

ADRODDIAD BLYNYDDOL / ANNUAL REPORT 1923-24

DAVIES, GREGYNOG

1924001

Ffynhonnell / Source

Miss Gwendoline Davies

Blwyddyn / Year

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Disgrifiad / Description

Miss Gwendoline Davies has presented Poems by George Herbert, printed at the Gregynog Press, 1923, being No. 3 of 100 copies on hand-made paper (Dept of Printed Books). This copy, by Miss Davies's direction, has been specially bound in blue Levant morocco at the Gregynog bindery. The Gregynog Press was recently established as part of a scheme for the improvement of arts and crafts in Wales. The first volume to be printed there is an excellent illustration of what may be achieved by careful attention to the details of book-craft.

Wales has had but few private printing presses. The most famous is the Hafod Press established by Thomas Johnes about 1803 which ceased after about seven years of splendid activity. The press established at Dowlais by Colonel G. T. Clark printed two books, some account of Sir Robert Mansel and of Admiral Thomas Button, 1883, and the first volume of *Cartae et alia munimenta quae ad dominium de Glamorgan pertinent*, 1885. The succeeding volumes of this work were printed at Cardiff, and so far as I know Colonel Clark did not print anything further. The Gregynog Press is therefore the third in order of time of private presses in Wales. The high standard of its first book assures for the press an important place in the craft, and subscribers to its publications are to be congratulated.

Mynegai

Caerdydd, Sir Forgannwg.

GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS

1924002

Ffynhonnell / Source

Trustees of the British Museum

Blwyddyn / Year

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Disgrifiad / Description

In addition to their gift of current publications, the Trustees of the British Museum have recently presented 1.300 volumes of government publications, ranging from 1718 to 1842, including sets of Journals, Bills, Reports and Lists, which help to fill large gaps in the National Library series (Dept of Printed Books).

Mynegai

Yr Amgueddfa Brydeinig.

D BERRINGTON DAVIES

1924003

Ffynhonnell / Source

Mr D Berrington Davies, Cardigan

Blwyddyn / Year

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Disgrifiad / Description

Sixteen documents, including deeds, letters, rent ledgers, press cuttings, marriage settlements concerning prominent Cardiganshire families, and other kindred matter; early one-guinea bank notes of the Cardigan bank; a packet of documents bearing on the 'Tivy Improvement Scheme' (1882); and elegy in Welsh by David Owen, "Brutus", on the death of Mrs Davies, Castle Green, Cardigan, and a printed copy of verses "To the Memory of the late Rev. David Griffith, Vicar of Nevern".

The printed material includes three interesting broadsides relating to Cardigan and Carmarthen, English theological works, etc. (Dept of Printed Books).

Mynegai

Sir Aberteifi, Aberteifi, Caerfyrddin, Nyfer, Nanhyfer.

TIMOTHY DAVIS DIARIES

1924004

Ffynhonnell / Source

The Rev Rudolf Davis, Gloucester.

Blwyddyn / Year

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Disgrifiad / Description

The manuscript diaries of Timothy Davis, son of David Davis, Castell Hywel, and other papers (NLW MSS 5487-8B, 5489-90C, 5491B, 5492-4C, 5495B, 5496D, 5497E, 5498-9C).

The following letter, dated 14 March 1924, describes the gift:-

Dear Sir,

From time to time during several years various friends, more particularly Rev. R. Jenkin Jones, Aberdare, and Rev. T. Arthur Thomas, Llandyssul, have suggested that the MS. diaries of my grandfather, Timothy Davis, Gresham, son of David Davis, Castell Hywel, "Telyn Dewi", together with sundry papers concerned with events in his or his father's life ought to be deposited in a library where they could be consulted by properly qualified persons of historical and literary purposes, because of the information (perhaps chiefly biographical) they can give in connection with the history of Nonconformity in South Wales during the earlier half of last century.

To-day I have despatched to Rev. T. Arthur Thomas, that he may have opportunity to look through before passing on, a parcel containing:

10 quarto MS. books of diary of Timothy Davis.

1 foolscap MS. books of diary of Timothy Davis.

Quarto MS. book of copies of letters from David Davies, Neath: copies apparently made by D. D.

Miniature of David Davis, Castell Hywel.

Indenture with the signature Timothy Jacob.

Letter from Evan Evans, Cantab, 1776, and 1 from W. Tong.

Envelope containing certificate for ordination of Timothy Davis, and letter from David Davis relating thereto.

Envelope containing printed Davis genealogy, and MS. notes thereon by Rev. R. Jenkin Jones.

Envelope containing letters from Rev. R. Jenkin Jones relating to the diaries (I think, - from memory only, - did not look up), these may include an examination of the question, if it is a question, whether David Davis himself translated Gray's Elegy ("Better than the original",) or whether he entered a translation by another into his Commonplace Book.

Envelope containing one printed and various MS. sundries. Kindly destroy any not wanted.

The above I have pleasure in offering to the National Library, and I shall be glad if they can be accepted.

I offer them not as a deposit for the time being, but as a permanent possession.

At the same time I should be glad if it is allowable, that note should be made for future reference, that should I find opportunity to collate matter dealing with the domestic life of our family, of which the diaries contain much, at my request one or more volumes of the diary should at my expense be temporarily returned to me for that purpose. For 30 or 40 years I have wished to do this, but have been unable. It is very unlikely I shall ever be able to (I am 70), still it is within the limits of possibility that I may, and so I make this request.

I omitted to say above that two days ago I received Rev. R. Jenkin Jones's willing consent that his letters, notes, corrigenda and addenda relating to diaries and genealogy should accompany the diaries and genealogy.

Yours faithfully

Rudolf Davis.

Mynegai

Aberdâr, Llandysul, De Cymru, Castell-Nedd, Caergrawnt.

GEORGE EYRE EVANS

1924005

Ffynhonnell / Source

Mr George Eyre Evans

Blwyddyn / Year

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Disgrifiad / Description

Manuscripts, maps and printed books. The manuscripts include correspondence relating to various works which Mr Evans has published (NLW MSS 4280E, 4281C, 4282B, 4283-6C, 4287-8E, 4289D, 4290C, 4291E, 4292-4D, 4295B, 4296C, 4297-300B), such as Aberystwyth and its Court Leet, Cardiganshire, Lampeter, Lloyd Letters, and Vestiges of Protestant Dissent; the letters of David Ivon Jones from New Zealand, South Africa and elsewhere, 1907-13 (6 vols); an autograph letter of Chancellor Daniel Silvan Evans, dated March 1898; notebook compiled, and press cuttings collected, by the donor, relating to matters of antiquarian interest, chiefly of Cardiganshire and Montgomeryshire; a map of "Whitewell Farm in several parishes of Bonvilston and Llanarvan, Glam ... done by John Williams, 1772" (Dept of Pictures and Maps); the series of articles which appeared in the Welsh Gazette under the pseudonym of "Philip Sidney" (3 vols) (Dept of Printed Books); 182 books and pamphlets, including parts of periodicals to complete sets previously presented, and a number of English topographical works (Dept of Printed Books).

Mynegai

Llanbedr-Pont-Steffan, Seland Newydd, De Affrica, Sir Aberteifi, Sir Drefaldwyn, Bonvilston (Tresimwn), Llanarfan.

D H DAVIES

1924006

Ffynhonnell / Source

The late Miss Margaret A James, Angorfa, Cardigan

Blwyddyn / Year

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Papers, letters and documents relating to the Tithe Rent Agitation in Cardiganshire in 1890 and the years following. Many of the letters were written to or from the late Rev. D H Davies, of Mount and Verwick. There are some earlier documents beginning with an "Altered Apportionment of the Rent charge in lieu of Tithes on certain lands in the parish of Verwig", dated August 26, 1858. The other letters in the collection are numerous and are nearly all by or relating to clergy in South Cardiganshire and Pembrokeshire.

Also a number of parish magazines and other material relating to Cardigan and a parcel of press cuttings collected by Rev. D H Davies.

Mynegai

Sir Aberteifi, Y Mwnt, Ferwig, Sir Benfro, Aberteifi.

