

ADRODDIAD BLYNYDDOL / ANNUAL REPORT 1916-17

SIR JOHN WILLIAMS

1917001

Ffynhonnell / Source

Sir John Williams

Blwyddyn / Year

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Disgrifiad / Description

It is a great pleasure to mention the additions which the President, Sir John Williams, continues to make to his already fine collections. He has recently given a complete set of the books printed for William Morris at the Kelmscott Press. Sir John lent these books, 60 volumes, for the exhibition in the Great Hall of the Library. He has now transferred them to the Library, together with a very fine copy of Blake's Illustrations of the Book of Job, 1826 (Dept of Printed Books). Other additions include the Works of Francis Bacon, 17 volumes, Pickering's edition, edited by Lord Montagu, The Works of James Russell Lowell, 1890, 10 volumes, The Works of James Russell Lowell, 1890, 10 volumes, The Works of Longfellow, 1886, 11 volumes, Riverside edition, several important art books, including an early edition of Ruskin, and sets of important standard books in the best editions (Dept of Printed Books).

WYNNE OF WYNNSTAY

1917002

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Anonymous

Blwyddyn / Year

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Disgrifiad / Description

A small collection of MSS relating to the family of the Wynne of Wynnstay has been acquired from a special fund given anonymously (NLW MSS 2771-88) - including the Journals of Miss Frances Wynn in ten volumes (NLW MSS 2775A, 2776B, 2778B, 2784B), of which a portion was published by the late Mr Abraham Hayward in 1864 under the title, "Diaries of a Lady of Quality" (NLW MS 6143B). The journals however include a large amount of important material not used by Hayward who appears to have used only five of the ten volumes. A number of drawings by Miss Wynn is included in the journals. There is also a large group of letters ranging from 1783 to 1840 or thereabouts (NLW MSS 2787-8D). They are being arranged. They are mostly family letters to Miss Fanny Wynn, and throw light upon many matters of more than local interest. Some of the letters are from her brothers, Sir Henry Williams Wynn, who was for some years English Minister at Copenhagen, and The Rt Hon. Charles Williams Wynn, the grandfather of Mr Arthur Wynn of Coed y Maen, who it is worth recalling presented to the National Library a number of valuable books from his grandfather's library, six years ago. Mr Arthur Wynn represents the County of Montgomery on this Court. The archive is being arranged in 16 volumes and includes a catalogue of the Library at Wynnstay, made in 1840, 18 years before it was destroyed by fire (NLW MS 2785C).

Mynegai

Sir Drefaldwyn.

HUGH WILLIAMS MSS

1917003

Ffynhonnell / Source

The late Professor Hugh Williams, D.D., of Bala

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Disgrifiad / Description

The MSS of the late Professor Hugh Williams, D.D., of Bala, were bequeathed to the Library by his widow, who died in February last. They have been received and are being arranged. They consist of Diaries, Note Books, and studies for Professor Williams's edition of Gildas, and his History of

Christianity in Early Britain, 1912 (NLW MSS 1265-1329). Professor Williams represented the University of Wales on this Court from its formation in 1907 to his death in 1911.

T J SAMUEL

1917004

Ffynhonnell / Source

Alderman T J Samuel

Blwyddyn / Year

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Disgrifiad / Description

Alderman T. J. Samuel has made a valuable gift of books, pamphlets, broadsides and other locally printed items, partly from his own collection, and partly from the stock and printer's files of a printing office in Aberystwyth recently closed owing to the death of the proprietor (Dept of Printed Books). These include many documents useful for historical purposes and illustrating local life. Such things become of immense value for many purposes and it is to be hoped that Alderman Samuel's good example will be widely followed.

MISCELLANEOUS

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The additions made by purchase have been restricted from lack of funds. Any systematic attempt to make up the deficiencies in the different classes has for the same reason been deferred. Lists, are, however, being prepared for the most needed books in some classes, and it may be well to consider the question of printing some if not all of these lists, and circulating them for the information of those who desire to help the National Library, but are not quite sure how far what they can offer will be really helpful.

Lady Verney was good enough to suggest something on these lines to me after the last meeting of the Court. The suggestion is valuable, and it can be carried out now that the classification of many of the main sections of the Library has been effected.

Offers of gifts need not be restricted to books not in the Library. Duplicate copies of many books are desirable to carry out the special provision made by the Charter for lending a book when there is more than one copy in the Library. The calls under this head are many and various, and sometimes difficult to meet. They come from all parts of the thirteen counties; very often from men and women struggling to pursue some piece of study but who have not within reach a Library where they can go for the books they need.

