

ADRODDIAD BLYNYDDOL / ANNUAL REPORT 1910-11

COURTS OF GREAT SESSIONS IN WALES

1911001

Ffynhonnell / Source

The Public Record Office

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The Court of Governors having accepted a proposal made by the Authorities of the Public Record Office to transfer to the National Library certain documents relating to Wales, the transfer was sanctioned by the Master of the Rolls and by Parliament.

Three consignments have been received, consisting of documents relating to the Proceedings before the Justice of Chester, and in the Courts of Great Sessions in Wales. The series consists of the Prothonotary's Papers 1660-1830, for the Twelve Counties of Wales and the County of Chester, being the files of miscellaneous letters and papers connected with the current business of the Prothonotary, in whose office were filed all proceedings in Civil actions in the Courts of Great Sessions in Wales. They include applications for the issue of writs, for copies of documents, etc., retainers of attorneys, formal affidavits and correspondence. The files of the several circuits are described by different names, e.g., "Prothonotary's Minutes", "Retainers", (of attorneys), "Titlings", "Circuit Fiats", and "Session Files".

Other documents comprise Prothonotary's Bill Books, Cursitor's Files, Writ Books, Docket Books of Cursitor's Writs, etc., etc.

The quantity of documents is considerable. Special shelving for the storing and preservation of these records has been provided, and it is proposed to proceed with the calendaring of them at an early date.

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Llysoedd y Sesiwn Fawr, Caer.

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Schedule Available.

EXHIBITION OF SIR JOHN WILLIAMS LIBRARY

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During July and August 1909, a selection of Manuscripts and Books from Sir John Williams' Library was placed on exhibition, and a large number of visitors availed themselves of this opportunity of seeing for the first time some of the precious MSS of the Hengwrt and other collections, and other unique, rare, and beautiful books. A descriptive catalogue of the exhibition was printed, and found a ready sale.

SIR JOHN BALLINGER: LECTURE ON THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF WALES

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The Librarian has prepared a lecture on the National Library, describing its aims and objects, and some of its choicest possessions. The lecture, illustrated with lantern slides, has been delivered at Carmarthen, Llanelly and Aberystwyth, in each case to large and appreciative audiences. It is proposed to give the lecture during the coming autumn and winter at other centres.

Mynegai

Caerfyrddin, Llanelli.

GIFTS

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Dr Henry Owen of Poyston et al

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A considerable number of Gifts - large and small - have been received, making in the aggregate a very material contribution to the building up of the National Library. The names of all donors who have contributed between the date of the last report and the 30th October 1910, are included in an appendix.

The Treasurer, Dr Henry Owen, of Poyston, has presented a fine plate in gun-metal, with the name of the Library, which has been fixed outside the entrance of the building.

Some notes on the more valuable and interesting gifts will be found in the Librarian's report on the additions to the Library appended to this report.

EDWARD HUMPHREY OWEN OF TY COCH

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The Council, after careful consideration, and a thorough inspection and valuation, purchased the library of the late Mr Edward Humphrey Owen, F.S.A., of Ty Coch, near Carnarvon. This fine collection of choice books numbering a little over 3,000 volumes, includes a number of rare Welsh and English books, some manuscripts, many works of reference and sets of publications of Societies which are a valuable addition (NLW MSS 815-68). A report on the collection is printed as an Appendix to this report.

JOHN PENRI, 'A TREATISE OF THE AEQUITY OF A HUMBLE SUPPLICATION'

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A copy of the rarest of John Penri's Tracts "A treatise of the Aequity of a Humble Supplication", 1587 (Dept of Printed Books).

CIVIL WAR TRACTS

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A number of Civil War Tracts relating to Wales, mostly from the library of Lord Polwarth (Dept of Printed Books).

COLEMAN

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The Coleman Collection of Deeds.

These and other important purchases are described in the Librarian's report on Additions to the Library. Mynegai

Caernarfon, Caernarvon.
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PICTURES AND MAPS

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The department of Prints and Drawings has already made a good beginning. A number of prints have been received from a donor who desires to remain anonymous. The same donor has also given a number of books and rare pamphlets. For this department Sir John Williams has presented his portfolios of Prints and Drawings - a large and valuable collection ranging over every county in Wales, and including a fine series of original drawings made by Thomas Rowlandson, during a tour through Wales in 1797; a volume of original drawings of places in South Wales made in 1806 by Williams Payne; a series of 86 Sepia drawings, Views in Wales, by Sir Richard Colt Hoare, 1810; thirty-two lithographs of Drawings by Thomas Barker of Bath, 1832; a large volume of original sketches and studies by Richard Wilson; and many other original drawings of great interest and value.

The collection of prints and drawings made by the late Mr John Proctor Eeles of Penarth, relating to the County of Monmouth, was purchased (Dept of Pictures and Maps).

Portraits and Maps are included in this department, and also Picture Post Cards, Brass Rubbings, and all other forms of pictorial representation of Wales and its life.

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De Cymru, Caerfaddon, Sir Fynwy.

NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS

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The Library has made further progress with the work of collecting and filing all the newspapers and periodicals issued in Wales and Monmouthshire, and of the periodicals dealing with the Celtic peoples in all parts of the world. Several publications have been added to the list, though it is still incomplete, notably in the matter of the localized publications, issued by religious bodies. These contain information relating to the several churches not to be found elsewhere, the cumulative value of which is considerable. A special effort will be made to bring before the different religious bodies the importance of supplying copies.

The warmest thanks of the Court are due to the proprietors of newspapers and periodicals who have supplied file copies free. Nearly every periodical and newspaper included in the list published as an appendix to this report is so supplied.

The following files of newspapers for past years have been obtained:-

Aberystwyth Times and Cambrian News, 1870-7 (Dept of Printed Books). Deposited by Messrs Woodall, Minshall, Thomas & Co., Oswestry.

Cambrian News, Aberystwyth, 31 Vols, 1878-1909 (Dept of Printed Books). Presented by Messrs Gibson & Son.

Y Goleuad, from No. 1 (1869) to date (Dept of Printed Books). Presented mainly by Miss Mary C Ellis, Manchester, with a few from other sources to complete.

Salopian Journal and Shrewsbury Chronicle, 1842, 1844, 1850 (Dept of Printed Books). Presented by Mr Morris of Welshpool.

The Welsh Gazette, Aberystwyth, from No 1, 1899, to date (Dept of Printed Books). Presented by Rev. George Eyre Evans.

The Rhondda Leader, December 1899 to 1908 (Dept of Printed Books). Presented by Mrs Walter Lloyd, Aberdare.

The Welshman, Carmarthen, 1835, 1841-59, 1862, 1863, 1865, 1868 (Dept of Printed Books). Presented by Sir John Williams.

South Wales Daily News, 1892-1909 (Dept of Printed Books). Purchased.

The Demetian Mirror, Aberystwyth, 1840 (Dept of Printed Books). Presented by Rev. William Evans, M.A., Vicar of Fishguard, and Mrs Evans.

CATALOGUES OF PRINTED BOOKS

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The work of arranging and cataloguing the collections of printed books is proceeding. The following catalogues are all in type and will be published as soon as the work of revision is done viz:- The Celynog Library, Books of 1909, Civil War Tracts.

These catalogues represent over 300 pages of printed matter. Besides being printed as catalogues in book form, each entry will be separately printed on cards to form part of the general card catalogue of the Library. A large number of books have been catalogued, and the cards printed beyond those comprised in the three groups just noted.

PRINTING DEPARTMENT

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The Council decided to adopt the Monotype Keyboard for cataloguing purposes, which relieves the staff of a great deal of drudgery, expedites the work of cataloguing, and provides printed instead of typewritten cards, - a great convenience to the public. The suggestion to adopt this machine came from Dr Gwenogvryn Evans, who offered to present to the Library his hand printing press with all its accessories. This he has now done. The press has an historical interest because Dr Evans's texts of the Black Book of Carmarthen, the White Book Mabinogion, and other works have been printed with it. It is not too much to say that these works are amongst the finest examples of modern printing.

To complete the equipment for printing the Catalogue Cards, it was found that a small platen printing machine was necessary, and this has generously been presented by Mr Penry Vaughan Thomas, a former student of the College at Aberystwyth.

It may be convenient to refer more fully to the use of the Monotype Keyboard in Catalogue work. The Monotype operator composes on the keyboard the Catalogue entries. The paper ribbon is at present sent away for type to be cast, the type being returned to the Library where proofs are pulled for the use of the Cataloguer, who makes any corrections or additions necessary. These are set by hand from reserve type in the Library, and the cards for the card catalogue are then printed off, and arranged by the Cataloguer with entries for author, title, subject, cross references, and any other heading required. The immense advantage of this method over the writing of slips and typewriting of cards is obvious.

The liability to mistakes is reduced to a minimum - the Cataloguer has the final word before the cards are printed, and his work is not liable to typewriter errors. Once the printed entry is passed twenty-five copies can be rapidly reproduced on the printing press. The advantages of this easy multiplication are many.

When a book has been catalogued in the National Library, printed cards can be supplied to other libraries and to private collectors at a nominal price. The catalogue cards are now standardized throughout the world. The National Library will thus supply a ready means of cataloguing other collections at small cost.

The Library of Congress at Washington supplies cards in this way to American and other Libraries.

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Llyfr Du Caerfyrddin, Llyfr Gwyn.

TY COCH LIBRARY

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The valuable collection of Books and Manuscripts made by Mr Edward Humphrey Owen, F.S.A., of Ty Coch, near Carnarvon, was purchased from his representative and removed to the National Library in May 1910 (NLW MSS 815-68).

Mr Owen was a gentleman of scholarly and refined tastes, and devoted the best years of his life to the collection of a library, confining his choice of books to subjects in which he took an interest. He was a connoisseur of books. Fine copies, clean, tall and well-bound, were his special delight. Having acquired a fine book he knew how to keep it from harm, and in consequence, nearly every book in the collection is in good condition, while many are in an exceptionally fine state.