YOUNG, *NIGHT THOUGHTS*

1924007

Ffynhonnell / Source

Mr Alfred T Hughes, Cremlyn, Llanrwst

Blwyddyn / Year

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Disgrifiad / Description

The manuscript of the translation into Welsh of Young's Night Thoughts made by the late Rev. John Evans, "I. D. Ffraid", Calvinistic Methodist minister (died 1875), grandfather of the donor (NLW MSS 4757-8B). The translation is contained in 16 copy books with a total of 569 pages. The work, unlike the same author's translation of Paradise Lost, has not been published. Gwilym Hiraethog, in a letter re-printed in Y Geninen, 1898, pp. 70-1, refers to this translation and expresses the opinion that it deserved to be printed.

Mr Alfred T. Hughes in a letter accompanying the manuscript writes:- "The late Sir O. M. Edwards is the only one (to my knowledge) that has read this and he wrote me at the time that he was a great admirer of I. D. Ffraid."

Mynegai

William Rees.

GORONWY OWEN

1924008

Ffynhonnell / Source

Mr Hugh Lloyd, Liverpool

Blwyddyn / Year

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Disgrifiad / Description

MS. copy of the letters of Goronwy Owen (NLW MS 4947B). This manuscript was used by the late Isaac Ffoulkes, "Llyfbrfryf", Liverpool, for the edition of Llythyrau Goronwy Owen, ed. by Prof. Sir John Morris Jones, published in 1895.

In the Preface Ffoulkes states that 19 letters (out of 49 included in the 1895 edition) were taken out of this MS. which he describes as contemporary with Goronwy Owen, with handwriting similar to that of the poet. Ffoulkes surmised that the book may have been used by Goronwy Owen himself to preserve copies of his letters, and adds the note that the differences in text are only what might be expected when a writer re-writes his work.

Principal J. H. Davies, in The Letters of Goronwy Owen, 1924, says:-

"In the preface to the 1895 edition it is stated that nineteen of the letters were copied from a transcript contemporary with Goronwy, and it is suggested that they may have been written by Goronwy himself in the book. This suggestion is disproved by the fact that one of the letters in the book is a copy of the letter sent by Goronwy to Richard Morris from America in 1767, ten years after Goronwy had left this country. Moreover, nearly all the letters are addressed to Richard Morris, and one fails to see why the author should have kept copies of the letters he sent over a period of four years to one brother and no copies of the letters he sent to the other brothers."

Mr Hugh Lloyd, in a letter to the Librarian says:-

"Had Principal Davies seen the MS. I sent to you before he published his Letters of Goronwy Owen he would have found stronger proofs than he states for denying the claim of Isaac Ffoulkes that the handwriting was really Goronwy's own ... I am inclined to believe that the copyist was Thomas Williams, Coed Cochion." Mr Lloyd points out that this name occurs in the MS. "Thomas Williams, Coed Cochion, 1792."

Mr Lloyd is probably correct. The handwriting is very similar to that of Thomas Williams of Coed Cochion found in NLW MS 344D.

Isaac Ffoulkes states that the MS. came into his possession at the sale of the library of the late Canon Wynne-Edwards, vicar of Llanrhaiadr-yn-Cinmeirch.

Mynegai

Lerpwl, USA, Unol Daleithiau, Llanrhaeadr-yng-Nghinmeirch.

COF-NODAU O BREGETH, BY DANIEL ROWLANDS

1924009

Ffynhonnell / Source

Mr M E Morgan, Tregaron

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A copy of the scarce pamphlet Cof-nodau o Bregeth; sef Llwyddiant wrth Orsedd Gras ... , by Daniel Rowlands printed by S. Williams, Aberystwyth, 1813 (Dept of Printed Books).

W J PARRY

1924010

Ffynhonnell / Source

Mr W J Parry, C.B.E., Coetmor Hall, Bethesda

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Manuscripts (NLW MSS 5775-89) and printed books. The manuscripts include autograph letters of Thomas Gee of Denbigh; D. Emlyn Evans, Welsh musician; R. S. Hughes, Welsh composer; John Griffiths, "Y Gohebydd"; and R. I. Pryse, "Gweirydd ap Rhys". Most of the letters are addressed to Mr W. J. Parry (NLW MS 5775B).

A small leather-bound MS. volume of 40 pages containing poetry, mostly by Rhisiart Glan Ogwen (Richard Jones, Bethesda) (NLW MS 4953B). The first part is in the autograph of Ieuan o Leyn, (J. H. Hughes, 1814-98) a well-known Welsh poet and a Congregational minister. The volume was given to Mr Parry by a Miss Hughes, daughter of a niece of Rhisiart Glan Ogwen.

An interesting volume of Welsh ballads, which also contains several specimens of Carol Plygain.

The printed books include a good set of Mr Parry's own publications, especially the pamphlets issued in connection with the industrial troubles at the Penrhyn Slate Quarries (Dept of Printed Books).

Mynegai

Dinbych.

NOTES OF SERMONS IN ENGLISH

1924011

Ffynhonnell / Source

Mr D C Roberts, Aberystwyth

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Welsh and English books, including parts of Welsh periodicals (Dept of Printed Books).

A MS. on 183 leaves of paper, being Notes of Sermons in English by Hughe Rogers, beginning 7e March, 1657 (NLW MS 4938A). Probably Hugh Rogers the itinerant who, according to Richards's Puritan Movement in Wales, 1920, served first in Monmouth, and then at Newtown, Montgomeryshire. He was "ejected" from Newtown at the Restoration. On folio 26 is the note: "At N[ova] Villa 13 June, 1658," and on p. 44 "preached at Newtowne."

The late Richard Williams in Montgomeryshire Worthies, 1884, writes:-

The Rev. Hugh Rogers, Rector of Newtown, was ejected for Nonconformity in 1662. Philip Henry gives him the following character:- "Mr Hugh Rogers, a worthy faithful minister of Jesus Christ, turned out for Nonconformity from Newtown, in Montgomeryshire, was buried at Welshpool, March 17th, 1680. He was looked upon as Congregational, but his declared judgement was "That ministers ought to be ordained by ministers, and to give themselves wholly to that work; and that none but ministers have authority to preach in a constituted church; and that Christ's ministers are His ministers in all places; and that where the word of Christ is preached, and His sacraments administered, there is a true Church!" He was a man of excellent converse, an whose peculiar felicity lay in pleasant and edifying discourse."

Mynegai

Trefynwy, Y Drenewydd, Sir Drefaldwyn, Y Trallwng.

VERNEY MSS

1924012

Ffynhonnell / Source

Sir Harry C W Verney, Bart., D.S.O.

Blwyddyn / Year

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A collection of printed and manuscript music (NLW MSS 10918A, 10919-26B, 109279D, 10930B, 10931C), instrumental and vocal. Among the composers represented are: F. H. Barthelemon, R. Broderip, James Hook, William Napier, I. M. Pfeiffer and Thomas Smart. Also a number of collected volumes of glees and songs.

BODELWYDDAN MSS

1924013

Ffynhonnell / Source

Miss Mary C Williams, London

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Several years ago Miss Antonia Williams presented to the Library a portion of the law books and reports of trials used by John Williams, of Bodelwyddan, Chief Justice of Brecon, Glamorgan and Radnor, 1755-87. Her sister, Miss M. C. Williams, has now sent the remainder of the books and manuscripts belonging to Chief Justice, in order that all his library may be kept together (NLW MSS 4881-5E, 4886-8D, 4889E, 4890D, 4891E, 4892C, 4893-4E, 4895B, 4896D, 4897C, 4898D). The Misses Williams are great-great-grand-daughters of John Williams, being the daughters of Sir Hugh Williams, 3rd Bart., of Bodelwyddan.

Mynegai

Sir Frycheiniog, Sir Forgannwg, Sir Faesyfed.

LORD ABERDARE

1924014

Ffynhonnell / Source

The Rt Hon Lord Aberdare

Blwyddyn / Year

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Disgrifiad / Description

Sixty volumes, mainly works on political science, including a set of Cobbett's Weekly Political Register. Also a number of books on English literature, as well as works of individual authors such as James Howell, John Oldham, William Wycherley, etc. (Dept of Printed Books)

Portraits and prints (Dept of Pictures and Maps):

Portrait of Lord Aberdare in academic robes as President of the University College of South Wales, Cardiff.