To assist and encourage such workers offers one of the many opportunities of useful service in the pursuit of knowledge, a service which the National Library might render with ever increasing efficiency if the books were available.

I should like to refer to a recent incident by way of illustration. The Hon. Mrs Bulkeley Owen sent a few months ago a list of books which she offered as a gift if they were required. Many of them were duplicates of books already in the Library, and I pointed this out, and at the same time asked whether they might be used for loans. Mrs Bulkeley Owen agreed readily, and I am sure that she will be glad to hear that her gift has enabled the Library to make loans which would otherwise have been impossible, and some of the books have been lent more than once since they were received.

Another recent incident may be referred to.

MISCELLANEOUS

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An Officer in charge of some Boy Scouts in North Wales wrote that among the waste paper collected by the Scouts a number of old books, some in Welsh, had been found, and he suggested we might like to look through them. They were sent to the Library, and amongst them were five small Welsh books not in the Library, six pieces printed at the Trevecca Press, and several Welsh books which, though not exactly rare, ought not to be pulped. A list of books in English was also sent, and five volumes were selected for the Library, including three 17th century books which are a useful addition.

Mynegai

Gogledd Cymru, Trefeca.

MISCELLANEOUS

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If old books are being turned out it is desirable that the Library should have an opportunity of seeing them, or a list, before they are destroyed. Information of such happenings will be welcomed at all times.

The Library is continually receiving voluntary gifts of books and manuscripts, and I should like to refer for a moment to the ever-increasing goodwill which is being shown as the aims and purposes of a National Library become better understood.

From near and far, almost daily, evidence of the interest excited by the Library's activities come to hand.

From all parts of Wales and Monmouthshire, from Scotland, Ireland, the Isle of Man, from France, the United States, Canada, South Africa, Australia, India, China and many other places, we are continually receiving gifts. These gifts show that we are taking a place among the great libraries, and are a token that the line effort of the Welsh people in raising funds for buildings which, in spite of many unfortunate circumstances, today stand clear of all contracted liabilities, has won the sympathy of the wide world. Welshmen are becoming increasingly proud of the Library, but the gifts that come include many from those who have not the remotest connection with Wales. They are sent in admiration of the effort to place Wales as regards its National Library in the front rank. Many of the gifts are things which cannot be bought with money. Sumptuous works printed for private circulation, in limited issues, sometimes 60 copies or less. They may or may not be of direct importance for research relating to some matter of Celtic interest; they are almost without exception contributions to knowledge, and to the enrichment of life - which is of vital import for Wales as for all countries.

Mynegai

Sir Fynwy, Yr Alban, Yr Iwerddon, Ynys Manaw, Ffrainc, USA, Unol Daleithiau, De Affrica, Awstralia, Tseina.

D R THOMAS MSS

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Although the number of purchases has been limited, one has been made which calls for some notice. A selection from the Library of the late Archdeacon Thomas, 430 volumes of printed books (Dept of Printed Books), and some MSS (NLW MSS 1178-1205). Among the printed books is a perfect copy of the Welsh version of Dent's Plain Pathway to Heaven (Llwybr Hyffordd y Nefoedd), 1630, of which we had an imperfect copy, a Latin Bible, 1479, printed by John Aberbach at Basle, and a rare Processional of the Sarum use printed at Paris in 1530, and in the contemporary binding.

ELLIS OWEN MSS

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The manuscripts and books of Ellis Owen of Cefn y Meusydd, Carnarvonshire, have been purchased and presented to the Library (NLW MSS 998-1024). The collection is not large, but it includes the original manuscripts of the poems written by Dewi Wyn o Eifion (NLW MS 1011B), and Ellis Owen (NLW MS 998-1000C), with poems in the autograph of other well known writers.

Mynegai

Sir Gaernarfon.

ELLIS OWEN MSS

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Also letters of literary interest by Sion Wyn o Eifion, Dewi Wyn o Eifion, Nicander, Eben Fardd, Talhaiarn, Gwilym Lleyrn, Dr Lewis Edwards, and many others (NLW MSS 1013D, 1014C, 1015B), and some other manuscripts of the XVIIIth and early XIXth centuries.

The collection has been kept together by Ellis Owen's niece, Mrs Williams of Cefn Derwen, near Criccieth, who was anxious that it should not be dispersed. A special book label is being inserted in each volume to denote the origin, and all the books will be entered together in the accessions register.

Mynegai

Criccieth.

