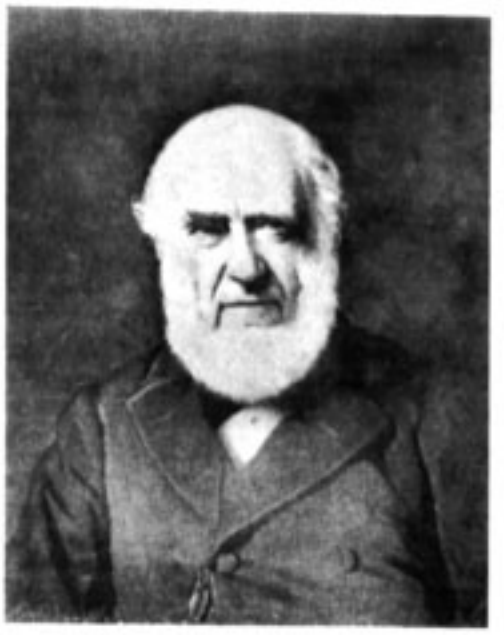
Mae'r flwyddyn 1988 yn achlysur dathlu nifer o ddigwyddiadau pwysig yn ein hanes. Cofir yn arbennig am ymddangosiad cyfieithiad yr Esgob William Morgan, o'r Beibl yn 1588 ac am orchfygiad yr Armada yn yr un flwyddyn. Y mae'n werth cofio hefyd i ganrif fynd heibio ers marwolaeth Henry Richard, 'Apostol Heddwch', ar 20fed o Awst 1888.

Ceir nifer sylweddol o lythyrau oddi wrth Richard a chyfeiriadau at ei waith mewn sawl casgliad yn y Llyfrgell Genedlaethol. Cofir amdano'n bennaf efallai fel y buddugwr Rhyddfrydol yn etholiad 1868 yn Merthyr Tudful, er yn 1865 daethai allan yn ymgeisydd dros sir Aberteifi, ond tynnodd yn ôl. Ceir un o'r cyfeiriadau cynharaf at ei ymgeisyddiaeth ym Merthyr mewn llythyr at Samuel Roberts, 6 Awst 1867: *'I have just been seeing a highly respectable deputation from Merthyr and Aberdare inviting me to become a candidate for the representation of the new seat'*. (NLW 13197C).

Flwyddyn yn ddiweddarach soniodd wrth Thomas Gee am *'a most encouraging account of my prospects and a very discouraging one of Bruce's'* (NLW 8308D).

Yn 1935 cyflwynodd ei nithoedd, Magdalen a Mary Evans, Llundain, nifer o gyfrolau o eiddo Richard, ac yn eu plith ei ddyddiadur am 1853, 1854 a 1863 (NLW 10199B), lle ceir amryw gyfeiriadau at ei waith yn y mudiad heddwch, a chyfres o ddyddiaduron taith, 1849–86 (NLW 10,200–8). Yn y cyfnod hwn bu'n teithio yn Ffrainc, yr Almaen, yr Eidal, y Swistir a'r Alban. Ceir hefyd gofrestr deuluol a gadwyd gan Ebenezer Richard, Tregaron, tad Henry, rhwng 1809 a 1836 (NLW 10196C), lle gwelir cyfeiriad at enedigaeth Henry, 3 Ebrill 1812. Ar 11 Tachwedd 1835 cyfeirir at *'one of the most solemn, weighty and momentous days of our lives being called upon to attend at the Ordination of our dearly beloved Henry at Marlborough Chapel in the Old Kent Road'*.

Ymhlith papurau'r diweddar John Victor Evans, a ddaeth i law yn 1980, ceir ffrwyth ymchwil manwl Mr Evans ar yrfa Henry Richard ynghŷd â nifer o ffynonellau gwreiddiol a gasglwyd ganddo. Yn eu plith mae ugain llythyr oddi wrth Richard at ei rieni pan yn fyfyriwr yng Ngholeg Highbury, Llundain, 1830–1, a llythyr oddi wrth drysorydd y coleg at Ebenezer Richard, 28 Awst 1830, yn cyfeirio at Henry: *'I am rather pleased with his appearance but he is quite a stranger and has never preached'*. Ceir hefyd ateb Ebenezer: *'. . . 'My dear child has*



been made the subject of a divine, supernatural and a holy change some years back'.

Mewn llythyr at Mr Evans yn 1922 dywed y Parch Gwilym Davies: *'It is amazing how Henry Richard's work has been neglected'*. Er i lawer iawn o waith gael ei wneud ar yrfa a phwysigrwydd Richard ers hynny, hwyrach y bydd y flwyddyn hon o ddathlu yn gyfle inni ail-ystyried o ddifrif ei gyfraniad ac arwyddocâd ei waith i ninnau heddiw.