Dolgelley-Bridge. Water-colour sketch by H. Hodgson.

Reproduction in colour of a view of part of the Aberdare Valley, showing Duffryn, until recently the seat of Lord Aberdare.

Mynegai

Coleg Prifysgol De Cymru, Caerdydd, Dolgellau, Aberdâr.

HENRY BLACKWELL

1924015

Ffynhonnell / Source

Mr Henry Blackwell, New York

Blwyddyn / Year

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A volume containing letters and newspaper cuttings relating to the visit which Sir Marchant Williams made in the year 1913 to Canada in company with Sir John Courtis, Sir William Davies and Mr Sidney W. Pugh, as guests of the Canadian Government (NLW MS 4861D).

It was intended that Sir Marchant Williams should extend his tour by a brief visit to the United States, and Mr Blackwell, with an enthusiastic group of Welshmen, had planned to give him a warm welcome to New York, Scranton, and other places if time permitted. The letters in the volume reveal the warmth of the projected welcome, and the unfortunate combination of circumstances which not only prevented the plan being carried out, but unhappily, led to the breakdown in health which shortened Sir Marchant's life.

The volume has been sent to the National Library through Sir William Davies, of the Western Mail, Cardiff. It is a fine example of Mr Blackwell's taste and skill as a book binder. The letters and cuttings are mounted on the best hand-made paper, half-bound in Levant morocco by Mr Blackwell himself, while his son-in-law has added a title page which is a choice piece of work with pen and ink.

Mynegai

USA, Unol Daleithiau, Efrog Newydd, Caerdydd.

ZOOLOGY BOOKS ETC

1924016

Ffynhonnell / Source

Croydon Public Library Committee.

Blwyddyn / Year

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Disgrifiad / Description

Books on zoology and allied subjects, and a number of miscellaneous items, including two or three scarce college registers (Dept of Printed Books).

THE GREAT WAR ETC

1924017

Ffynhonnell / Source

Sir A T Davies, K.B.E., C.B.

Blwyddyn / Year

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Disgrifiad / Description

A number of publications, issued abroad, relating to the Great War, 1914-18, and several important books in and relating to Basque language and literature (Dept of Printed Books).

Mynegai

World War One, Rhyfel Byd Cyntaf.

A O EVANS MSS

1924018

Ffynhonnell / Source

The Venerable Archdeacon A O Evans, B.A., Vicar of Llanfaethlu, Anglesey

Blwyddyn / Year

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1. Various letters received by him on the publication of "A Chapter in the History of the Welsh Book of Common Prayer", 3 vols. 1922 (NLW MS 4967C).

2. A miscellaneous collection of printed matter, leaflets, circulars etc. relating to the activities of "The Church in Wales" in Anglesey (NLW MS 4968C).

3. Edmund Prys Tercentenary, 1923 (NLW MS 4969C). Collection of:

(1) Placards and bills for sermons and lectures.

(2) Material for lectures and sermons and also for a tractate on Edmund Prys.

Archdeacon Evans has also sent seven other bundles of letters relating to the work of the Church in the diocese of Bangor. These being of a more or less private nature are deposited under seal and will not be available for public use for some time to come.

Mynegai

Sir Fôn.

MACHYNLLETH MISCELLANEA

1924019

Ffynhonnell / Source

Mr Philip Jones, formerly of Machynlleth, now of Aberayron.

Blwyddyn / Year

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Disgrifiad / Description

Papers and printed matter relating to public affairs in Machynlleth and neighbourhood.

DR D RHYS JONES

1924020

Ffynhonnell / Source

Dr D Rhys Jones, Cardiff

Blwyddyn / Year

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Disgrifiad / Description

Manuscripts, Books, etc.

1. 33 Welsh Congregational Diaries and Year Books for 1857-9, 1862-4, 1866-7, 1869-70, 1872-4, 1876-87, 1891-2, 1895-7, and 1900, all used as farming diaries by John Jones, (father of Dr D. Rhys Jones and the late Dr Pan Jones, Mostyn), Ffynnonwen, Llangunllo, Cards.
 2. A bundle of 17 Almanacks for 1843-4, 1846, 1849, 1856, 1859-66, 1872 and 1885-6, mostly "gan Gymro ger Aberteifi". A few marginal MS. notes.
 3. Two leather-bound account-books, one with a metal clasp (NLW MS 4533B). These have the wage accounts of various men - and maid-servants, and are of interest to students of the economic and social history of Wales, as not only are the wages of each servant given, but the amounts advanced before the time the wage due and the purpose for which the advances were made are recorded.
 4. Nine small notebooks containing miscellaneous material, such as notes of collections made for the needy, assessments of poor-rate for the parish of Llangunllo", an account of the days of harvesting" etc.
 5. MS of verses composed by Peter Davies, a patient at the Carmarthen Mental Hospital and written down from memory by another patient. The verses describe a journey started on foot, but afterwards continued in a coach, from Carmarthen to Cardigan.
- Dr Rhys Jones continues to send scarce Welsh pamphlets and periodicals (Dept of Printed Books).
Mynegai
Cardigan, Caerfyrddin, Aberteifi.

LLYSFAEN

1924021

Ffynhonnell / Source

Mr J Matthews-Hughes, Hove

Blwyddyn / Year

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Disgrifiad / Description

About sixty deeds and documents ranging in date from 1546 to 1860, and relating mainly to Llysfaen, co. Carnarvon.

Nodiadau

Schedule Available, Miscellaneous I.

BIBLE

1924022

Ffynhonnell / Source

Mr Edward Morgan, Cardiff.

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Disgrifiad / Description

A copy of the English Bible 1598-1601, containing the Old Testament (Geneva version) 1599; Apocrypha 1599; New Testament (Geneva version) 1598 (Dept of Printed Books); Revelation of St. John by Franc. Junius, 1600, and The Whole Booke of Psalmes (Sternhold, Hopkins and others), 1601. The volume is bound in full rough sheepskin with a binder's title "Holy Bible, 1598". Several leaves are missing and many of the pages repaired. There are a number of marginal manuscript notes, one of which, dated 1626, relates to the "purchase deed of the seat under the Pulpit in Oswestry Church." The other notes record the births, etc., of the family of Moody, 1693-1776. This copy was in use in Oswestry Parish Church during the reign of Charles I and then passed into private hands. The volume has recently been repaired and re-bound for the donor, who sends it to the National Library to ensure its preservation.

Mynegai

Croesoswallt.

NEWTON JACKSON

1924023

Ffynhonnell / Source

Mrs Newton Jackson, Blackbrook, Mon

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About 275 deeds and documents relating to property in co. Monmouth, mainly in the Hundred of Skenfrith. They range from xviith to xixth centuries.

The deeds were received through Colonel Sir Joseph Bradney, C.B., D.Litt., Talycoed, Mon.

Mynegai

Sir Fynwy.

Nodiadau

Schedule Available.

TAFF VALE RAILWAY

1924024

Ffynhonnell / Source

Newport Public Library Committee

Blwyddyn / Year

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Disgrifiad / Description

A collection of serial publications and a number of Acts of Parliament relating to the Taff Vale Railway, etc. (Dept of Printed Books)

M E JAMES MSS

1924025

Ffynhonnell / Source

Mrs Phillips, Treriffith, St. Dogmell's, Pem.

Blwyddyn / Year

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Manuscripts of the late Miss M. E. James, authoress (NLW MSS 5404-9), including:-

1. Small note book. "A trip to Germany in 1869 " (5404A).
2. Essay. "The last invasion of England" i.e. The Fishguard invasion of 1797 (NLW MS 5405D).
3. "Thought-Reading, a farce in one act" (NLW MS 5408D).
4. A discussion on Perspective in the form of a narrative (NLW MS 5409D).
5. Sketches, designs and ten pen-and-ink drawings of the French invasion of Fishguard (NLW MS 5406D).
6. A number of printed books (Dept of Printed Books).

Mynegai

Yr Almaen, Abergwaun.

Nodiadau

NLW MS 5406D shelved in Dept of Pictures and Maps.