His sister, Miss Owen, of Ty Coch, in disposing of the books, desired to secure their preservation as a collection, and stipulated that they should be kept together, and not at any time dispersed. To these conditions the Council of the National Library have agreed, the books will be known as the Ty Coch Library, and Mr Owen's bookplate will be retained in every book. Having regard to these conditions Miss Owen met the Council in a fair and even generous spirit, and the collection has been purchased for a reasonable sum.

One of the most interesting books in the collection is a small volume of 160 pages, containing the poems of Rhys Prichard, Vicar of Llandovery, who died in 1644. The early editions of his famous poems, afterwards collected under the title of *Canwyll y Cymru*, have hitherto baffled the skill of Welsh bibliographers. From the collected edition of 1672 onwards it is fairly plain sailing, though additions have been made recently to the knowledge of editions subsequent to that date. Before 1672 three editions were known viz., The third part, dated 1670, and what has hitherto been accepted as the second part of which there are two known issues, both dated 1659, but containing a note stating that in one case it is the fourth time the book has been printed, while in the other it states that it is the third time. The copy now found is also dated 1659, but differs slightly from the other two issues of the same date, more particularly by the statement that it is the second time the book has been printed. This clears the ground for the discovery of one more edition, and the bibliography of this notable book will be practically complete.

The discovery now made makes it fairly certain that after the author's death, Stephen Hughes was responsible for five issues of parts of *Canwyll y Cymru* before the collected edition of 1672 of which he was also the Editor.

Mr Owen was not an omnivorous collector of Welsh books, but he was always on the watch for rare and interesting books, and there are many such treasures in his library. It is only possible to mention a few, but these will appeal to all book collectors:

Gemmeu Doethineb by Rhys Prydderch, of Ystrad Walter. This well preserved volume is bound up with three other books which were all issued from the press about the same time, viz.: *Rhybydd Teg mewn Pryd Da*, 1714, *Caniadau Nefol*, by David Lewis, 1714, and *Flores Poetarum Britannicorum*, 1710, published by David Lewis from the manuscript of Dr Davies of Mallwyd. Three of these books were printed by Durston at Shrewsbury, and the fourth by his predecessor Thomas Jones. They are all neat little books, and considering the difficulties a country printer of those days had to encounter, both as regards type and paper, they reflect considerable credit upon the publishers. Durston was perhaps the least slovenly of the Shrewsbury printers, but his subsequent productions did not reach the high water mark of his prentice days. For some reason or other the first three books are very rare, though the National Library already had copies of them. The author of the first book was for forty years the head of an academy for training ministers of the Nonconformist denominations, at a time when penal statutes were enforced against Dissenters, and he is venerated to this day as one of the wisest of the teachers and organizers who laid down the foundations of Nonconformity in South Wales. The book contains about 800 aphorisms, many collected from the works of Puritan teachers like Ralph Venning, full of quaint wisdom and clear thought. *Caniadau Nefol* was the work of another Nonconformist divine, David Lewis, who died before the issue of the book. It was brought out by his friend, one C Lewis, who writes a touching preface to the little book: "Ere he had finished his song, or had time to perfect it, he was removed to another world, so that it would be fitting to call it the song of a swan, for it is said that sweeter is the music the swan sings as it dies than ever in its life-time."

There are several books in the collection which at one time belonged to Mr John Jones, of Dinorben, an unknown but most versatile collector of Welsh books. Mr Jones supplied Gwilym Llynn with a great deal of the information found in *Llyfryddiaeth y Cymry*, though he is not acknowledged anywhere in the book, or even mentioned. He was in the habit of writing notes on the fly-leaves of his books, and many of these notes contain valuable information, which it is impossible to find elsewhere. In a copy of *Perl y Cymro* in the Ty Coch Library, he has a long and interesting note on David Williams, the London-Welsh bookseller.

There is also in the collection a perfect copy of the rare book, *Trysor i'r Cymru*, 1677, which once belonged to John Jones (Dept of Printed Books). Among other books may be mentioned (Dept of Printed Books):

Llyfr Homiliau, 1606. 2 copies.

Llyfr y Resolusion, 1632.

Allwydd Paradwys, 1670.

Y Sillafydd, Mwythig, 1718.

Welsh Testament, 1741. 2 copies.

Welsh Testament, 1756.

Aleluia, by William Williams, Pantycelyn, 1749.

Gildas, The editions of 1525 and 1568.

Ymofynion iw hatteb gan Brocatorion, Wardeniaid a Swyddogion eraill ar ymweliad escobal gyntaf y Gwir Barchedig Dad Humphrey Humphreys Escob Bangor, yn 1690. An interesting reminiscence of this patriotic prelate.

Cofrestr o'r holl Lyfrau printiedig, by Moses Williams, 1717.

The last named was the first attempt to compile a bibliography of Welsh literature. It has become extremely scarce.

Of the *Testament Newydd*, 1567, translated by William Salesbury, there are two copies in the Ty Coch Library, one of which is said to have belonged to Howel Harris of Trefecca. The story of its acquisition is given in the book, and is worthy of reproduction. The name of Howel Harris does not appear in the book, but Mr Owen has inserted a letter of which the following is an extract:

Many years ago, an Anglesey Calvinistic Minister (believed to be the late Rev. Thomas Jones, Amlwch), in the habit of going at times to South Wales, called at Trefecca, and begged of the person in charge of the Institution there, to have an old book as a memento of Howel Harris. He fixed on this identical copy of the New Testament, which probably was the likeliest book, from its age, to have been his, and on strong demurrance being made, went on his knees to beg to have it, and his importunity prevailed.

By a recent decision of the South Wales Association of the Calvinistic Methodists, Howel Harris's library at Trevecca, is to be placed in the National Library, so that the book will once more return to its fellows.

There is also a beautiful and perfect copy of the Welsh Bible of 1588, perfect copies of which have now become extremely scarce. Another interesting book is the second edition (1656) of *Ymarfer Duwioldeb*, the Welsh translation of *The Practice of Piety*, by Bishop Bayly, a native of Meidrim in Carmarthenshire. The Library now possesses perfect copies of all the editions of this book, which is regarded as one of the classics of Welsh Literature. Although it is the first duty of the Council of the National Library to procure copies of the important books published in the Welsh language, it is just as much their special duty to secure rarer and more ephemeral publications, such as chap-books, almanacs and ballads.

Most of these publications have no literary value whatsoever, but they supply the social historian with valuable side-lights which he cannot obtain elsewhere. It appears that Mr Edward Owen, through the services of Myrddin Fardd, that most industrious and indefatigable collector of Welsh books, purchased the collection of chap-books formed by David Evans of Llanrwst, in the second quarter of the 19th century.

There are about 100 individual items relating to the 17th and 18th centuries in this collection, and many of them are probably unique. Regarded as a collection of Welsh books, the Ty Coch library is not a large one, but it contains an exceptional number of rare books, and it has filled many gaps in the National Library.

Besides the books in Welsh, the Ty Coch Library is devoted mainly to Archaeology, History, Topography, Genealogy, Heraldry and Bibliography. It includes most of the important works and sets of books required to form a North Wales Collection, though naturally many of the books relate to Wales in general, and the rest of the United Kingdom.

The Library includes a fine collection, mostly first editions and embracing practically every printed work from the pen of John Ruskin - a total of 127 volumes.

In the same connection may be mentioned first editions of the works of George Borrow, books from the Baskerville and Strawberry Hill presses, early editions of Swinburne and some privately printed pieces of the same author, including the poem on Grace Darling, 1893, of which only forty copies were printed, and the poem on Robert Burns printed only for the members of the Burns Centenary Club in 1896. There is also a copy of T J Wise's Bibliographical list of the scarcer and uncollected writings of Swinburne, 1897, of which only fifty copies were printed, and a set of the limited editions of Letters written by Shelley, Ruskin, Robert Browning and William Morris, in all eleven volumes, privately printed (30 to 40 copies each) by Mr Wise 1894-7.

The rare first edition of Milton's Paradise Lost is represented by a fine copy, in perfect condition, and handsomely bound in olive morocco. It has the fifth title-page (see facsimile). The Argument, and The Verse, from Milton's pen appeared for the first time in this issue, increasing the number of pages by fourteen. The printer added a short note which precedes The Argument. Some copies were printed off and sent into circulation before Milton discovered and corrected some grammatical errors. The Ty Coch copy has the note in the amended form as follows:-

"The Printer to the Reader. Courteous Reader, There was no Argument at first intended to the Book, but for the satisfaction of many that have desired it, I have procur'd it, and withall a reason of that which stumbled many others, why the Poem Rimes not. S Simmons."

The number of MSS in the collection is not large, but some of them are of more than ordinary interest. The following is a brief descripton of each MS.

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Llandyfri, Llanymddyfri, Dr John Davies, Mallwyd, Amwythig, Lewis Bayly, Meidrum.

Anglesey and Carnarvonshire Pedigrees, with index, mostly in the hand of Mr Jonathan Jones, one time Surveyor of Taxes at Caernarfon, and otherwise annotated by him, as well as afterwards by Mr Edward Humphrey Owen (NLW MSS 815E, 824E, 826A, 827E, 828D, 829E, 830D, 831F, 835B, 837E, 844B, 848D, 860F, 861E).

Llanbeblig (Carnarvon) Rate Book, 1783-8 (NLW MS 816B). The assessment is signed by Owen Parry and R. Griffith, Justices of the Peace, and the overseers of the poor were John Hughes and Thomas Parry.

Cyfrinach y Beirdd (NLW MS 817B). A copy made out of "the Book of Edward Williams, alias Iolo Morganwg", in 1819, by Peter Bailey Williams, of Llanrug, Carnarvonshire, son of Rev. Peter Williams, of Carmarthen. The original was published in 1829.

Antiquitates Parochiales, primo de Paroeciis et Villulis Comoti de Moene (NLW MS 818B). A transcript made in 1725, by G.M. of a work by Rev. Henry Rowlands, author of Mona Antiqua. The text of this work, with an English translation by Rev. John Jones, of Llanllyfni, was published in Archaeologia Cambrensis, 1846-9.

