

## ADRODDIAD BLYNYDDOL / ANNUAL REPORT 1917-18

IEUAN GWYNEDD MSS

1918001

Ffynhonnell / Source

Sir John Williams et al

Blwyddyn / Year

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Disgrifiad / Description

Sir John Williams continues to send additions to his collections. The Treasurer, Dr Henry Owen has given a number of books, Mr R T P Williams of Haverfordwest has given some interesting old deeds, Sir James and Lady Hills-Johnes have presented a set of Grose's Antiquities of England and Wales, eight volumes, Mrs Kendrick of Aberystwyth has presented a number of books which belonged to her late husband, who during his lifetime gave over 1600 volumes to the Library. A small, but deeply interesting, collection of personalia of Rev Evan Jones, "Ieuan Gwynedd", has been purchased for the library by Mr David Jones, J.P. of Liverpool, a member of the Court and the Council (NLW MSS 1025-30C, 1031B, 1032-3C, 1034-6B). In addition to the Manuscripts in the autograph of Ieuan Gwynedd, which have been bound in XI volumes, the collection includes the Welsh Bible of Ieuan Gwynedd's Mother, "Y Bibl Coch", made famous through the writings of Ieuan Gwynedd (NLW MS 1034B). This Bible is being exhibited in the great hall of the Library, and has attracted many visitors.

Mynegai

Hwlfordd, Lerpwl.

GREEK NEW TESTAMENT & LATIN BIBLE

1918002

Ffynhonnell / Source

Mr Jesson of Cambridge, the late Rev Hugh Roberts of Holywell

Blwyddyn / Year

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Disgrifiad / Description

Two other recent additions may be mentioned in this connection: I. A Greek New Testament with the autograph of Ellis Wynne (1671-1734) author of Y Bardd Cwsg (NLW MS 1092B); and II. the Latin Bible of Morgan Llwyd of Wrexham (1619-59) with his autograph on the title page (NLW MS 2080A). The Ellis Wynne book was sent to the Library by Mr Jesson of Cambridge, who inherited it from descendants of Ellis Wynne's grand-daughter. The Morgan Llwyd Bible came with a number of other books from the library of the late Reverend Hugh Roberts of Holywell, who was descended on his mother's side from Morgan Llwyd (NLW MSS 5371-81).

Rev Hugh Roberts was for a time a missionary in India, and as he had paid special attention to the languages of India all the books on this subject in his library have been acquired, and also the Breton groups of books. Mr Roberts was for some years a Pastor in Brittany.

Mynegai

Wrecsam, Caergrawnt, Llydaw.

LETTERS OF BAPTIST MINISTERS ETC

1918003

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A volume of manuscript letters in the autograph of Baptist Ministers and Missionaries of various denominations, collected by Rev Isaac Mann, M.A., 1831 (NLW MS 1207D). This volume was purchased by the late Lord Merthyr in 1885, after it had been shown in the Cardiff Exhibition of 1884. It was presented for the recent Red Cross Sale by the second Lord Merthyr.

The volume contains about 200 autograph letters, some other documents, and nearly 60 portraits of Ministers and Missionaries, ranging over the last half of the 18th century, and the first quarter of the 19th. Letters of several well-known Welshmen are included. I can only mention a few - Christmas Evans; Benjamin Francis of Horsley, the hymn-writer; Joseph Hughes of Battersea, one of the founders

of the Bible Society; Joshua Thomas and Timothy Thomas. The missionary autographs include Wm. Carey, John Clarke Marshman, Wm. Ward, and others engaged in the Indian Mission field. Amongst them one "Sabat", an Arab of distinction and a convert to Christianity, who sends a letter by a convert to Carey, Marshman and Ward asking that the bearer might be examined and proved and, if found worthy, baptised. The volume is a valuable addition to the Library.

Mynegai  
Caerdydd.

#### THE STUDY OF CELTIC LITERATURE

1918004

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Disgrifiad / Description

From the Red Cross Sale also comes the original MS. in the author's own hand of Matthew Arnold's work "On the Study of Celtic Literature" (NLW MS 1091D). The MS. was sent to the sale by the Viscountess Sandhurst (daughter of Matthew Arnold), the binding in green Levant morocco by Sangorski and Sutcliffe being the gift of George Whale, Esq. The MS. consists of 134 pages, 4to, all except two pages being the original autograph MS. of the author.

#### GEORGE MEREDITH

1918005

Ffynhonnell / Source

Mr and Mrs Hugh Lewis of Glan Hafren

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Disgrifiad / Description

A third acquisition from the Red Cross Sale is an autograph letter of George Meredith. This letter was sent to the sale by Mr and Mrs Hugh Lewis of Glan Hafren who very kindly asked me to purchase it for the Library at their cost, which was done. The letter is of considerable interest:-

Box Hill, Dorking

January 7th 1908.