CHARMS AND SACRED MUSIC

1924026

Ffynhonnell / Source

The Rev Henry Thomas, The Vicarage, Bryncoedifor, Dolgelley.

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Two examples of 'charms' given by a 'dyn hysbys,' i.e. soothsayer, to individuals to protect them from witchcraft (NLW MS 4937E). They are written in English and Latin and contain occult formulae and diagrams. Both were given to one Thomas Thomas, probably by two different soothsayers, to protect him and his family and his farm stock against witchcraft and diseases.

Two similar examples were received in 1915 from the Rev. T. D. James, Llanerfyl Rectory, Welshpool.

Two volumes of manuscript music, containing hymn - and psalm-tunes and anthems, collected and some composed by Richard Ellis (1775-1855), of Dolgelley, composer of several hymn - and psalm-

tunes and a few anthems, some of which are still to be found in Welsh tune-books (NLW MSS 4935C, 4936A). In 1810 he published:-

"Casgliad o Salmu, Hymnu, ac Anthemu Dewisedig, yn Gymraeg a Saesoneg. Y rhai a arferir eu canu, yn Eglwys Dolgellu, gan Blant yr Ysgol Sabbothawl, a gasglwyd ac a gyhoeddwyd, gan Richard Ellis, Athraw Cerddwriaeth. Dolgellu: Argraphwyd gan R. Jones. (Pris un swllt a chwe' cheiniog, yn rhwym), 1810."

Principal J. H. Davies has a copy of this little book.

These volumes, which are of interest to the historian of Welsh sacred music, were found in the house of Robert Roberts, sexton and parish clerk of Bryncoedifor, Dolgellu, (died c. 1904), a bard and a well-known character in the district.

Mynegai

Y Trallwng, Dolgellau.

PLAS LLANGOEDMORE

1924027

Ffynhonnell / Source

Mr Herbert M Vaughan, M.A., F.S.A., of Llangoedmore

Blwyddyn / Year

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Disgrifiad / Description

Two manuscript volumes:-

1. "An Enquiry into the excellence of the British Constitution" by John Glyn Wynne, 1797 (NLW MS 4413C).

2. A volume of music containing dances, airs, etc. (NLW MS 4414A) The volume has an engraved title leaf and bears the names - Thos. Robt. Brigstocke, A. M. Crae, H. Vaughan 84th Regt. Plymouth. Mr Vaughan has also deposited under conditions which have been approved by the Council 119 deeds and documents, dating from 1630 to 1898. These mainly concern the Vaughan families. A few relate to the Venerable Archdeacon Benjamin Millingchamp, D.D., of Llangoedmore, 1756-1829. Archdeacon Millingchamp's Persian MSS were given to the Library by Mr Vaughan in 1912.

Portrait, in oils, of a lady. Artist unknown. c. 1860 (Dept of Pictures and Maps).

Two globes - 1. terrestrial, 2. celestial, made about 1800. Fixed on stands, on which they can be made to revolve (Dept of Pictures and Maps).

Over 300 printed books, including important works of travel and biography, and some examples of the printing of the better known Continental presses of the xvth and xviith centuries (Dept of Printed Books).

Early editions of works by English writers, Camden, Hawkesworth, Sir Thomas Mainwaring, John Owen the epigrammatist, etc.

Pamphlets and other printed material, including several broadsides relating to Cardiganshire affairs, and pamphlets by Connop Thirlwall, Bishop of St. David's (Dept of Printed Books).

Exceptional interest attaches to much of the printed material in the collection, as 77 volumes were bound at Newcastle Emlyn by Thomas Jones, and two volumes by Thomas John of Cardigan.

The bindings, which are in good condition, are remarkable as examples of the artistic skill of country book-binders who loved their work and who used only the best materials. Many of the books were bound for Archdeacon Millingchamp, who, to quote Mr Herbert M. Vaughan, "evidently appreciated [Thomas] Jones's skill and taste as a book-binder".

Mynegai

Sir Aberteifi, Tyddewi, Castellnewydd Emlyn, Aberteifi.

Nodiadau

Plas Llangoedmore Deeds, Schedule Available.

WELSH MISSION BOOKROOM, INDIA

1924028

Ffynhonnell / Source

Welsh Mission Bookroom, Aijal, India

Blwyddyn / Year

Adroddiad Blynyddol / Annual Report 1923-24

Disgrifiad / Description

Through Sir J. Herbert Lewis, G.B.E., Vice-President, the Library has received a large selection of the literature issued by the Welsh Mission Bookroom in India (Dept of Printed Books). It consists of editions of the Bible, hymns, reading-books, and elementary text-books on geography, geometry, history, etc., mostly in the Lushai dialect of India.

Nearly all the books have been translated or written by Welsh missionaries working in India.

The acquisition is very welcome, as the National Library is always anxious to secure, for reference purposes and for preservation, all publications issued by Welshmen throughout the world.

RED CROSS HOSPITAL, MACHYNLLETH

1924029

Ffynhonnell / Source

Mrs G E Bonsall, M.B.E., Fronfraith, Aberystwyth, (formerly of Machynlleth).

Blwyddyn / Year

Adroddiad Blynnyddol / Annual Report 1923-24

Disgrifiad / Description

Minute books, papers and letters relating to the Machynlleth Red Cross Hospital, 1914-23, being material for writing a complete history of this branch of voluntary war-work at Machynlleth. Two notebooks kept personally by Mrs Bonsall, Commandant of the Hospital, form a complete record of the work of the detachment. These contain minutes, press cuttings and other memoranda arranged in order of date. Among the other documents are lists of staff and voluntary workers, lists of patients, hospital accounts, proceeds from "flag-days", and miscellaneous letters including some received by the Commandant from patients or their relatives.

SERGEANT MAJOR FEAR

1924030

Ffynhonnell / Source

Regt Sergt Major Fear, Aberystwyth

Blwyddyn / Year

Adroddiad Blynnyddol / Annual Report 1923-24

Disgrifiad / Description

Material relating to the efforts made by him and others in Aberystwyth to provide parcels and comforts for Aberystwyth 'boys' in the fighting services during the European War, 1914-18. This is supplementary to material (including letters of thanks from the troops) previously deposited.

Mynegai

World War One, Rhyfel Byd Cyntaf.

Nodiadau

Schedule Available.

EVAN OWEN MSS

1924031

Ffynhonnell / Source

Mr Evan Owen, Liverpool

Blwyddyn / Year

Adroddiad Blynnyddol / Annual Report 1923-24

Disgrifiad / Description

Mr Evan Owen of Liverpool, who died 6 January 1924, bequeathed to the National Library all the Welsh and English books in his library relating to the Baptist connection, and any other books and pamphlets which the Library might select (NLW MSS 10443-548). The collection includes two bound volumes of the North Wales Baptists Circular Letters (1860-1917); three volumes of Llawlyfr Undeb Bedyddwyr Cymru (1877-1889), and the manuscript of the biography of the late Mrs Evan Owen (NLW MS 10536A), as well as a large number of denominational periodicals and Baptist chapel reports, etc.

A Looking-Glasse for all true hearted Chrisians ... by Lewis Hughes, printed by T and M. S., London, 1642. Lewis Hughes, a Welshman, was Chaplain at the Bermudas, being one of the earliest settlers in those islands. He was several times accused of non-conformity and railings against the church. Most

of his writings deal with these charges and his suggestions for the reform of the church service. This rare tract has a curious woodcut on the title-page.

A photostat copy of Hughes's petition, 1625, to the Privy Council, giving an account of his many troubles, was obtained recently.

Mynegai

Lerpwl.

BIBLE OF THE HOUSE OF ALBA

1924032

Blwyddyn / Year

Adroddiad Blynnyddol / Annual Report 1923-24

Disgrifiad / Description

A beautiful reproduction made in 1920-2 of the Old Testament translated from the Hebrew into Castilian, the literary language of Spain, by Rabbi Moses Arragel of Guadalfajara, in 1422 (Dept of Printed Books). Only a limited number of copies were offered for sale, the work being privately printed for the members of the Roxburghe Club by the Duke of Alba, the owner of the manuscript. Published in two volumes, with facsimiles, some in colour.

Mynegai

Sbaen.