A Wedding in Wales, a Comic Opera (NLW MS 819C). Written about 1790. One of the ladies is named "Flora ap Clwyd", and the Welsh characters are made to use the speech of the stage-Welshman of the Commonwealth period.

A Manuscript from the Breese Collection, headed "Notes to be observed before you lett yor Survey pass yor handes" (NLW MS 820D). It contains a genealogical account of the principal owners of land in Arllechwedd Uchaf, and a sketch of the inundation of Cantref y Gwaelod. References to Archbishop Williams as being then Bishop of Lincoln and Lord Keeper show that it must have been written between 1621 and 1627. Mr Edward Breese, in a note, says it may have been written by Evan Lloyd, of Eglwys Bach, who set forth the pedigree of Archbishop Williams.

A Survey of the Ancient and Present State of the County of Caernarvon. 1806 (NLW MS 821C).

Historical Memoirs of the Ancient and Present state of Mona. 1807 (NLW MS 822C).

Two unpublished works by William Williams, of Llandegai, Carnarvonshire, author of *Observations on the Snowdon Mountains, Prydnhawngwaith y Cymry, &c.* The Carnarvonshire Survey forms a quarto volume of over 480 pages, and the Anglesey Memoirs occupy over 180 pages (NLW MS 823E). Both volumes at one time were in the possession of Sir Richard Colt Hoare. They contain useful bibliographical notes in the hand of Mr Edward Humphrey Owen.

Copy of the Pedigrees of families resident in Anglesey, Carnarvonshire, Denbighshire and Merioneth (NLW MS 824E). The work is in Welsh, but contains also an account in English of the "Genealogy of the family of Caer Berllan, Llanfihangel y Pennant".

Copy of *Llyfr Melyn Tyfrydog* (NLW MS 825D). The *Llyfr Melyn* is said to have been copied by Hugh Hughes, "Y Bardd Coch", from a book belonging to Lewis Morris. This copy contains pedigrees of Anglesey Families, an account of the Bishopric and Bishops of Bangor, Archdeacons of Bangor and Anglesey, Prebendaries of Penmynydd; list of Anglesey gentry about 1685; description of the Penrhyn Estate; copies of wills and other documents, triads, "englynon eira mynydd", &c. There are some notes in the hand of Mr Jonathon Jones, of Carnarvon. The book is a folio of about 500 pages.

A modern copy of Harleian MS 1974, which contains a collection of Anglesey and Carnarvonshire Pedigrees, with arms, &c. Contains also a list of the Justices of the Peace in Anglesey and Caernarfonshire in 1620, and the names and arms of the Justiciaries in the two counties in 1601 (NLW MS 827E).

A copy of the *Tai Croesion Book of Pedigrees*. Mostly pedigrees of Anglesey, Caernarfonshire and Merioneth families. The date of the original is 1723 (NLW MS 828D).

A Collection of North Wales and Border County Pedigrees and genealogical data, mostly in the hand of Mr. Jonathan Jones, of Caernarfon (NLW MS 829E). The book is a folio of about five hundred pages.

A copy of *Llyfr Achau ac Arfbeisiau, &c.* This is a copy of the "Pedigrees and arms of the five Royal Tribes and of the Fifteen Noble Tribes of Gwynedd, together with their descendants, &c." set out by Ebenezer Thomas, "Eben Fardd" (NLW MS 830D).

Pedigrees, copied from a copy of a Collection compiled by Edward Jones, brother to Rev. John Jones, of Llanllyfni, with arms, coloured (NLW MS 831F).

Llyfr Gwyn Mechell (NLW MS 832E). A collection of Welsh poems, copied by William Bulkeley, Esq., of Brynddu, in Anglesey, circa 1730. The MS. has been rebound, and is preceded by a letter, copied out of the *Cambrian Quarterly*, Vol. 2, p. 356, from Mr Humphrey Thomas, schoolmaster, of Llanddanielfab, to Rev. Peter Bailey Williams, of Llanrug, giving an account of the MS. The book now contains 328 pages, folio size. It is written, as Mr Humphrey Thomas says, in "a fine small Italian hand, the initial letter of every Cywydd a large strong Roman print". The collection includes poems by most of the bards of the fifteenth, sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, and a number of old ballads. Among the latter is an extremely interesting composition entitled, "An Account of a number of Welshmen who went out to the West Indies, by command of Queen Elizabetha to make reprisals to annoy and plunder the Spaniards." It was written by Lieutenant William Peilyn, and dated 1570.

"Interlude neu Chwaryddiaeth Ar Destyn Odiathol yn dangos pa Drigolion a fu'n Preswylio yn y Deyrnas hon cyn dyfod Cymru na Saeson erioed i'w meddiannu, o wnaethuriad R.P." (NLW MS 833A). Elsewhere in the MS. the author's name is given as Richard Parry, with the date 1737. He was probably Richard Parry of Dyserth, in Flintshire, 1666-1749, the author of *Achau'r Cwrw, Dihuniad Cysgadur*, and other ballads published in *Y Cydymaith Diddan and Blodeugerdd Cymru*.

Poems by Sion Tudur, Llywelyn ap Guttyn, Gruffydd ap Ieuan ap Llywelyn Fychan, Owen Gwynedd, Deio ap Ieuan Du, Tudur Penllyn, Iolo Goch, Rhys Goch Eryri, Llywelyn ap y Moel, Tudur Aled, Dafydd ap Edmwnd, Gutto'r Glynn, Ieuan ap Gruffydd Leiaf, Madog Benfras, Dafydd Nanmor, Sion Philip, Bedo Brwynllys, Lewis Menai, Rhys Goch Glyn Keiriog, Gruffydd Gryg, Syr Dafydd Trefor, Dafydd ap Owain, Ieuan Tew Brydydd, Dafydd Llwyd Ysgolhaig, Lewys Mon and others (NLW MS 834B). This and the following fragment were written by Dr Davies of Mallwyd, and add one more to

the interesting series of his autograph MSS. There are marginal notes in the hand of Owen Williams of Waenfawr.

Loose Fragment of the above MS containing 42 leaves, but many of them have been worn away to such an extent that their order cannot be inferred with certainty. This portion of the MS includes poems, or portions of poems by Tudur Aled, Gruffydd ap Ieuan ap Llewelyn Fychan, Syr Dafydd Owain, Dafydd Nanmor, Rhys Goch Eryri, Huw Arwystl, Dafydd Llwyd, Syr Owen ap Gwilym, Hywel Aerddrem, Bedo Aerddrem, Sion Tudur, Gwilym ap Ieuan Hen, Gruffydd ap Ieuan ap Rhys Llwyd, Wiliam Kynwal, Hywel ap Dafydd, Thomas Prys, Gruffydd Hiraethog, Ieuan Tew Brydydd, Llywelyn ap Guttyn and Dafydd ab Edmwnd.

A Book of Pedigrees, from the collection of Owain Gruffydd of Llanystumdwy, Carnarvonshire, copied, in several hands, including that of Mr Jonathon Jones, of Carnarvon, and containing also copies of poems by Owen Gruffydd, Robert ap Rhys Wynn, Thomas Prys and Wiliam Llyn (NLW MS 835B).

MS containing a collection of Englynion and other stanzas and epigrams in Welsh, Latin and English; macaronic verse, ballads, genealogical and historical memoranda, copies of wills, &c (NLW MS 836D). It bears the name of "David Williams", with the date Nov. 1st, 1718, and was written at various times up to 1742. The writer lived at Bodeulwyn in Anglesey.

Account of the Castles in North Wales, extracted from various authors. Account of the Castles in South Wales, extracted from various authors. Account of the Abbies in North Wales, extracted from various authors. Account of the Abbies in South Wales, extracted from various authors (NLW MS 837E). All from the Stourhead collection, and dated 1793. Written in a fine regular hand, and bound in leather. The text refers to the Collection of Forty-eight views published by Sir Richard Colt Hoare in 1806.

MS Imperfect, evidently an Interlude, of the quasi-historical type (NLW MS 838B).

An Account of the Parishes of Llandegai, Llanllechid and Aber (NLW MS 839C).

Extracts from the Preface and Index to the Harleian Collection of Manuscripts, in the British Museum, "containing every item so far as regards the principality of Wales" (NLW MS 840B).

Poems by Robin Ddu ap Siancyn ap Bledryd, Iolo Goch, Howel Dafydd ap Ifan ap Rhys, Sion Brwynog, Gwerfyl Mechain, Huw Machno, Wiliam Cynwal, Owain Gwynedd, Dafydd Thomas, Lewis Mon, Gruffydd Gryg and others (NLW MS 841E). Fragment of a late collection in various hands (NLW MS 842B).

A Collection of Carols, made by William Edward (NLW MS 843B). The carols are mostly by Hugh Jones, of Llangwm, and William Edward, the owner of the book, who was a native of Llanedwen, in Anglesey, born in 1725. Certain verses at the end of the book are said to have been written by William Edward in his seventieth year, and a note runs "William pia'r llyfr hwn os dusg o ddarllen Cy[m]raeg," - "This book is to be the property of William if he learns to read Welsh". Bound with the MS are three copies of "Ffurf Gweddi i'w harfer ymhob Eglwys y Capel ... Chwefror 25, 1806, &c."

A Collection of Ballads and Carols, mostly in the hand of the afore-mentioned William Edward, and dated 1762 (NLW MS 843B). The book is a small quarto of about 192 pp., but several leaves are missing.

Ystumllyn and Bron y Foel, in the Hundred of Eifionydd and County of Carnarvon (NLW MS 844B). A short history, copied for Mr Edward Humphrey Owen from a MS. in the possession of Col. Evans, of Broom Hall.

Account Book, dated 1815, kept by Rev. Peter Bailey Williams, of Llanrug (NLW MS 845B).

Letters from Mr John Morgan, Cadnant, to Mr Edward Humphrey Owen, dealing with Anglesey antiquities (NLW MS 846B).

A Literary Scrapbook (NLW MS 847D), containing Welsh and English verse; a Catalogue of the churches of Anglesey; Monasteries, Abbeys, and Chapels demolished in Anglesey; a short Account of Taliesin, the Chief of Bards; description of the Penrhyn Estate; a list of Kings of Great Britain "from Noah to the present King George III", "some examples of extraordinary antipathy"; quotations from Swift; an eulogy to Sir Robert Williams of Nant, recommending his election as a member of Parliament for Carnarvonshire, &c.