My Dear Mrs Hugh Lewis

To be wrapped in Welsh wool, and by the hands of a Cambrian woman is to be thrice warmed. The pheasant told me pleasantly of your safe return. I was often in doubt of the kind of weather greeting you. September is the month for Switzerland or Tyrol, October is trustworthy. Let me hope that you are able to look back on the little excursion cheerfully.

Most truly yours

George Meredith

#### COURT OF GREAT SESSIONS ETC

1918006

Ffynhonnell / Source

Colonel Mainwaring

Blwyddyn / Year

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Disgrifiad / Description

Colonel Mainwaring who represents the County of Denbigh on the Court, has made a gift of a printed book, George Owen Harry's Genealogy of the High and Mighty Monarch James I, 1604 (Dept of Printed Books), and a manuscript Record of the Flint and Denbigh Great Sessions covering the years 1637-50, kept by John Lloyd, Attorney (NLW MS 1087B). A volume of the same record covering the years 1668-96 is among the Kinmel MSS (NLW MS 1541B). If the volume covering 1651-67 could be found it would complete the record for the most important years of the 17th century, covering the Civil War, the Commonwealth, the Restoration and the Revolution.

Mynegai

Sir Fflint, Sir Ddinbych.

`DEFNYDDIOL HYMNAU I BRESWYLLWYR Y GRAIG'

1918007

Blwyddyn / Year

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Disgrifiad / Description

A brief reference can only be made to individual books of special interest among recent additions - These include: The first book printed at the Trevecca press, "Defnyddiol Hymnau i Breswylwyr y Graig", by Morris Griffith, 1770, slightly imperfect (Dept of Printed Books). Very rare.

Mynegai

Trefeca.

ELEGY ON WATKIN EDWARD

1918008

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Disgrifiad / Description

An elegy on Watkin Edward, by Morgan John Rhys, 1794. Unrecorded.

MARMADUKE MATTHEWS

1918009

Ffynhonnell / Source

Mr Charles Henry Glascodine

Blwyddyn / Year

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Disgrifiad / Description

Mr Charles Henry Glascodine has sent a small but precious little book, being the only known copy of a work by a Swansea nonconformist minister of the 17th century, Marmaduke Matthews, of whom some account is given in the Dictionary of National Biography by Mr Lleufer Thomas (Dept of Printed Books). Born in 1606 at Swansea, Matthews after taking a degree at Oxford was curate of Penmain in Gower, but getting into difficulties with the Bishop he went to New England where he became a 'teaching elder' of the Church of Maldon. In 1658 he returned to Swansea, and in the following year issued what has hitherto been regarded as his only book "The Messiah Magnified". The book given by Mr Glascodine contains two pieces, I. The Reconciling Remonstrance and, II. "A Shrill-sounding Whisper to a Sin-loving Soul". A note at the end of the second piece supplies a date:- "Swansea in South Wales, the 7 of the 4 month which is more roundly than soundly stiled June, 1670, Marmaduke Matthews."

The title page and some leaves are missing. It is more than likely that the book had a general title - not at present known - a slip pasted in the book contains this inscription probably in the author's writing:

"At the house, In the hand, and with the Heart of the Author's much obliged Benefactor, Mr Alderman Jones by the Key, Let this Labour of Love be left. Very respectfully.

Mr Glascodine supplies a series of notes which have been inserted in the book.

Mynegai

Abertawe, Rhydychen, Penmaen, Gwyr.

SIR WILLIAM WILLIAMS

1918010

Ffynhonnell / Source

Miss Antonia Williams

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Disgrifiad / Description

Miss Antonia Williams has sent through Canon Fisher, a parcel containing the papers of her ancestor, Sir William Williams, Bart, 1634-1700, Solicitor-General and Speaker of the House of Commons. These have not yet been arranged - but there are things of importance amongst them.

THE BOOKE OF HONOUR AND ARMES' ETC

1918011

Ffynhonnell / Source

Canon Fisher

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Disgrifiad / Description

Canon Fisher has given some rare books (Dept of Printed Books), including "The Booke of Honour and Armes", London printed by Richard Jones, 1590: "A Myrrou for Magistrates, (t.p. wanting, one of the earlier issues); a Discourse concerning the gift of Prayer by John Wilkins, Bishop of Chester, 1651. "Demandes to bee propones of Catholickes to the Heretickes. By Richard Bristow Priest and doctor of Divinitie, taken partly out of his late Englishe Booke of Motives to the Catholicke Faith, partely out of his intended Latin booke of the same matter. N.D. Place, or printer. A very rare little volume. Flos Sanctorum, the Lives of the Saints ... by Alfonso Villegas, trans. by W and E K[ynesman] N.D., place or printer [1609] and other early books, several of them with the autograph of John Salisbury of Erbistock, c. 1667.