BIOLOCIA CENTRALI AMERICANA

1924033

Blwyddyn / Year

Adroddiad Blynnyddol / Annual Report 1923-24

Disgrifiad / Description

This work, which ranks as one of the greatest scientific publications ever undertaken, was planned and carried out by the authors, F. Duncane Godman and Osbert Salvin, at their own expense between 1879 and 1915 (Dept of Printed Books). It describes the antiquities, flora and fauna of the whole of Mexico and Central America. The work consists of 63 folio volumes, containing 1677 plates, of which more than 100 are coloured.

Mynegai

Mecsico.

THE GROLIER CLUB

1924034

Blwyddyn / Year

Adroddiad Blynnyddol / Annual Report 1923-24

Disgrifiad / Description

A selection of the publications of the Grolier Club, New York (Dept of Printed Books). Founded in 1884 the Grolier Club is an "Association of men interested in the art of making Books and the collection of Books." The purpose of its publications consequently is to illustrate and encourage the study of the arts pertaining to the production of good books and everything in any way relating thereto. Of the books recently published and purchased *The Scarlet Letter* was chosen as a medium for the use of illustrations in colour; *Baziliologia*, printed on Japanese vellum at the Chiswick Press, to illustrate the art of engraving; *Contributions to English Bibliography: Wither to Prior*, 3 vols, and a Catalogue of books in first editions to illustrate the history of English Prose Fiction, harvesting the bibliographical labour of a generation of American book collectors; *Researches concerning Jean Grolier ...*, (the patron saint of the club), a fine example of the art of printing by the De Vinne Press.

The collection also includes two volumes of the *Transactions of the Club*, reproductions of Whistler etchings, and miscellaneous pamphlets.

The publications of the Grolier Club are not issued for public sale, but the Librarian has recently been elected an Honorary Foreign Corresponding Member of the Club, and as such enjoys the same privilege as other members in regard to works issued by the Club.

Mynegai

Efrog Newydd.

JOHN GIBSON SKETCHES

1924035

Blwyddyn / Year

Adroddiad Blynyddol / Annual Report 1923-24

Disgrifiad / Description

Two scrapbooks containing pencil and pen and ink sketches by John Gibson, RA, also a number of letters and newspaper cuttings relating to the sculptor (NLW MSS 4914-15D).

CHARLES ASHTON LETTERS

1924036

Blwyddyn / Year

Adroddiad Blynyddol / Annual Report 1923-24

Disgrifiad / Description

A bundle of autograph letters by Charles Ashton, the literary policeman of Dinas Mawddwy. The letters, which were all addressed to Mr Hubert Smith of Leamington and Bournemouth, relate to Ashton's work in the field of Welsh bibliography (NLW MS 4939C).

THOMAS PERCY LETTER

1924037

Blwyddyn / Year

Adroddiad Blynyddol / Annual Report 1923-24

Disgrifiad / Description

Autograph letter from Thomas Percy, Bishop of Dromore, (well-known as the friend of "Ieuan Brydydd Hir", and as the editor of Reliques of Ancient English Poetry), to [Thomas] Apperley, father of the well known sporting writer "Nimrod" (NLW MS 4955D). One letter refers to the tour in France of Dr Johnson and Mrs Thrale. Apperley's son, "Nimrod," married the daughter of William Wynn of Peniarth, Merioneth.

THEOPHILUS JONES LETTERS

1924038

Blwyddyn / Year

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Disgrifiad / Description

A packet of autograph letters (NLW MS 4954C) from Theophilus Jones, author of History of Breconshire, to Dr James Donne of Oswestry; from Rev. W. J. Rees of Cascob, Presteign, to Dr Donne, and from Dr Donne to R. Llwyd "Bard of Snowdon"; together with a memoir of Rev. David Lloyd, vicar of Llanbister, Radnorshire, (extracted from the Gentleman's Magazine, June, 1838, vol. ix, p. 662) in the autograph of Rev. W. J. Rees, Cascob.

Mynegai

Sir Frycheiniog, Croesoswallt.

JOHN ORLANDO PARRY

1924039

Blwyddyn / Year

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Disgrifiad / Description

Manuscripts of musical compositions including songs, plays, glees, hymn-tunes, by John Orlando Parry, composer, musician, entertainer, artist and caricaturist (born 1810, died 1879), son of John Parry, "Bardd Alaw" (NLW MSS 4925A, 4926C, 4927-30A, 4931C). There are also librettos written by Albert Smith who collaborated with Parry. Some of the pieces were composed at Llanover Court, and are dedicated to "The Llanover Choir". In addition to being a musician and composer, Parry had some pretensions as an artist, and the present collection includes designs for frontispieces and original drawings. Portraits and photographs of John Orlando Parry also form part of the collection, and there

are several advertisements and leaflets relating to entertainments given by him. One drawing by Parry of a blind man was engraved in mezzotint by R. P. Barlow.

Mynegai

Llanofor.

PEDIGREE ROLLS

1924040

Blwyddyn / Year

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Disgrifiad / Description

A collection of pedigree rolls and other genealogical tables and notes purchased recently is of some importance, especially for the history of Pembrokeshire and Carmarthenshire county families (NLW Rolls 22-42).

A vellum roll of 34 feet, giving the pedigree of Edward IV, King of England, etc. to Adam. A smaller vellum roll gives the descent of Hughe Phillipps from Kidyfor Fawr, Lord of Kilsant and Blaenckirch, and the descent of Kidyfro from Maxen Wledig, with coloured shields of arms.

Other documents contain pedigrees of Laugharne, Roche, Perrott, Ferrior, Bowen, Dunn, Adams, and Philipps of Picton, all of Pembrokeshire, and the Gwynnes of Glanbran, co. Carmarthen. The marriage of the only daughter of Sir Anthony Van Dyck, the famous painter, to Sir John Stepney of Prendergast is mentioned.

With the pedigrees is a strip of vellum, to which is attached a small locket containing a miniature portrait of Charles II., presented by King Charles in 1660 to Col. Laugharne, who defended Pembroke Castle for the Royalists in the Civil War (NLW Rolls 41)

Mynegai

Sir Benfro, Sir Gaerfyrddin, Penfro.

Nodiadau

Schedule Available.

LATIN TREATISE ON ROMAN AND CANON LAW

1924041

Ffynhonnell / Source

Miss Auden, Church Stretton.

Blwyddyn / Year

Adroddiad Blynnyddol / Annual Report 1923-24

Disgrifiad / Description

260 Printed volumes and one manuscript. The manuscript is a Latin treatise on Roman and Canon Law written in a 17th century hand. It deals with the Law of nature (*Lex Naturæ*) and its relation to other Laws governing the thoughts and actions of men. The thesis is divided into two main divisions. The author submits his work to the Pope for the removal of any error of sin to be found in it. The treatise resulting from a close study of the Roman Law and with special reference to the question of the powers a King might have over his subjects. In the 17th century many treatises were written on this subject; all ancient writings, ecclesiastical and secular, were drawn upon in support of the various contentions put forward for the justification of kingly power and the limits of that power. The Stuart claim to rule by divine right gave an impetus to treatises of this kind. The present treatises deals with the subject of the "*Jus regale*" in its relation to the "*Jus naturæ*". The space given to the rights of women to royal power is significant when we remember that the writer was a Roman Catholic who evidently had the reign of Queen Elizabeth in mind, as was the case with most writers during that period.

The printed books include a number of Quaker items, collected and individual biographies and journals, periodicals, and the works of prominent Quaker writers - Edward Ash, John Crook, Josiah Forster, Priscilla Gurney, Wm. Sewell, Thos. Wagstaffe, etc. (Dept of Printed Books)

The remainder of the collection comprises theological works of a general nature (Dept of Printed Books) including three pamphlets by or relating to the late Rev. Prebendary Thos. Auden; three volumes of pamphlets by Wm. Huntington (1745-1813), the eccentric preacher who appended to his name the letters S.S. (sinner saved); a set of Thirty Thousand Thoughts (6 vols) edited by H.D.M. Spence Jones, Dean of Gloucester, and others; and a number of works by classical writers, etc.

Mynegai

Caerloyw.