D LLEUFER THOMAS

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Mr Lleufer Thomas

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Disgrifiad / Description

Mr Lleufer Thomas has sent a collection of books, pamphlets, Blue Books and other things, in all 719 items which help to fill many gaps (Dept of Printed Books).

GEORGE EYRE EVANS

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Ffynhonnell / Source

The Reverend George Eyre Evans

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Rev George Eyre Evans continues his series of gifts, the latest comprising a complete set of the Journal of the Ex Libris Society, 18 volumes, bound up with valuable additions printed and manuscript, and other important books.

See also NLW MSS 3188-90, 4280-300, 7945-84.

PALL MALL GAZETTE & PALL MALL BUDGET

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Mrs Reginald Smith

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Mrs Reginald Smith has given bound volumes of the Pall Mall Gazette, 1865-85, and Pall Mall budget 1869-80 (Dept of Printed Books). Mrs Reginald Smith's father, the late Mr George Smith, head of the firm of Smith Elder and Co., was I believe one of the founders of the Pall Mall Gazette.

The business of the firm of Smith Elder and Co is now transferred to Mr John Murray. I should like to take this opportunity of mentioning the courtesy and generosity with which Messrs Smith Elder observed their obligations to the National Library under the Copyright Act. As soon as the Act came into operation we received a letter stating that no applications need be sent for their publications, as they would be delivered every three months to our London Agents, a promise which was punctually observed, and they added volumes issued prior to the Act to make sets complete. The late Mr Reginald Smith was I believe responsible for this. The lamentable accident which caused his death removed a high-souled gentleman from a world which he adorned by his gifts and graces. I am sure that the Court will appreciate the gift made to the Library by his widow.

HAMPSTEAD LIBRARY AND LITERARY INSTITUTION

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The Hampstead Library and Literary Institution

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We have received from the Hampstead Library and Literary Institution, through the Honorary Secretary, Miss Martelli, a gift of 118 volumes, including 29 volumes of the early publications of the Egypt Exploration Fund (which nearly completes our set), the rare original volume of the British Association Reports, 1837-40 (Dept of Printed Books). All the books sent were selected from a list submitted, and are therefore useful additions.

Mynegai

Yr Aifft.

COUNCIL OF THE SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES

1917015

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The Council of the Society of Antiquaries

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The Council of the Society of Antiquaries has made a gift of 25 volumes to complete our sets of the Proceedings, the Archaeologia, and the Reports of the Research Committee (Dept of Printed Books). They have also promised to supply future publications, although the Copyright Act does not apply.

ROYAL STATISTICAL SOCIETY

1917016

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The Royal Statistical Society

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The Royal Statistical Society have responded in the same way, completing the set to date, and agreeing to send all future publications (Dept of Printed Books).

WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF CARPENTERS

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Worshipful Company of Carpenters

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From the Worshipful Company of Carpenters we have received four handsome volumes of the Records of the Company, privately printed (Dept of Printed Books).

HENRY TAYLOR

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Mr Henry Taylor

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Mr Henry Taylor has made further additions to the Flintshire Historical Collection given by him (NLW MSS 6267-331).

Mynegai

Sir Fflint.

BUNYAN'S PILGRIM'S PROGRESS IN MALAGASY

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Reverend D E Walters, M.A., of Swansea

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From Rev D E Walters, M.A., of Swansea comes an interesting little volume, a translation into the Malagasy language of Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress, printed at Tananarive, 1915 (Dept of Printed Books). The translation is the work of Rev W Evans, a native of Swansea.

This gift is especially welcome as the National Library is trying to collect all printed works by Welshmen in the Mission field. We have already works translated into Chinese by Dr Timothy Richard, Dr Hopkyn Rees, and Rev Evan Morgan, printed and published by the Christian Literature Society of China, at Hong Kong; and some works issued by the Khassia Mission of the Calvinistic Methodists.

Information relating to the literary work done by Welshmen abroad, not only in the Mission Field, but in all other spheres of literary activity will be welcomed.

Mynegai

Abertawe.

ORIELTON MSS

1917020

Ffynhonnell / Source

Miss Helen Owen

Blwyddyn / Year

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Miss Helen Owen who has been a generous donor to the Library from time to time and also to the Building Fund, has sent further gifts, including some MS. letters and papers (NLW MSS 1073D, 1074C, 1075E, 1076C, 1077D). Included among the letters is one written by "Carmen Sylva", Queen of Roumania, which is of special interest (NLW MS 1076C).