Pedigrees of Anglesey Families (NLW MS 848D), including the families of Bodafon Uchaf, Plas Uchaf, Caerau, Trefeilir, Bodewryd, Bodorgan, Bodlew, Bodegri, Chwaen Isaf and Nant Tanno, Chwaen Wen, Penrhos, Bodelwyn, Bodeon, Dronwy, Baron Hill, &c. Pedigrees of the Bafenalls, Baylys and Pagets.

Copies of the Wills of Miss Gwen Bodvel, of Bodvan (1759), William Bodvill, of Madryn, (1756), and of correspondence relating to the person and family of John Knight, of Gilfach, in Carnarvonshire, "one of the heroes of Minden" (NLW MS 849E).

Mynegai

Sir Fôn, Sir Gaernarfon.

HENRY TAYLOR FLINTSHIRE HISTORICAL COLLECTION

1911011

Ffynhonnell / Source

Mr Henry Taylor, FSA, Chester

Blwyddyn / Year

Adroddiad Blynnyddol / Annual Report 1910-11

Disgrifiad / Description

Mr Henry Taylor, FSA, of Chester, sometime Town Clerk of Flint, Registrar of Mold County Court, Deputy Constable of Flint Castle, author of Historic Notices of the Borough and County town of Flint, A Guide to Flint Castle, and other works, has, after consultation with the Vice-President, decided to transfer to the National Library the whole of his collection relating to the County of Flint as the basis of a historical collection for that county. Mr Taylor has already transferred such portions of his collection as he has arranged, and the remainder will be transferred as soon as the arrangement of it is completed. The collection includes the following Documents and Books :-

Mr Taylor's own notes and copies of documents relating to the history of the County. These represent the work of a lifetime, and are all carefully collated and arranged under subjects and dates, in a series of boxes (NLW MSS 6267-331).

Original Letters.

Original deeds relating to the County.

Minute Book of the Court of Great Sessions for the County of Flint, from 1705 to 1756, also containing memoranda of the Chester Courts from 1741 to 1756 (NLW MS 6298D).

A Scrapbook containing all printed matter relating to the celebration of the 500th anniversary of the leading incident in the history of Flint Castle, the confinement there of Richard II as prisoner of Bolingbroke (NLW MS 6274E). This celebration, which took place in 1889, included a representation of scenes from Richard II, performed in the Castle by Mr F R Benson's Shakesporean Company. It was also interesting as being one of the earliest, if not the first, instance of a modern pageant.

A large paper copy of Mr Taylor's Historic Notices of Flint, and another large paper copy interleaved with documents and MS. notes added.

"The Salusburies of Lleweni, Some Account of the Ancient Family of Salusbury. By Cotton Salusbury and Stephen Gibbon Salusbury. With notes and additions by another descendant of the Family. Privately printed."

Copies of all papers written by Mr Taylor from time to time for learned Societies, etc.

Newspaper cuttings, historical and other matters relating to Flintshire and Cheshire, mostly letters written by Mr Taylor and Mr E G Salisbury of Glan Aber.

A Set of Casts of the Seals of the Court of Great Sessions, numbering 35 pieces.

Mynegai

Sir Fflint, Swydd Gaer, Llys y Sesiwn Fawr.

CYDFOD YR YSGRYTHYRAU SANCTAIDD

1911012

Ffynhonnell / Source

Sir John Williams

Blwyddyn / Year

Adroddiad Blynyddol / Annual Report 1910-11

Disgrifiad / Description

Cydfod yr Ysgrythyrau Sanctaidd. A Scriptural Concordance, written in 1622 by Robert Vaughan of Hengwrt. It is probably the MS referred to by Rev. Evan Evans, "Ieuan Brydydd Hir", in a letter to Richard Morris, in 1765, wherein he says:- "I have accidentally met at Bala with a very curious MS in Mr Vaughan's hand, and, as far as I can judge, of his own composition. It is ... entitled Cydfod yr Ysgrythyrau Sanctaidd. It is wrote in a very fair hand, and takes up but a little compass. I prevailed with the owner to lend it me, and promised to use my interest with the Cymmrodorion to get it printed." The MS. contains 188 pages of closely written matter, in double columns, and is bound in leather.

Welsh Sermons in various hands, dates extending from 1705 to 1802, and having been delivered mostly in and around the Vale of Clwyd. Also, diaries for 1835 and 1836, kept apparently by a workman; and a copy of Traethawd ynghylch Gweithredoedd Da ac Elusenau, T Gouge, London, 1693.

MSS (1). - "The Case of the Freeschoole and Almshouse of Llanrwst and an account of the foundation and endowment of the same as the general tradition in those partes goes." (2). - Poems by Sion Tudur, Moris ap Ifan ap Einiawn, Llywelyn Moel o'r Pantri, and Tudur Aled. The MS is incomplete, and written in several hands of the 17th century. (3). - Another Fragment, mostly in the hand of "John Williams of Gwydir, 1781", containing an anonymous collection of English verse, with a few verses in Welsh added in a later hand. (4). - A miscellaneous collection of letters and documents, including Memoirs of the Gwydir Family; a letter to Sir Richard Wynne, Bart, from William Brickdall, of Llanrwst; receipts by William Brickdall and Hugh Jones for glebeland rents, &c., from Sir Owen Wynne, for 1648-55; copies of letters from bishops Morgan and Parry to Sir John Wynne of Gwydir, with copy of a reply by Sir John Wynne "To the Reverend Father the Lord Bishop of St Asaphen", dated Feb. 24, 1603. The subject of the letters is a disagreement between Sir John Wynne and Bishop Morgan; an account of Merionethshire, bearing the name of John Williams of Gwydir, and the date 1781, and signed "Robert Vaughan, of Dolgelley"; a document entitled, "Grievances in the Bpp. of Lincolnes causes in the Star-chamber, &c."; "Articles agreed upon betweene Sr John Wynne ... and Sr Ffrancis Darcy ... for and concerning a mariadge ... betweene Sr Richard Wynne Knighte sonne and heir of the said Sir John, and Anne eldest daughter of the saide Sr Ffrancis the 17 of August 1618"; copy of a North Wales Petition to the King with regard to the trade in cattle, during the Civil War, praying for safe conduct and licence to sell; "Papers relating to Sir Richard Wynne's application for a Grant of the Green Wax, 1624"; Sundry memoranda and letters of the 17th century, including correspondence between Sir Owen Wynne and Griffith Williams of Penrhyn (1652-3), dealing with matters connected with the estate of Archbishop Williams.

MSS containing Sermons and notes of Scriptural studies, and addresses on various subjects, written by Rev. David Williams, Blaen Llynant, the father of Sir John Williams. The collection also includes Rev Mr Williams's licence to preach, and some reports of interest with reference to the history of Congregational Churches in Carmarthenshire.

Cefn Coch MS. A. Contains an account of the Caerwys Eisteddfod in the reign of Henry VIII; names of towns in Welsh and English; a collection of remedies (in English); poems attributed to Davydd ab Edmund, Dr Sion Kent (spelt Kemp throughout), Watkyn Clywedog, Ifan Dyfi, Rhys Cain, William Llyn, Sion Tudur, Dafydd ap Gwilym, Sion Phylip, Gruffydd Hiraethog, Syr Dafydd Trefor, Morys ap Ifan ap Einion, Hywel Rheinallt, Thomas Prys, Iolo Goch, Gutto'r Glyn, Dafydd Llwyd ap Llywelyn, Syr Rhys Cadwaladr, Dafydd Nanmor, Mathew Owen, Dafydd Nan Conwy, Huw Pennant and others. The MS. is written in two principal hands, the first circa 1650, the second of about the middle of the 18th century; it measures 123/8 x 8 inches, comprises 160 leaves, and is bound in full calf, with bevelled boards. It was published in 1899, edited by Rev. J Fisher, B.D.

Cefn Coch MS. B. Contains a fragment of an English Catechism, the same in Welsh, poems by Gwervyl Fychan, "Mr Davis, vickar Wenlock", Rhys Kain, Thomas Penllyn, Edward Brynnllys, Hywel Kilan, Hughe ap David, Ieuan Llafar, Sion Mawddwy, Morys Berwyn, Simwnt Vychan, Dafydd Llwyd ap Llywelyn, Sion Kain, Huw Machno, Robert Powel, Owen Gwynedd, Sion Phylip, Morgan Powel, Risiart Phylip, Edmwnd Prys, Edward Maelor, Jon. Vaughan, and other 16th and 17th century bards. Bound with the MS. is a perfect copy of "Psalmae y Brenhinol Brophwyd Dafydd", the version of the Psalms in Welsh alliterative metres, made by Captain William Middleton, and published in 1603. The MS. is in a number of hands, all of the 17th century. It was published in 1899 by Rev. John Fisher, B.D.

MS. containing copies of Letters, Commissions, Warrants and Accounts relating to the Militia, Volunteers and Cavalry, mainly in the Counties of Anglesey, Carmarthen, Carnarvon and Flint, during 1797-9. The MS. is 12½ by 8 ins. and contains 238 leaves.

Great Sessions and Chancery of the Great Sessions Action Book, 1822-4. Mostly civil cases from Carmarthenshire, Cardiganshire and Pembrokeshire, with full index.

"An entry Book of Warrants, Patents, Grants, Deputacions, Commissions, etc., in the Reigns of Queen Elizabeth, James I and Charles I." A large folio, bound in rough calf, containing 285 pages, written in the XVIIth century. This very important record of matters relating to the Council of Wales and the Marches was formerly in the library of Austin Cooper, the Irish antiquary and author. The letters, ordinances, petitions, and decisions form a valuable account of the proceedings of the Council at Ludlow is included. Other notable matters are the Lord Chancellor Ellesmere's letter to the Council in favour of the mitigation of a sentence imposed upon Sir John Wynne in an action by Henry Salisbury, Esq., upon Sir John's submission; an ordinance for the preservation of the peace during an election in Carnarvonshire, the Council having reasons to fear bloodshed; an ordinance dispensing with the appearance until further notice of the inhabitants of Salop and Wrexham, on account of the prevalence of plague in those towns; pleas and counter pleas in a dispute between John Spenser and Anthony Mansell, of Glamorgan; a letter sent to the Welsh Sheriffs with regard to the escape of Sir Giles Montpassons, under charges of misdemeanour; and "Letters, Warrants and Orders about venison and wood for fuell for ye Council". Phillipps MS 6442.