THE FOUR ANCIENT BOOKS OF WALES

1924042

Ffynhonnell / Source

Dr Alfred Daniell, Edinburgh.

Blwyddyn / Year

Adroddiad Blynyddol / Annual Report 1923-24

Disgrifiad / Description

Two interleaved copies with manuscript notes of the text of poems published by Celtic scholar, the late W.F. Skene, under the title *The Four Ancient Books of Wales* (NLW MSS 4974-5C).

It will be recalled that Skene published in two volumes in 1868 the poetry from the *Black Book of Carmarthen*, the *Book of Aneirin*, the *book of Taliesin*, and the *Red Book of Hergest*, with translations into English and notes. The translation was to be made by Chancellor Silvan Evans and Canon Robert Williams of Rhydygroesau, and for the purpose of providing them with printed copies of the text, Skene had the poetry put in type five years before the whole work was published.

The volumes presented by Dr Daniell may be either copies of the text so printed in 1863 and used in connection with the work of editing, or else, as Dr Daniell suggests, copies used by Skene in preparing a second edition which was projected but not published. One copy has translation of some of the poems in what Dr Daniell, who knew Skene well, describes as the autograph of Skene.

Mynegai

Llyfr Du Caerfyrddin, Llyfr Coch Hergest.

CASTLE GREEN MSS

1924043

Ffynhonnell / Source

Mr D Berrington Davies, Cardigan

Blwyddyn / Year

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Disgrifiad / Description

Mr Berrington Davies's gift is supplementary to that recorded in the half-yearly report for May 1924, and includes further manuscript and printed papers relating to railway lines completed or projected in Carmarthenshire and Pembrokeshire. These relate mainly to the Carmarthen and Cardigan Railway, which was not completed beyond Newcastle Emlyn, and the Whitland and Cardigan Railway (NLW MS 5532E, 5533F, 5534C, 5535D, 5536A, 5537-9C, 5540-2D, 5543E).

Mynegai

Sir Gaerfyrddin, Sir Benfro, Caerfyrddin, Aberteifi, Castellnewydd Emlyn, Hendy-gwyn.

TIMOTHY DAVIS MSS

1924044

Ffynhonnell / Source

The Rev Rudolf Davis, Gloucester.

Blwyddyn / Year

Adroddiad Blynyddol / Annual Report 1923-24

Disgrifiad / Description

In the half-yearly report in May it was stated that Rev. Rudolf Davis, Gloucester, great-grandson of David Davis, "Dafis Castell Hywel", had sent a group of manuscripts and personalia relating to David Davis, his sons David Davis of Neath, Timothy Davis, and others.

Mr Rudolf Davis has since sent further material relating to the Davis family (NLW MSS 5487-8B, 5489-90C, 5491B, 5492-4C, 5495B, 5496D, 5497E, 5498-9C) including press cuttings of a discussion in the *Western Mail* in 1907 on the translation of Gray's *Elegy* into Welsh by Dafis Castell Hywel. One person who took part in the discussion was the late Mrs Puddicombe, "Allen Raine", the novelist, who was a great-grand-daughter of David Davis. In sending the gift Mr Rudolf Davis recalls in the following words the sad circumstances in which Allen Raine wrote some of her stories:-

"One of the most pathetic things in literature surely, - the picture of her who was so radiant a girl, sitting for hours day after day holding her invalid husband's hand with her left hand (he could not bear her away) while with her right she wrote the novels that were to bring the needed bread and butter."

Mynegai

Caerloyw, Castell-Nedd.

A O EVANS

1924045

Ffynhonnell / Source

The Venerable Archdeacon A O Evans, B.A.

Blwyddyn / Year

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Disgrifiad / Description

Letters received by him on the publication of an address on Edmund Prys, Archdeacon of Merioneth (NLW MS 4969C).

Rough notes and letters in connection with the publication in 1918 of The Minutes of an Old Tract Society of Bangor.

Various documents and circulars relating to the work of the Church in Wales in the diocese of Bangor (NLW MS 4968C).

Mynegai

Merionnydd.

RECOLLECTIONS OF A RUTHINIAN

1924046

Ffynhonnell / Source

Mr R J Edwards, Ruthin.

Blwyddyn / Year

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Disgrifiad / Description

Two folio volumes of press-cuttings, etc. relating to Ruthin, collected by Mr Edwards, and containing:-
Vol. I. Recollections of a Ruthinian. Ruthin during last half century. These notes were contributed by "Ruthinian", (i.e. Mr R J Edwards), to the Denbighshire Free Press, commencing March 10, 1917. Other cuttings and broadsides (NLW MS 5166D).

Vol. II. Miscellanea relating to Ruthin, collected by Mr Edwards from newspapers, directories and other sources (NLW MS 5167D).

Mynegai

Rhuthun.

HENLLAN MSS

1924047

Ffynhonnell / Source

Principal W J Evans, M.A., Carmarthen.

Blwyddyn / Year

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Disgrifiad / Description

Manuscripts, including letters, note-books, diaries, sermons and memoranda of Rev. Thomas Morgan of Henllan (1720-99), Presbyterian minister and author, and of his son Thomas Morgan (NLW MSS 5452-73).

When Dr Thomas Rees wrote the History of Protestant Nonconformity in Wales (1861, second edition 1883), and, later, collaborated with Dr John Thomas of Liverpool in Hanes Eglwysi Annibynol Cymru, one of the principal sources of his information was the manuscript collection now presented by Principal Evans.

Some time ago the manuscripts were lent by Principal Evans to Professor John Morgan Jones, Bala-Bangor College, Bangor, who has described some of them in the first number of Y Cofiadur, the organ of the Welsh Congregational Historical Society.

A native of Egwylsilan, Glamorgan, Thomas Morgan served in the ministry at Henllan, Carmarthenshire; Delph, Yorkshire; and Morley, near Leeds. He published several works, wrote largely to the Gentleman's Magazine, and engaged in controversy with Joseph Priestley.

The papers and diaries were given to Principal Evans in 1900 by Mr S L Nussey, of Ilkley, and a schedule of them was made at that time. In addition to a typescript copy of this schedule, and letters giving the history of the manuscripts, Principal Evans has sent extracts from the Cilgwyn Church Book, made several years ago by W D Jeremy (author of The Presbyterian Fund and Dr Daniel Williams's Trust). The Cilgwyn register, a valuable source book for the history of Nonconformity in West Wales, has unfortunately been missing for some years.

Mynegai

Lerpwl.

HOWARD DE WALDEN MSS

1924048

Ffynhonnell / Source

The Rt. Hon. The Lord Howard De Walden

Blwyddyn / Year

Adroddiad Blynnyddol / Annual Report 1923-24

Disgrifiad / Description

The library of Sir Michael Williams, consisting of 329 books and pamphlets, and three manuscripts.

The manuscripts, enclosed in Levant morocco and Nigerian goatskin cases, are:-

1. A volume of 494 pages, 8 x 6¼ inches, roughly bound in leather. It contains Welsh poems, carols, and ballads in various metres, by thirty-six poets of the 17th and 18th centuries (NLW MS 4971C). The names of the tunes to which they were to be sung are given. The book belonged, in 1781, to a certain John Beans, (Beanes), in whose autograph the greater portion is written. Other scribes were Rowland Llwyd (o'r Gwrn) and 'John Jones'.

2. A volume of 826 pages, 7¾ x 6 inches, bound in leather, and containing poems by many of the earlier Welsh bards, together with a few miscellaneous notes and extracts. The whole manuscript is in the autograph of Dr John Davies of Mallwyd (NLW MS 4973B).

3. A large number of unbound sheets, being a collection of prayers, bearing dates from July 1721 to the end of 1755, and based upon texts taken from the Old and the New Testaments. All are in English, in the autograph of one Robert Edgar (NLW MS 4972C).

Among the printed books are many rare Welsh books, including several not already in the Library (Dept of Printed Books). The collection has been specially labelled, and is a valuable record at the literary side of Sir Marchant Williams's active and strenuous life.

HAVARD EXCAVATIONS AT SAMARIA

1924049

Ffynhonnell / Source

Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.