CLWM

Following discussions at a meeting of CLWM, a forum of Welsh librarians, questionnaires were sent by the Welsh Political Archive to County Librarians asking for information on their holdings relating to Welsh politics. The Archive is grateful to those Librarians who have replied to the questionnaire as this has assisted the Archive in building up its data on sources on Welsh political history.

Most libraries now collect political pamphlets and leaflets and some, such as Aberdare Central Library, hold ephemera dating from 1837 onwards. Local election literature is also being collected; in Clwyd the policy is that all libraries should collect such literature. An interesting early minute book, the Welsh Liberal Members Committee Minute Book, 1886–1889, is preserved at the Central Library, Newport. A photocopy of this has been acquired by the Welsh Political Archive (ref NLW Facs 627).

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Labour Party (Wales) Archive
One of the major sources on modern Welsh political history is the Labour Party (Wales) Archive deposited in the Welsh Political Archive in 1985 (see *Newsletter*, no 1, Winter 1985–86). The Archive has now received a further group of papers. This group includes over sixty files of correspondence and papers dating from 1951 to 1982. Among the subjects covered are Devolution, Broadcasting in Wales, By-Elections (1966–82), General Elections and European Elections.
The Labour Party (Wales) Archive is subject to the standard Labour Party embargo of 15 years.

Papurau Dafydd Wigley
Yn Hydref 1987 derbyniwyd casgliad sylweddol o ohebiaeth etholaethol Mr Dafydd Wigley AS. Daw'r ohebiaeth hon o Swyddfa Plaid Cymru, Caernarfon, ac mae'n cynnwys rhai miloedd o lythyron oddi wrth etholwyr Arfon yn dyddio o 1974, pan etholwyd Mr Wigley yn Aelod Seneddol am y tro cyntaf, hyd at 1983. Ar hyn o bryd, nid oes modd gweld y papurau hyn heb ganiatâd yr adneuydd.
(The constituency correspondence, 1974–83, of Mr Dafydd Wigley MP has been placed on deposit. For the time being it can only be consulted with the depositor's permission.)

Cymric Federation Press Papers
For many years the Cymric Federation Press, Cardiff, printed all the conference reports, posters and pamphlets of the National Union of Mineworkers (South Wales Area) as well as printing many thousands of leaflets on behalf of the Labour Party.
Following the recent closure of the Press, the Welsh Political Archive was given copies of a wide range of material printed by the Press between 1950 and 1985. These include, for example, Harold Finch MP's Election Addresses from 1950 to 1966 and leaflets printed on behalf of thirteen Ward Labour Parties in Cardiff covering the period 1961 to 1986.

Conservatives on microfilm
The Archive has recently purchased microfilm copies of files (refs CC02 and CC04) relating to the Conservative Party in Wales, 1948–64, from the Conservative Party Archives at the Bodleian Library, Oxford (ref NLW Film 743–4).

Viscount Tonypandy Papers
A further group of correspondence and papers has been added to the papers already donated by Lord Tonypandy (see *Newsletter*, No 1, Winter 1985–86).
This group consists of some thousands of letters and documents which date from the period 1986–87, and reflect Lord Tonypandy's wide range of interests following his retirement as Speaker and his elevation to the House of Lords. These include work for several charities including The National Children's Home.
The permission of Lord Tonypandy is required to see his Papers.

Alliance Committee for Wales
With the foundation of a new party, the Social and Liberal Democrats, the records of the now defunct Alliance will be of considerable interest to future historians of the realignment of British politics during the 1980s. It is therefore gratifying to note that the Archive has acquired the Minutes of the Alliance Committee for Wales for the period 1985 to 1987, through the good offices of the Secretary of the Committee, Councillor Cecilia Barton. These Minutes are subject to a ten year embargo.

Archifau Plaid Cymru
Derbyniwyd grŵp arall o Archifau Plaid Cymru drwy law Mr Elwyn Roberts, cyn-drefnydd y Blaid.
Mae'r grŵp hwn yn cynnwys papurau sy'n dyddio gan fwyaf o'r 1960au a'r 1970au ond y mae yna hefyd Lyfr Cofnodion Cynadleddau Blynyddol Plaid Cymru, 1933–63. Ymhlith yr ohebiaeth ceir llythyrau gan nifer o Bleidwyr amlwg fel Dr Kate Roberts, D J Williams, Ted Merriman ac Islwyn Ffowc Elis a chasgliad diddorol o lythyrau gan Hywel Hughes, Bogota, 1957–70.
(An additional deposit to the Plaid Cymru Archive has been received)

Welsh Liberal Party Archives
As this *Newsletter* was going to press, a large group of papers of the Welsh Liberal Party was placed on deposit. This group will be amalgamated with an earlier group deposited by Mrs Lorna Schärer, former secretary of the WLP, in September 1987.
At present these papers are being sorted and listed. Further details will be given in the next issue of the *Newsletter*.