Mynegai

Sir Feirionnydd, Dolgellau, Gogledd Cymru, Sir Gaerfyrddin, Sir Fôn, Sir Gaernarfon, Sir Fflint, Llys y Sesiwn Fawr, Sir Aberteifi, Sir Benfro, Swydd Amwythig, Wrecsam, Sir Forgannwg.

'LLYFR CERDDORIAETH O GERDDI SION A GWIR FOLIANWYR YR ARGLWYDD'

1911013

Ffynhonnell / Source

Mr J Herbert Lewis, M.P.

Blwyddyn / Year

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Disgrifiad / Description

Llyfr Cerddoriaeth o gerddi Sion a gwir folianwyr yr Arglwydd (NLW MS 794A). A collection of anthems, hymn tunes, carols, and old airs, made about 1834, by Foulk Roberts, "Eos Llyfnwy", of Llanrug, Carnarvonshire. The volume contains works by the following composers, and others:- Foulk Roberts, the compiler, 150 tunes and 23 anthems; Edward Jones, Dolydd Byrion, Criccieth, 48 tunes and 21 anthems; Hugh Jones, Pen Bwth, Llandwrog, 23 tunes and 11 anthems; William Wilson, 13 tunes and 4 anthems; Robert Griffith, Llanbeblig, 8 tunes; various composers, including S Griffiths, D Harris, Griffith Jones, Dobryn Coch; Robert Price, J D Edwardes, J Ellis, J Williams, E Evans, R Eames, Wm. Hughes, John Jeffrey, Ellis Evans, Robert Jones, William Williams, Abr[aham] Williams, John Thomas, J Jones, Ramoth; John Jones, Llanuwchllyn; John Williams, Carnarvon; Rev. Mr Prichard, Jas. Mills, John Evans, John Williams, Penrhyd; and J Edwards, Llangadog, 37 tunes. by anonymous composers, 201 tunes, 62 anthems, and 35 carols and airs. There are also included in the book a collection of "Trioedd", notes on interjections, numerals and punctuation, and transcripts of Cerdd i Brins y Cymry by Rev. Rhys Prichard, and some other ballads. The volume was at one time the property of Rev. John Roberts, "Ieuan Gwyllt", who bought it from a daughter of Foulk Roberts.

Mynegai

Criccieth, Caernarfon, Caernarvon.

GRIFFITH OF CAE CYRIOG MSS

1911014

Ffynhonnell / Source

M C U Griffith, Esq.

Blwyddyn / Year

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Disgrifiad / Description

Llyfr Du Basing (NLW MS 7006D). The most perfect copy known of Caradoc's History of Wales, made in the fifteenth century, by Guttyn Owain, historian and herald bard to the Abbeys of Basingwerk and Strata Florida, who also continued the history down to his own times, the last entry in the book being dated 1461. The MS is rubricated throughout. Among former owners of the book was "Ffoulke Owen", 1686. Subsequently, it became the property of John Griffith, Esq., of Cae Cyriog, and his descendants. There is also at the end a note by Robert Vaughan, dated 1630, to the effect that the pedigrees of many of the Welsh nobility have been wrongly stated in the book. The statement that the book is Llyfr Du Basing is based upon the testimony of William Maurice, who, says Peter Roberts in a note dated 1809 at the end of the MS., "having quoted the singular passage as to numerals in page 198, adds that this book is the Black Book of Basing, i.e. belonged to Basingwerk Abbey."

MS in the hand of John Jones of Gelli Lyfdy. A transcript of the Pum Llyfr Kerddwriaeth of Dafydd Ddu Athro, and of Ffugrau a'r Rhanneu (William Salesbury), made by John Jones in 1605-6, "out of the book of Risiart ap Sion of Llangynhafal in Denbighshire, who had copied it out of the Book of Simwnt Vychan" (NLW MS 7007C). It is a fine specimen of John Jones's writing, consisting of 330 + 118 pages, bound in oak boards and leather. The book was at one time in the possession of William Maurice of Llansilin, and bears his autograph.

Llyfr Sion Gryffydd. A Book of Pedigrees collected by Sion Gryffydd of Cae Cyriog, circa 1697 (NLW MS 7008E). Also contains explanations of heraldic terms, and accounts of the arms of several noble families.

Mynegai

Ystrad Fflur.

WATERMARKS

1911015

Ffynhonnell / Source

Mrs Gwenogvryn Evans

Blwyddyn / Year

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Disgrifiad / Description

A series of about 200 tracings of watermarks, mostly from the Peniarth MSS prepared by Mrs Gwenogvryn Evans to assist her husband in the study of dates, etc., connected with the MSS (Dept of Pictures and Maps).

D LLEUFER THOMAS

1911016

Ffynhonnell / Source

D Lleufer Thomas, Esq.

Blwyddyn / Year

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Disgrifiad / Description

A collection of Papers of John Athanasius Jones, "Athau Fardd", and letters addressed to him (NLW MSS 3623C, 3624B, 3625-6C, 3627E, 3628-9B); numerous papers connected with the Welsh Land Commission (NLW MSS 3601-2E, 3603C, 3604F, 3605E, 3607E, 3609-111E, 3613E, 3616E); several bundles of books and pamphlets in Welsh, or in English but relating to Wales; and many unbound volumes of the nineteenth century (NLW MSS 3601-40). The papers of Athau Fardd contain original poems mostly unpublished, letters, and newspaper cuttings relating to literary and Eisteddfod

matters, essays and addresses, etc. Among the correspondence are letters from a large number of literary men, most interesting and useful for the light they throw upon the inner history of Eisteddfodau and on the literary and moral standards of a past generation of Welsh bards and Eisteddfodwyr.

LEMUEL J HOPKIN JAMES

1911017

Ffynhonnell / Source

The Rev Lemuel J Hopkin James, M.A.

Blwyddyn / Year

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Disgrifiad / Description

(1) Papers and illustrations collected for the history of the Glamorgan family of Hopkin. (2) a first instalment of material for "Hen Gwndidau, Carolau, a Chywyddau", containing a complete transcript of Llanover MS. B 9; (3) Correspondence, (4) Notes of College Lectures, and (5) books and numerous pamphlets.

TY COCH

1911018

Ffynhonnell / Source

Miss Owen, Ty Coch

Blwyddyn / Year

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MSS. 1. Copies of wills, administrations and other legal documents relating to properties in Carnarvonshire and Anglesey, and mainly of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries (NLW MSS 857-8A, 859D). Among the wills is a copy of that of Rev. Henry Rowlands, the author of *Mona Antiqua*, dated June 4, 1723. (2) Correspondence with reference to the proposed Goronwy Owen memorial, 1825, with printed details of the movement (NLW MS 855C). (3) An Account of the Eisteddfod held at Carnarvon in the year 1821, with copies of eight odes submitted in the chair competition, three poems on another subject, "englynion" read at the meetings, and "Report of the Judges of Welsh Compositions on the merits of the respective candidates" (NLW MS 854D). (4) Record of the grant of a bardic degree to John Jenkin, "Ioan Ceri", at the Carmarthen Eisteddfod, 1819; copy of *Trioedd Barddas*, and a fragment containing a "List of names of Bards of Primrose". (5) A list of Wills and Administrations of persons of the names of Humphreys, Owen and Rowland, 1540 to 1786, taken out of the Calendars at ... Somerset House. (6) Anglesey Pedigrees, from Harleian MS. 1974 (NLW MS 827E). (7) A diary kept in 1816-17 by Mrs Williams, of Llanrug, Carnarvon, including details of a tour through parts of South Wales (NLW MS 856A).

Mynegai

Sir Gaernarfon, Sir Fôn, Caernarvon, Caernarfon, Caerfyrddin, De Cymru.

CROSSWOOD MSS

1911019

Ffynhonnell / Source

Mrs Busch, Crosswood.

Blwyddyn / Year

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Disgrifiad / Description

A collection of Sermons in Welsh and English, from the Gwallter Mechain and Jenkins MSS (NLW MSS 1682B, 1683C, 1684-6B, 1690B, 1718C, 1754B, 1771E, 1819-21B, 1822A, 1823-4B, 1825C, 1826D, 1827-31B, 1832C, 1833B, 1834C, 1835-40B, 1862-71B, 1872-3C, 1874-6B, 1877C, 1878-9B, 1927D). There are included a few sermons apparently in the handwriting of Gwallter Mechain, and of Rev. John Jenkins, but the others belong mostly to the eighteenth century, and there is one dated 1682. The earlier sermons are written in fine idiomatic Welsh, and the MSS usually bear at the end the names of the places at which, and the dates upon which, the sermons were delivered.

Mynegai

Walter Davies.

ABERAERON MSS

1911020

Ffynhonnell / Source

Evan D Jones, Esq

Blwyddyn / Year

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Disgrifiad / Description

Halsingau, &c. (NLW MS 609A), A collection of popular poems of a religious character, made between 1750 and 1770, by Zaccheus Davies, of Llanbadarn Trefeglwys, and containing poems by him, Evan Thomas, Isaac John, David Thomas and others. Contains also "Cân o ymddiddan Hen Wr dall a'r Ange", and notes of sermons, including one by "Mr Rowlands" [of Llangeitho ?] with a note to this effect - "There never was anyone to be compared to him amongst the Welsh people nor in any other part of the world".

Estate book of Thomas Davies, Bwlch Dyhewid, 1805-21 (NLW MS 612B). Contains accounts and other matters relating to the parish of Ystrad during the period specified. Rev. Thomas Davies held the incumbency of Ystrad, and his son, also named Thomas Davies, was perpetual curate of Dihewyd and Llanerchaeron for many years.