Blwyddyn / Year

Adroddiad Blynnyddol / Annual Report 1923-24

Disgrifiad / Description

Harvard excavations at Samaria, 1908-1910, by G A Reisner, C S Fisher, and D G Lyon. Cambridge, Harvard University Press, 1924. v.1 Text, v.2. Plans and plates (Dept of Printed Books). Two folio volumes describing the excavations made under the direction of Dr Gottlieb Schumacher and Dr George Andrew Reisner.

AN ILLUSTRATED HISTORY OF ENGLISH PLATE

1924050

Ffynhonnell / Source

The Executors of the late Sir Charles James Jackson, F.S.A.

Blwyddyn / Year

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Disgrifiad / Description

Through the courtesy of Lord Riddell, a copy of An illustrated history of English plate, (1911), in two quarto volumes, by Sir C J Jackson (Dept of Printed Books). The author was a son of the late J E Jackson, of Monmouth and Cardiff, and a barrister-at-law (South Wales Circuit). Sir Charles Jackson was an authority on gold and silver plate. The two editions of his great work Hall Marks on gold and silver are in the Library.

Mynegai
Trefynwy, Caerdydd.

MUSIC BOOKS ETC

1924051

Ffynhonnell / Source

Miss Jenkins, Aberystwyth

Blwyddyn / Year

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Disgrifiad / Description

A collection of books, pamphlets and periodicals, mainly relating to music, including compositions by her uncle, the late Prof. David Jenkins, J. Parry, "Pencerdd America", etc. (Dept of Printed Books); hymn books (Dept of Printed Books); unbound numbers of Y Cerddor, Y Gerddorfa, Musical Opinion, Musical Times, etc., and publications issued in connection with national and local eisteddfodau (Dept of Printed Books).

WATER COLOUR DRAWING ETC

1924052

Ffynhonnell / Source

Dr T Glynn Morris, Liverpool

Blwyddyn / Year

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Disgrifiad / Description

A framed water-colour drawing by W. G. Herdman - "The house where John Gibson lived when a boy at Conway" (Dept of Pictures and Maps). Chiefly known for his topographical views of Liverpool, W. G. Herdman (1805-82) exhibited several landscapes at the Royal Academy and issued many publications on art and other subjects. John Gibson, the famous Welsh sculptor, resided for some years in Liverpool.

A bound volume of Y Teulu, Oct. 1896 - Oct. 1897 (Dept of Printed Books). Edited by John Lloyd and published at Holywell.

Curtis, W.: Flora Londinensis; or plates and descriptions of such plants as grow in the environs of London ... revised and enlarged by G. Graves and Sir W. J. Hooker (Dept of Printed Books). 5 vols. London: 1777-1828. Plates coloured. Some of the drawings in the Flora Londinensis were drawn by Sydenham Teak Edwards (1769?-1819), who from 1798 until 1814 made the whole of the drawings for the Botanical Magazine. Edwards was the son of a schoolmaster and organist at Abergavenny.

Mynegai

Conwy, Lerpwl, Y Fenni.

SERMONS BY EDWARD FINCH

1924053

Ffynhonnell / Source

Mr T Ll Morton, Caergog, Aberystwyth

Blwyddyn / Year

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Disgrifiad / Description

Two MS. volumes of Sermons in English preached at various times from 1706 to 1726 by the Hon. and Rev. Edward Finch, Prebendary of York Minster (NLW MSS 4940-1B). The writer has carefully noted when and where the sermons were preached. Thus, one sermon was preached, amongst other places, at York Minster, Canterbury Cathedral, the Chapel Royal before Queen Ann, May 11, 1712, and at the same place on May 1, 1726 before King George I, the Prince of Wales, and other members of the Royal family. Of another sermon, which he preached at the Royal Chapel, St. James's, May 1st,

1715, before King George I, the Prince, the Princess and distinguished representatives of the nobility and the Church, he tells us the manuscript was given to the Princess.

The MSS are in the autograph of the author, the Honourable and Reverend Edward Finch, (1664-1738), who was the fifth son of Heneage Finch, first earl of Nottingham. Edward Finch was fellow of Christ College, Cambridge, and represented his University in the Parliament of 1689-90. He was ordained deacon in 1700, became rector of Wigan, and was appointed Prebendary of York in 1704. In 1710 he was installed prebendary of Canterbury.

He was also a musician of note. His 'Te Deum' and an anthem 'Grant we beseech Thee', are in one of the Harleian MSS. at the British Museum. Another MS. of 76 pages in the Euing Library at Glasgow, is 'A Grammar of Thorough Bass'.

The family was connected with Wales. Edward Finch's niece, the Lady Essex Finch, (daughter of his brother Daniel, 2nd Earl of Nottingham and 7th Earl of Winchilsea) was the wife of Sir Roger Mostyn, 3rd baronet, of Mostyn. The MSS. were given to the late Mr James Morton of Christleton, Cheshire, father of the donor, by Rev. Thomas Lloyd, nephew of the 1st Baron Mostyn of Mostyn. Thomas Lloyd was vicar of Christleton, and died unmarried about 1874.

The Battle of Waterloo, containing a series of accounts published by authority, British and foreign. 9th edition. London, 1816. Coloured plates, including folding panoramic sketch of the site of the battle. This volume has the signature of Bell Lloyd of Crogen, co. Merioneth, father of Rev. Thomas Lloyd mentioned above.

Mynegai

Caer Efrog, Caergaint.

PEMBROKESHIRE DEEDS

1924054

Ffynhonnell / Source

Dr Powell, Adpar, Newcastle Emlyn.

Blwyddyn / Year

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Disgrifiad / Description

Eight deeds and documents ranging in date from April 10, 1604 to February 23, 1647, and relating mainly to property called Gelli Deg in the parish of Manordeifi, co. Pembroke. The first document is the will of Thomas John Meredith of 'Kellidege' (NLW Misc Deeds, Pembrokeshire).

Mynegai

Gellideg.

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS

1924055

Ffynhonnell / Source

Mr Dewi Thomas, Llanfairfechan (late of Euston Station, London).

Blwyddyn / Year

Adroddiad Blynnyddol / Annual Report 1923-24

Disgrifiad / Description

A collection of recent Welsh books and periodicals, mostly duplicates, but which Mr Thomas suggests may be useful for loan purposes (Dept of Printed Books).

`YCHYDIG O HANES YR YSTORM A'R LLIF DYCHRYNLLYD'

1924056

Ffynhonnell / Source

Mr John Thomas, Aberystwyth.

Blwyddyn / Year

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Disgrifiad / Description

A scarce booklet, Ychydig o hanes yr ystorm a'r llif dychrynlyd ... yn swydd Ceredigion ... yn mis Gorphenaf, 1846. Aberystwyth: D. Jenkins (Dept of Printed Books).

Mynegai

Cardiganshire, Sir Aberteifi.

LADY GUEST'S MABINOIGION

1924057

Ffynhonnell / Source

The Rt Hon The Viscount Wimborne, per the Rt Hon Sir J Herbert Lewis, G.B.E.

Blwyddyn / Year

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Disgrifiad / Description

1. MS. of a modernised version in Welsh of portions of the stories of Pwyll and Branwen, made for the donor's grandmother, Lady Charlotte Guest, in connection with her edition of the Mabinogion (NLW MS 4963E). In 1838, Lady Guest wrote:-

"A copy of the Mabinogion in the Llyfr Coch Hergest was taken about twenty years ago by the Reverend John Jones, of Christ Church, Oxford (Tegid), for Mr Justice Bosanquet ... and it is from a transcript of this copy that the tale The Lady of the Fountain now offered to the public is printed, having been carefully collated with the original in Jesus College by Mr Jones."

The Bosanquet MS. referred to was acquired for the National Library in 1916.

2. Original pen and ink sketches, proofs of illustrations (steel engravings and woodcuts) and lithographic facsimiles used, or intended to be used, in Lady Guest's Mabinogion (1838-49) together with a letter from Joseph Fisher, engraver, Oxford, written in July 1838 to Sir Josiah Guest relating to the reproductions of the initial letters as in the Red Book (Dept of Pictures and Maps).

Mynegai

Rhydychen, Llyfr Coch Hergest, Mabinogi.