Llyfr Cymdeithas Grefyddol Llanddewi Aberarth (NLW MS 613B). Roll of the members of the church, or "Society", formed at Llanddewi in 1812, with an account of their contributions towards the ministry, extending to 1826.

Books of the Aberaeron Club, 1795-1849 (NLW MSS 616-17D). The Club was a benefit society with a large membership, so that the books practically amount to a directory of the district for the period covered.

POPE'S ESSAY ON MAN &c

1911021

Ffynhonnell / Source

Rev John Williams, Llanwddyn Vicarage, Oswestry

Blwyddyn / Year

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Disgrifiad / Description

Traethawd ar Ddyn (NLW MS 760C). A translation into Welsh prose of Pope's Essay on Man, made before Feb., 1850, by John Williams, M.D., of Wrexham.

Essay on the Food of Plants (NLW MS 761D). By John Williams, M.D., of Wrexham. Dated 1842, and copied by Joseph Williams.

Mynegai

Wrecsam.

ROYAL WELSH VOLUNTEERS

1911022

Ffynhonnell / Source

Mr Cecil S Davis, Wandsworth Public Library

Blwyddyn / Year

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Disgrifiad / Description

Royal Sanction, February 11th, 1761, of the establishment of Corps of Royal Welsh Volunteers commanded by Lietenant Colonel Vaughan, and of augmentations to the same (NLW MS 3421D). The document is signed by "J Grenville", and "James Oswald North". On the back there is an account of allowances to officers and men for the year 1760.

SILIAN MILITIA SERVICE &c

1911023

Ffynhonnell / Source

Mr John Davies, of the National Library

Blwyddyn / Year

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Disgrifiad / Description

Militia Service Certificate of the provision of a substitute by the person chosen by lot for the parish of Silian, and of the enrolment of the same (NLW MS 4271D). The certificate is dated May 18th, 1817, and signed by D. Jenkins, Clerk to the Subdivision Meetings for the Hundred of Moythin.

A brief sketch of the life of Rev. William Davies, Ph.D., of the Carmarthen Presbyterian College, better known as "Dr Davies of Ffrwd Fal". From the collection of Mr William Thomas, "Gwilym Mai," of Carmarthen. The handwriting is that of Dr Davies himself.

Register of the Births of members of the Family of Cilerwisg, in the parish of Silian, Cardiganshire, being the father, mother, brothers and sisters of Rev. John Owen, Vicar of Thrushington, author of Memoirs of the Rev. Daniel Rowland, and Rev. Thomas Jones, Creaton, and other well-known works.

Mynegai

Moyddyn, Moeddyn, Caerfyrddin.

ADDRESS TO SIR JOHN PRYCE

1911024

Ffynhonnell / Source

Rev. H C Davies, M.A., St Hilary Rectory, Cowbridge

Blwyddyn / Year

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MS. Copy of an Address to Sir John Pryce of Newtown, Bart, exciting him to arms in support of Charles I against the Republican Party (NLW MS 759D). By David Vaughan, 1643. The address is written in Kywydd metre, and is accompanied by an English translation.

Mynegai

Drenewydd, cywydd.

OWEN JONES, LLANSANFFRAID

1911025

Ffynhonnell / Source

Miss Janet Jones, Havoty, Aberystwyth

Blwyddyn / Year

Adroddiad Blynyddol / Annual Report 1910-11

Disgrifiad / Description

A Collection of MSS, the greater part of which are Letters addressed to Rev. Owen Jones, of Llansantffraid, and the others mostly notes and transcripts made by him (NLW MSS 2641C, 2642B, 2643A, 2644E, 2645C, 2646-7A, 2648B, 2649A, 2650B, 2651-9A, 2660B, 2661-5A, 2666B, 2667A, 2668-70B, 2671A, 2672-4B, 2675C, 2676-8B, 2679A). The letters cover a number of years, and deal with a variety of topics. Rev. Owen Jones was such a careful bibliographer and collector that, for future historians and students, this mass of correspondence will be of the greatest interest and value.

A carved Chair which belonged to Rev. Owen Jones has also been presented by Miss Janet Jones (Dept of Pictures and Maps).

SOAR CHAPEL, ABERYSTWYTH

1911026

Ffynhonnell / Source

Mr Isaac Rees, Stonecutter, Aberystwyth

Blwyddyn / Year

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Disgrifiad / Description

Baptismal Register of Soar Chapel, Aberystwyth (NLW MS 4431B). This Register extends from October 8th, 1868, to May 29th, 1892. The volume is a book of printed forms, issued by a London

firm, and in English. An examination of the children's names shows that the revived use of purely Welsh names had not begun when this record was closed.

Mynegai
Llundain.

LETTERS OF LEWIS EDWARDS ET AL.

1911027

Ffynhonnell / Source

Rev W Evans, of Pembroke Dock

Blwyddyn / Year

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Disgrifiad / Description

A Volume containing autograph letters (NLW MS 870B) by Rev. Lewis Edwards, D.D., of Bala, and Mrs Edwards; the Revs. John Mills, of London; D. Phillips, of Maesteg; James Richards, of Caerphilly; Thomas Levi, of Aberystwyth; John Roberts, "Ieuan Gwyllt"; Mrs Watts Hughes, Mr Robert Parry, "Robyn Ddu Eryri" and others. The letters of "Robyn Ddu," Dr Edwards, Rev. John Mills and "Ieuan Gwyllt" are particularly fine examples of their handwritings. The volume also contains some characteristic verses by "Robyn Ddu" on the death of Mrs Evans, the mother of the donor.

Mynegai
Caerffili.

STATE OF RELIGION IN WALES

1911028

Ffynhonnell / Source

The family of the late Mr Ivor James, formerly Registrar of the University of Wales

Blwyddyn / Year

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Disgrifiad / Description

MS Notes on the State of Religion in Wales 1850-60, 5 vols. (NLW MSS 4316-19B).

LLANGATHEN VESTRY

1911029

Ffynhonnell / Source

Robert Lewis, Esq., of Hale, Cheshire

Blwyddyn / Year

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Disgrifiad / Description

Vestry Minute Book of Llangathen parish, Carmarthenshire, 1832-69 (NLW MS 1220D).

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, ABERYSTWYTH

1911030

Ffynhonnell / Source

Vicar and Churchwardens of St Michaels Church, Aberystwyth

Blwyddyn / Year

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Disgrifiad / Description

Assessment Books and other parish records of Aberystwyth, 40 volumes, deposited by the Vicar and Churchwardens of St Michaels Church, Aberystwyth (Church in Wales, Aberystwyth Parochial Poor Law Records), viz.:-

A true copy of an Assessment upon the Inhabitants of the Town and Liberties of Aberystwyth for the year 1779 and 1780. The volume also contains an account of disbursements.

The Account of Messrs Jones & Locke, Overseers of the Poor of the Town of Aberystwyth for the year ending 10th April 1801.

Assessments for the relief of the Poor, 1804-36. 35 vols.

Register for Parish Apprentices, 1832. Paupers Rents, 1831.
An Account of money paid to the Ticket Poor. 1832.
Nodiadau
Formerly NLW MSS 3211-50. Removed from NLW MSS 1994.

J TORIEL WILLIAMS, FFORDD Y BYWYD

1911031
Ffynhonnell / Source
John Toriel Williams
Blwyddyn / Year
Adroddiad Blynyddol / Annual Report 1910-11
Disgrifiad / Description
Ffordd y Bywyd. An essay, by John Toriel Williams.

LETTER FROM ISLWYN

1911032
Ffynhonnell / Source
S N Jones, Esq., Peniar, near Newbridge, Mon.
Blwyddyn / Year
Adroddiad Blynyddol / Annual Report 1910-11
Disgrifiad / Description
From the Rev. W Thomas, "Islwyn", a letter of sympathy with the relatives of a deceased friend.

ENGLYN BY DEWI WYN O ESSYLLT

1911033
Ffynhonnell / Source
Rev. W D Rowlands, Carmarthen
Blwyddyn / Year
Adroddiad Blynyddol / Annual Report 1910-11
Disgrifiad / Description
An Englyn, upon the death of a little girl, by T E Davies, "Dewi Wyn o Essyllt".

LETTER FROM DANIEL OWEN

1911034
Ffynhonnell / Source
Mr John Thomas, 27, Great Darkgate Street, Aberystwyth
Blwyddyn / Year
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Disgrifiad / Description
(1) From Daniel Owen, of Mold, granting permission to produce a dramatised version of Rhys Lewis, at Aberystwyth, in 1887. (2) From Dr W C Roberts, of America, with reference to John Evans, of Aberystwyth, for some time his instructor.
Mynegai
USA, Unol Daleithiau, Yr Wyddgrug.

COLEMAN DEEDS

1911035
Blwyddyn / Year
Adroddiad Blynyddol / Annual Report 1910-11
Disgrifiad / Description
Coleman Deeds. The deeds collected by the late Mr James Coleman, of London, amounted to over 50,000 documents, relating to all parts of England and Wales. The Council agreed to purchase the documents relating to Wales - a total of about 950, provisionally distributed as follows:-

Brecon 107, Cardigan 81, Carmarthen 173, Glamorgan 145, Montgomery 329, Pembroke 109, Total 944.

The documents range in date from the early 16th century to about 1830. They comprise mainly conveyance and mortgage deeds, marriage settlements, wills, and other miscellaneous documents; and contain first-rate information for the genealogist and the topographer, and incidentally, valuable data of a social and economic character. A calendar to the series is now in progress.

Mynegai

Sir Frycheiniog, Sir Aberteifi, Sir Gaerfyrddin, Sir Forgannwg, Sir Drefaldwyn, Sir Benfro.