CROWELL & WILSON, HOW AMERICA WENT TO WAR

1924058

Ffynhonnell / Source

Yale University Library, New Haven, Connecticut.

Blwyddyn / Year

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Disgrifiad / Description

How America went to war: an account from official sources of the nation's war activities, 1917-1920, by Benedict Crowell and Robert Forrest Wilson. New Haven, Yale University Press, 1921. 6 vols (Dept of Printed Books). Issued in commemoration of the work of the 8,000 Yale men who took part in the World War, 1914-1918.

Mynegai

World War One, Rhyfel Byd Cyntaf.

WOMEN OF WALES TO THE WOMEN OF THE USA

1924059

Ffynhonnell / Source

Mrs Peter Hughes-Griffiths

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Photographic copy of the Memorial of the Women of Wales to the Women of the United States, invoking their "aid in the effort to hand down to the generations which come after us the proud heritage of a war-less world" (Dept of Pictures and Maps).

This is a copy of the original which is now at the British Empire Exhibition, Wembley. It will be recalled that Mrs Peter Hughes-Griffiths together with Miss Eluned Prys went to the United States last year as representatives of the Women of Wales to present the memorial to the women of the United States.

Mynegai

USA, Unol Daleithiau.

CARREG-LWYD

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Ffynhonnell / Source

Major F C Holland Griffith.

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An extensive and valuable collection of documents to be known as the Carreglwyd Papers. The collection was partly described by John Cordy Jeaffreson in the appendix to the fifth report of the Royal Commission on Historical MSS, 1876, pp. 405-23. Mr Jeaffreson dealt more particularly with the papers which relate to national affairs. The collection, however, contains a large number of papers dealing with Anglesey and other parts of North West Wales, especially during the xvth, xviith century, which supplement the Wynn of Gwydir papers of which a calendar is now passing through the press.

The two collections, Gwydir and Carreglwyd, have several points of affinity. Sir Richard Wynn, eldest son of Sir John Wynn of Gwydir, was Groom of the Chamber to Charles I while Prince of Wales, and afterwards Treasurer to Queen Henrietta Maria. Many of the Gwydir papers derive their importance from Sir Richard Wynn's positions at Court. Contemporary with him was John Griffith, a lawyer of Gray's Inn, who was for several years Secretary to Henry, Earl of Northampton, Lord Privy Seal to James I. Griffith was the trusted friend of the Earl of Northampton, and one of the executors of his will. The Carreglwyd collection of papers derives its importance mainly from the documents carefully preserved by John Griffith, who lived through the Civil War, the Commonwealth, and the Restoration.

A more detailed report will be made when the papers have been arranged and catalogued.

Major Holland Griffith, with fine public spirit, readily agreed to deposit the collection in the National Library to ensure their preservation, and in order that they may be available for use for literary and historical purposes.

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Sir Fôn.

Nodiadau

Schedule Available.

PRINTED WORKS & ROBERT OWEN, NEWTOWN

1924061

Blwyddyn / Year

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Disgrifiad / Description

1. Osebergfundet, edited by A. W. Brogger, H. J. Falk and Haakon Schetelig, vols. 1 and 3, 1917-20 (Dept of Printed Books).

The Oseberg discovery is of importance because of the new light it throws upon the archaeology of the Viking Age, more especially as regards the decorative arts, wood carving and weaving. The work is a systematic description of the exploration of Queen Asa's grave in the district of the Kings of Vestfold. The ship in which this queen was interred was richly adorned with carvings and paintings, and contained a number of wooden and metal objects and textile materials. The Oseberg collection will help to solve many problems connected with the history of the Vikings. The work which is in progress of publication, contains many illustrations.

A Swansea Volume (Dept of Printed Books).

2. A bound volume, which belonged to George Grant Francis, consisting of three books and other pamphlets relating to Swansea, with manuscript notes, interleaved and extra illustrated.

Cast of the Coligny Calendar (Dept of Pictures and Maps).

3. In November 1897, fragments of a lengthy inscription on bronze were found at Coligny, near Lyons, together with fragments of a fine statue of a nude god. All were taken to the Museum at Lyons and after examination were pieced together, as far as possible by M. Pual Dissard, head of the Museum. M. Dissard saw that the fragments of the inscription originally formed part of a Calendar for 5 years in the Celtic language of Ancient Gaul. Other scholars (notably the late Sir John Rhys and W. W. B. Nicholson, Bodley's Librarian) examined afterwards the Calendar, and Sir John Rhys published in 1905 (Celtae and Galli) and in 1910 (The Coligny Calendar) accounts of it and explanations of the parts that survive.

The Calendar has been assigned to the middle of the first century A.D.

The great events of the Celtic year were associated with the beginnings of May (Calan Mai, May 12) and November (Calan Gaeaf, November 12) and Rhys has identified the names of the months on the Calendar as follows:-

CANTLOS = May.

SAMON = June. cf. Welsh Haf.

DUMAN = July.

RIVROS = August.

ANACANTIOS = September.

OGRON = October.

QUTIOS = November.

GIAMON = December. cf. Welsh Gaeaf.

SIMIVIS = January.

EQVOS = February.

ELEMBIV = March.

EDRIN = April.

Each month is divided into two parts separated by the word ATENOUX.

The Cast has been framed and glazed and will be hung in the Exhibition Gallery.

The Great Chalice of Antioch (Dept of Printed Books).

4. The Great Chalice of Antioch, by Dr G. A. Eisen (New York, Kouchakji Freres, 1923), in two folio volumes. The two volumes contain the results of Dr Eisen's investigations into the date of the chalice discovered by a company of Arabs in the valley of the Orontes in 1910. The bowl of the chalice is ornamented with figures said to represent our Lord and the Apostles. The volumes are fine examples of modern typographical art.

5. An early business letter by Robert Owen, "The Socialist", (born at Newtown), written by him in his twenty-second year, when he was manager of the Piccadilly Factory, Manchester (NLW MS 4956C). The letter is described in "The Millgate Monthly" for May 1924, by Mr Arthur Hulme, Marple, near Stockport, from whom the letter was bought. According to Mr Hulme, "the particular interest attached to this document is that it is the earliest known autograph letter of Owen's extant".

6. Spenser, Edmund. The Farie Queen ... Chelsea: Ashendene Press, 1923 (Dept of Printed Books). The text is based upon a collation of the quartos of 1590 and 1596 and the folio of 1609. Printed from the half Gothic subiacio type used by the Ashendene Press in double columns, with initials, marginal and other notes in red and blue, bound in quarter morocco, vellum sides, folio.

7. Morison, Stanley. Four Centuries of fine printing, Cambridge: 1924 (Dept of Printed Books). A folio volume containing upwards of 600 examples of the work of presses established during the years 1500 to 1914. The text is printed in a Roman type which is an exact reproduction of the letter cut by Francesco Griffo for Aldus Manutius in 1499.

8. Owen, Lewis. The Unmasking of All Popish Monks, Friars, and Jesuits ... London, 1628 (Dept of Printed Books). The author was probably the son of Gruffydd Owen, fourth son of Lewis Owen, baron to the exchequer of Carnarvon, "Y Barwn Owen". Lewis Owen was born 1572 (of a Merionethshire family), and spent some time at Christ Church, Oxford, but left without taking a degree, afterwards travelling for several years on the Continent, making himself familiar with the policy of the Jesuits. Satisfied of their intrigues he became their bitter enemy both in his discourses and writings. The National Library now possesses three works by this noted controversialist, the others being: Running Register, 1626, and Speculum Jesuiticum, 1629.

9. Grammaticae Latinae Heliae Putschii. Hanoviae, Ioannis Aubrii, 1605 (Dept of Printed Books). Large and fine paper copy, bound by Lewis in full crimson morocco, with doublures beautifully tooled. A good example of the work of the famous English binder Charles Lewis. A note says "This was a presentation copy from Putschius, the Editor, to Scaliger. But Mr Lewis, unfortunately, removed the autograph of Putschius from the Title Page." Charles Lewis bound books for Beckford and the Duke of Portland.

Mynegai

Abertawe, Rhydychen, Oxford, Bodleian, Y Drenewydd, Manceinion, Caergrawnt, Caernarvon, Caernarfon, Sir Feirionnydd.