MAYORS OF CARMARTHEN

1911036

Blwyddyn / Year

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Disgrifiad / Description

"A Kalendar of All ye Names of Mayors, Bayliffs, and Sherriffs of the County Borough of Carmarthen from ye year of our Lord God 1400"(NLW MS 4461A).The list ends with the year 1719. It is written on pieces of parchment sewn together, the whole length being 11½ yards and the width about 4¼ ins. The principal hand ends with the year 1700. The first Mayor was named David Lloyd, who held office for 14 years. The list also ends with a Mayor named David Lloyd. Brief records of notable events are often added, such as the following under 1555: "This yeare Bishop Fferar the Martir was burnt in the Market place where the cunditt standeth."

Mynegai

Caerfyrddin.

TAI CROESION MANUSCRIPT

1911037

Blwyddyn / Year

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Disgrifiad / Description

Transcript of the Tai Croesion MS (NLW MS 1216E). A Folio of about 350 pages, containing a collection of pedigrees, mostly of North Wales families, together with an account of the arms of the founders of the Fifteen Tribes of Gwynedd. The work is written mostly in English.

Mynegai

Gogledd Cymru.

HISTORIE OF CAMBRIA

1911038

Blwyddyn / Year

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Disgrifiad / Description

The Historie of Cambria ... translated ... by H Lhoyd ...Corrected, augmented and continued ... by David Powel ... London, 1584 (NLW MS 4760B). This is an interleaved copy, formerly in the possession of William Maurice, of Llansilin, and containing notes in his handwriting. Maurice, who died between 1680 and 1690, was a learned antiquary and an industrious collector and transcriber of Welsh MSS. His MSS were purchased by Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, of Wynnstay, and were destroyed at a fire in London, where they had been sent to be bound. The notes in this volume are in explanation, amplification and correction of the text, and have never been published. The book was for 86 years in the possession of the family of the late J F Edisbury, Esq., of Bersham, Wrexham.

Mynegai

Llundain, Wreccsam.

PEDIGREE OF JEREMIAH WOOD

1911039

Blwyddyn / Year

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Disgrifiad / Description

Pedigree of Jeremiah Wood, "Jerry Bach Gogerddan", domestic harpist at Gogerddan for 51 years, son of Valentine Wood and grandson of Abraham Wood, a famous Welsh Gypsy (NLW MS 3422D). Valentine Wood was the first of the family, according to this document, to take to the harp, and his son Jeremiah was the father of the wife of John Roberts of Newtown, another celebrated harpist.

Mynegai

Drenewydd.

NICANDER, ODE TO SPRING

1911040

Blwyddyn / Year

Adroddiad Blynyddol / Annual Report 1910-11

Disgrifiad / Description

Awdl y Gwanwyn. An Ode to Spring, by Rev. Morris Williams, "Nicander", addressed from Bangor, in 1841, to Mr Ellis Owen, of Cefn y Meusydd, together with a letter protesting against the choice of "Blodau Arfon" as a title for the works of Dewi Wyn o Eifion (NLW MS 3423D).

WELSH NOTABLES AND EPITAPHS

1911041

Blwyddyn / Year

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Disgrifiad / Description

A selection from the library of the late Rev. T Hathren Davies, including:-

(a) "Rhestr o Enwogion Cymreig, 1700-1900". This work, in two foolscap folio volumes, pp. 1305, was compiled by the late Rev. Hathren Davies (NLW MSS 2196-7E). It contains short biographical sketches of nearly 1,400 persons. The sources of information are indicated in each case, and the names indexed. The handwriting is neat and clear, and the volumes are bound in cloth.

(b) Casgliad o Feddagraffiadau Cymreig. A collection of about 1,200 Welsh Epitaphs, compiled by the late Rev. Hathren Davies (NLW MS 1230D). They are mostly in verse, and have been collected from all parts of Wales, and in some cases from churchyards in England.

CARDIGANSHIRE SHERIFF'S COURT

1911042

Blwyddyn / Year

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Disgrifiad / Description

Estreats of the Sheriff's Court for Cardiganshire, 1731-2 (NLW MS 793B). The Sheriff at the time was John Price, Esq., of Blaen Dyffryn, and the Courts were held at Cardigan and Aberystwyth. The earlier entries are in Latin, the later in English. The volume was afterwards used as a commonplace book by one who signs his name "J. Davies" i.e. Jenkin Davies, of Glamrhocca, Llanddewibrefi. It contains memoranda of agreements, the rentals of the Trebedw, Rhyd y Bennau, Maes y Crugiau, Blaen Blodau and other estates. A list of books lent by the owner in 1744 includes the titles of several works in Latin, evidently lent to farmers and farmers' sons.

Mynegai

Aberteifi, Llanddewi Brefi, Sir Aberteifi.

LLEWELYN BENEFIT SOCIETY

1911043

Blwyddyn / Year

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Disgrifiad / Description

Minute Books (5) of the Llewelyn Benefit Society (NLW MSS 2191-2D, 2193-4C, 2195B). The Society was founded at Lampeter in 1840, Dr Lewellin, Dean of St David's, being its first President. Other prominent members were Dr Ollivant, Vice-Principal of St David's College, afterwards Bishop

of Llandaff; Professor North; Revs. Charles Lloyd, Bettws; D.T. Jones, Lampeter, &c. The minutes and accounts of the Society up to 1873 are included in the books.

Mynegai

Llanbedr Pont Steffan, Llandaf.

SERMONS AND BALLADS

1911044

Blwyddyn / Year

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Disgrifiad / Description

Sketches of Sermons in English, bound in paper with "Can Benrhydd, yn rhoddi ychydig Hanes am Mr Bolgi, &c." a ballad, attacking a preacher who had evidently left the Calvinists for the Arminians; "Amddiffyniad o Hawl Plant, &c." a defence of infant baptism, by John Roberts, of Llanbryn-mair, and "Lama Sabachthani", Carmarthen, 1807 (NLW MS 4433B).

Mynegai

Caerfyrddin.

ROYAL TRIBES OF WALES

1911045

Blwyddyn / Year

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Disgrifiad / Description

Dedication of the Second Edition of the Royal Tribes of Wales, and Biographical Introduction to that edition, by the late Mr Richard Williams, the editor, the preface to the original edition, corrected in print by Mr Williams, portions of the work in MS, text of the original edition, with emendations and notes in the hands of the editor and Mr Isaac Foulkes, "Llyfrbryf", and the Editor's "Addenda" in manuscript (NLW MS 801D).

PROMOTING WALES

1911046

Blwyddyn / Year

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Disgrifiad / Description

"The best way of Promoting the highest interest of Wales" (NLW MS 800E). Prize essay at the Carnarvon National Eisteddfod, 1894, by Mr J E Thomas, of Wrexham, with adjudication by Sir William Thomas Lewis, Bart, K.C.V.O.

Mynegai

Caernarfon, Caernarvon, Wrecsam.

BANGOR SUBSIDY ROLL

1911047

Blwyddyn / Year

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Disgrifiad / Description

Portion of Subsidy Roll, relating to the diocese of Bangor, dated the thirty-third year of Henry VII.

GENEALOGICAL HISTORY

1911048

Blwyddyn / Year

Adroddiad Blynyddol / Annual Report 1910-11

Disgrifiad / Description

"Harleian Manuscripts in the British Museum. From the Collection of Hugh Thomas during the End of the 17th century and Commencement of the 18th century. A Genealogical History of the Ancient Nobility and Gentry of Wales. No. 6831." A copy, with a complete index, and also comprising other

documents, viz., 1. An Account of the Receipt and Change of the several ports in Wales, on a Medium of three years, 1742-6. 2. MS. Harleian No. 1185, fol. 1. Receipt to make Maetheglyn, 1605. 3. MS. Harleian No. 1954. [Declaration by Nicholas Belnehylt of the restitution by him of certain tenements to Ieuan ap Gruffydd ap Howel].

Mynegai

Yr Amgueddfa Brydeinig.

LANSDOWNE PAPERS RELATING TO WALES

1911049

Blwyddyn / Year

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Disgrifiad / Description

"Documents from the Lansdowne Collection in the British Museum relating to Events and Notabilites of the 16th, 17th, and 18th Centuries." A copy of letters and documents relating mainly to Wales and Welshmen, and including the grant by Henry IV of the Principality of Wales to his son. The mode of investiture was by placing a chaplet on the prince's hand, a gold ring on his finger, and a gold staff in his hand. A marginal note states that this chaplet was described in records as "certum aberfro in Anglesey", where the Welsh Princes were formerly crowned.

Mynegai

Amgueddfa Brydeinig, Sir Fôn, Aberffraw.

(NLW MS 1255D)

LETTER FROM LLYWELYN, PRINCE OF WALES

1911050

Blwyddyn / Year

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Disgrifiad / Description

1. - A letter from Llywelyn, Prince of Wales, to King Edward I, copied from the original in the Record Office, with an English translation (NLW MS 1231D). 2. - Copies of a portion of Queen Elizabeth's Warrant for the holding of Caerwys Eisteddfod, 1568, and of a certificate granting the degree of Pencerdd to Simwnt Vychan at the same Eisteddfod, by Dr Ellis Price and other members of her Majesty's Commission (NLW MS 1231D). 3. - Translation of a Grant to Thomas Egerton of the Chantry of Saint John in the town of Ruthland [Rhuddlan], and other premises and manorial rights, in 1589 (NLW MS 1231D).

Mynegai

Simwnt Fychan.

IRISH PRAYER BOOK

1911051

Blwyddyn / Year

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Disgrifiad / Description

Parthas an Anna (The Paradise of the Soul) (NLW MS 9040A). A copy, made in 1729, of an Irish Prayer Book written in 1645 by Anthony Garnon", a poor brother of the Order of St. Francis." The hand is an excellent example of the work of an Irish professional scribe.

TOUR OF SOUTH WALES

1911052

Blwyddyn / Year

Adroddiad Blynyddol / Annual Report 1910-11

Disgrifiad / Description

A Tour to South Wales, etc. (NLW MS 1340C). An account of a journey made in August 1801, from London to South Wales. The author, a "Mr M" writes pleasantly of his experiences. His route in Wales was as follows:- Monmouth, Chepstow, Newport, Pontypool, Caerphilly, Pontypridd, Cardiff, Neath, Swansea, Haverfordwest, Milford Haven, Narbeth, Tenby, Carmarthen, Aberystwyth,

Llanidloes, Newtown, Welshpool, thence to Oswestry and Shrewsbury. Pretty water-colour sketches are included of Dixton Church, Monmouth Bridge, Pieces of timber hooked for transport on horseback, seen near Newport; peculiar pigstye, seen near Pontypool; Monmouthshire sledge and rick; a stone stile near Neath; view near Swansea; Narbeth Castle; a mud hut, between Carmarthen and Aberystwyth; a ruin near Aberystwyth.

Mynegai

De Cymru, Trefynwy, Casgwent, Casnewydd, Pontypwl, Caerffili, Pont-y-pridd, Caerdydd, Castell-nedd, Abertawe, Hwlfordd, Aberdaugleddau, Aberdaugleddyf, Arberth, Dinbych-y-pysgod, Caerfyrddin, Drenewydd, Trallwng, Croesoswallt, Amwythig, Sir Fynwy.

VISIT TO LLANBEDR YSTRAD YW

1911053

Blwyddyn / Year

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Disgrifiad / Description

"Recollections of a Visit to Llanbeder in the County of Brecon, with remarks on an Excursion down the River Wye from Ross to Chepstow, including Abergavenny, Monmouth, Persfield, Raglan, etc. By A M Cuyler. 1807." (NLW MS 784A). An interesting and apparently well-informed account of local traditions and customs, with many excellent descriptive passages, an explanation of the Welsh alphabet, and a glossary of words and place-names. The MS contains 173 pages, closely and beautifully written.

Mynegai

Cas-gwent, Y Fenni, Mynwy.

VAUGHAN AND STREET LETTERS

1911054

Blwyddyn / Year

Adroddiad Blynyddol / Annual Report 1910-11

Disgrifiad / Description

Letters (NLW MS 3294E). 1. - From George Vaughan of Haverfordwest, dated April, 1792, to a peer who is not named. 2. - From Thomas Street, Puisne Justice of the Brecknock Circuit, 1667-76, to Thomas Powell, sheriff of the County of Glamorgan. The letter is dated May 21, 1673, and is a request that Powell should send his under-sheriff and half a dozen men to meet the Justice outside Cardiff on the occasion of his visiting that town.

Mynegai

Hwlfordd, Sir Forgannwg, Caerdydd.

MADRYN LIBRARY MANUSCRIPT

1911055

Blwyddyn / Year

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Disgrifiad / Description

MS from the Madryn Library, containing poems in various seventeenth and eighteenth century hands, by Edmund Prys, Richard Cynwal, Ieuan Llwyd, Gruffydd Hafren, Gruffydd Phylip and Owen Gruffydd (NLW MS 799D). The poems of the latter are mostly elegies of local interest, and carols.

HENRY VI'S GENEALOGICAL TREE

1911056

Blwyddyn / Year

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Disgrifiad / Description

Genealogical Tree of King Henry VI (NLW Rolls 55). A parchment roll 13½ ins wide by 19 feet long, with fragment attached, of old leather cover, fastened with green silken thread, now preserved in a tin case; a beautiful work of art, exquisitely written in tabular plan in a very neat hand of the latter half of the fifteenth century, and skilfully executed with elaborate illuminated miniatures, rich capitals, and

red ornamental lines involving very delicate penwork; traces the pedigree of Henry VI from Adam, the descent being distinctly shewn by a thick red line, more than six yards long, which joins a handsome miniature of Adam, with spade in hand, with which the tree opens, to a very gorgeous representation, inlaid in a gilt-crowned H, of Henry VI on the throne, with the sceptre in his right hand, with which the tree ends. On the left side of the above pedigree appear the names of the Archbishops of Canterbury from St Augustine (represented by a miniature) to John Stafford, and similarly on the right side, is given the descent of the chief Welsh princes to the time of Edward I; intervening these lines, in monastic Latin, are inscribed biblical and historical annotations, some of considerable length and interest, dealing with the chief personages; each annotation opens with an illuminated capital, the C opening the first annotation, a skilful intermixture of blue, green and gold, being exceedingly fine: the rest (with one exception) begin with a dark blue letter, inset in red ornamental lines of very delicate execution; the colours of the several branches of the tree, - brown, green and red - are studiously varied with a view to producing artistic effect; altogether five miniatures are included, the three already mentioned above, together with one of the Nativity, and another representing King Lucius, the mythical Christian King of Britain. From Madryn Castle Sale.

Nodiadau

Schedule Available.

TOUR OF NORTH WALES

1911057

Blwyddyn / Year

Adroddiad Blynyddol / Annual Report 1910-11

Disgrifiad / Description

A Journal of a Tour thro' North Wales, begun June 7, 1802 (NLW MS 789B). The writer, in describing Shrewsbury, says "Near the Breddin Hills, to all appearance a continuation of it, is a hill called Llangollen". Of the waterfalls at Devil's Bridge, he says:- "They are five in number, the lowest of which is 60 feet, which, in me, who had never seen anything of the sort before, produced sensations hardly describable." He also describes the two bridges as "one natural, the other artificial thrown over the natural one." Writing of Aberystwyth, the tourist says "I must confess the sea did not come up to the ideas I had formed of it ... even at high water it did not astonish me so much as I had expected." We are also informed that at Aberystwyth, "the Welsh women appear to be the only people that are active. The men are lazy, indolent, and leave everything to be done by their wives." At Carnarvon, the tourists went to hear "the service at a chapel belonging to a sect who call themselves Jumpers." The Journal throughout gives a description of the towns which forms a wonderful contrast compared with their present state.

Mynegai

Gogledd Cymru, Amwythig, Caernarfon, Caernarvon.

SAUNDERS OF MERTHYR MANUSCRIPT

1911058

Blwyddyn / Year

Adroddiad Blynyddol / Annual Report 1910-11

Disgrifiad / Description

Saunders (Merthyr) MS (NLW MS 791B). A collection of poems written between 1823 and 1838 by Rev. David Saunders of Merthyr. Most of the poems are in Welsh, but there are a few in English, some of which contain curious examples of the attempted employment of that language in accordance with the rules of semi-alliterative Welsh verse. The book also contains copies of poems, many of them unpublished, by John Blackwell, "Alun"; Peter Jones, "Pedr Fardd"; Robert Davies, Nantglyn; Robert Parry, "Robyn Ddu Eryri"; John Jones, "Tegid"; David Griffith, "Clwydfardd", Robert Williams, "Robert ap Gwilym Ddu"; David Owen, "Dewi Wyn," etc.

Mynegai

Merthyr Tudful, Merthyr Tydfil.

SCHOOLMASTER'S ACCOUNTS

1911059

Blwyddyn / Year

Adroddiad Blynyddol / Annual Report 1910-11

Disgrifiad / Description

A Book of Accounts kept by a Cardiganshire peripatetic schoolmaster during 1837-49 (NLW MS 526A). Some of the notes included among the accounts are quaint and amusing. Of one experience the schoolmaster writes:- "the last day of the school was 14th day of August in that day was i put the school by and worked at first in pengraig about 3 days and ½ at 1s. 6d. per day cutting the corn i paid 1½ of them for the datws drwg." In another place we find this delightful caution preserved:- "If any of you do something one to another, you will be under punishment and if you Deny that I shall punish you twice more." The MS. also contains a number of sermons, with the following note prefixed to one of them:- "1842. Mehefin 12ed. Evan Jones Llangeitho yn Elim am 2."

Mynegai

Sir Aberteifi.

DYDD Y PETHAU BYCHAIN AND LLYFR Y CILGWYN

1911060

Blwyddyn / Year

Adroddiad Blynyddol / Annual Report 1910-11

Disgrifiad / Description

Three Welsh MSS. 1. - Dydd y Pethau Bychain, a collection of curious essays on Scriptural and other subjects (NLW MS 2169B). 2. - An account of the foundation of Nonconformity in and around Lampeter, particularly at Cilgwyn. Details of the lives and labours of Philip Pugh, Jenkin Jones, David Jones, David Edwards and others, are given, and extracts are included from Llyfr y Cilgwyn, a valuable MS. believed to have been lost (NLW MS 2170B). 3. - Another copy of Dydd y Pethau Bychain (NLW MS 2171B).

TOUR BY CAPTAIN JENKIN JONES, RN

1911061

Blwyddyn / Year

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Disgrifiad / Description

An account of a tour in England and Wales, in the year 1819, by Captain Jenkin Jones, of the Royal Navy (NLW MS 785A). The route in Wales was from Swansea via Aberystwyth to Chester, through parts of Carmarthen, Cardigan, Merioneth, Montgomery, Carnarvon and Denbigh. The writer was a great-grandson of a farmer of Kilkennin, named John Jenkin ap Rhydderch, who died about 1743, and whose son, the writer's grandfather, left Wales and settled in London. The MS also contains an account of another tour in North of England, in 1836.

Mynegai

Abertawe, Caer, Sir Gaerfyrddin, Sir Aberteifi, Sir Feirionnydd, Sir Drefaldwyn, Sir Gaernarfon, Sir Ddinbych, Cilcennin, Llundain, Gogledd Lloegr.

LETTERS FROM EBEN FARDD ET AL.

1911062

Blwyddyn / Year

Adroddiad Blynyddol / Annual Report 1910-11

Disgrifiad / Description

From Ebenezer Thomas, "Eben Fardd", to Robert Isaac Jones, "Alltud Eifion", dated 1848, and referring to charges of "Puseyism" against verses written by the poet and revised at the suggestion of some clerical gentleman.

From Dafydd Thomas, "Dafydd Ddu Eryri", to Rev. John Jones, of Ramoth, referring to the publication of "Gramadeg Bardd Nantglyn". Dated 1808.

From T Evan Williams, Llanwenllwyfo, Anglesey, dated June 1889, and containing part of the pedigree of the writer.

A Letter of Introduction to John Jones, of Llanbadarn, addressed to "Ministers, members, and other friends of the various denominations in North Wales," and of recommendations to "Scott and Henry's Commentary", which John Jones was then selling (NLW MS 3428C). The letter is dated May 1834, and is signed by Azariah Shadrach.

Mynegai
Gogledd Cymru.