Mynegai

Caer

SERGEANT MAJOR FEAR & GEORGE EYRE EVANS

1918012

Ffynhonnell / Source

Sergeant Major Fear and the Reverend George Eyre Evans of Aberystwyth

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A suggestion was made at the last meeting of the Court with regard to collecting and preserving letters written by soldiers serving abroad, as part of the scheme for the record of the services of the Welsh Regiments. This suggestion met with an immediate response from one quarter. Sergeant Major Fear and Rev George Eyre Evans of Aberystwyth transferred to the custody of the Library over 3,000 letters received by them in connection with the local comforts fund which Sergeant Major Fear has worked with marked success. These letters contain valuable information with regard to the men from this area. It is to be hoped that similar collections of letters from other centres in Wales will in due time also be deposited in the Library.

MUSIC AND BOOKS ON MUSIC

1918013

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The National Library has a fair collection of Music and Books on Music, especially on the Welsh side, including important Manuscripts purchased by Sir John Williams, such as the Owain Alaw (NLW MSS 8086-101, 8155-61) and Nicholas Bennett Collections. The collection of the late Mr Emlyn Evans also includes many valuable items (NLW MSS 8001-49). The Manuscript Collection of Rev John Jenkins, Kerry, and MSS obtained from other sources in the last ten years, make up a useful foundation.

Mynegai

Ceri.

DOVE'S PRESS PUBLICATIONS

1918014

Ffynhonnell / Source

Gift from Captain Beresford Horsley

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Captain Beresford Horsley who recently visited the Library with Lord Treowen sent a cheque for £10 to purchase a book or books as an expression of his admiration of the Library. This was expended with Captain Beresford Horsley's sanction in the purchase of some of the Dove's Press publications (Dept of Printed Books). This important, and now discontinued, press, was very imperfectly represented. Mr Cobden-Sanderson with that generosity which I have always found in him, agreed to supply for £10 such of the works of the press as remained in his hands, six volumes and ten smaller pieces.

HELEN OWEN

1918015

Ffynhonnell / Source

Miss Helen Owen, Weston super Mare

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Disgrifiad / Description

Miss Helen Owen of Weston super Mare has made further gifts including 310 volumes of printed books (Dept of Printed Books), Italian and Greek Music (Dept of Printed Books), a number of Prints (Dept of Pictures and Maps), and two books interesting for their association with the distinguished physician Sir William Gull, Bart (NLW MS 4278E), a copy of Sir Thomas Brown's Religio Medici, and the quarto volume of engravings to illustrate Gray's Elegy by Bentley, familiar to readers of Walpole's letters (Dept of Printed Books).

IAIN RAMSAY

1918016

Ffynhonnell / Source

Captain Iain Ramsay of Port Ellen, Isle of Islay

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Disgrifiad / Description

Captain Iain Ramsay of Port Ellen, Isle of Islay, has given two valuable privately printed works "The Stent Book and Acts of the Balliary of Islay, 1718-1743", issued in 1880, and "The Book of Islay"; documents illustrating the history of the Island", issued in 1895 (Dept of Printed Books). Both volumes are large quarto, handsomely printed and well bound.

PRINTED BOOKS

1918017

Ffynhonnell / Source

Mr H.C. Anderson of Rome, Mrs Penryn Milsted of Hampstead per Dr Williamson

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Other handsomely produced books are a folio volume of designs for a great world centre of communication presented by Mr H C Anderson of Rome, and a work on "The Italian Bronze Statuettes of the Renaissance" given by Mrs Penryn Milsted of Hampstead through Dr Williamson, the distinguished art critic and writer, to whom the library is indebted for valuable help on other occasions (Dept of Printed Books).

BRETON CHAP BOOKS, BALLADS ETC

1918018

Ffynhonnell / Source

Dr D C Lloyd Owen of Birmingham

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Dr D C Lloyd Owen of Birmingham (another generous donor of many books) has sent a precious little volume of Breton Chap Books, Ballads, etc., c. 1710 (Dept of Printed Books).

Mynegai

Llydaw.

#### EDWARD GRIFFITH MSS

1918019

Ffynhonnell / Source

Mrs Owen, Carnarvon, and Mrs Owen, Swansea

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The daughters of the late Mr Edward Griffith, J.P., of Dolgelley, (Mrs Owen of Carnarvon, and Mrs Owen of Swansea) have presented a selection (made by Mr J H Davies) from their father's library which includes a number of important and rare books and tracts on the Society of Friends (20 in all) (Dept of Printed Books), and some manuscripts (NLW MSS 2693-769) not yet arranged but including letters, etc., relating to Mary Jones and the Bible Society of Merioneth (NLW MS 2693C); the Oliver Rees papers; Papurau Dafydd Ionawr; papers relating to the Cymreigyddion Society; bundles of deeds, including important old deeds and letters of the Quakers; Cyfansoddiadau Eisteddfod Dolgellau, 1870; and valuable papers of Ieuan Gwynedd.

Mynegai

Dolgellau, Caernarvon, Caernarfon, Abertawe, Meirionnydd.

#### SPECIAL BOOK FUND

1918020

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The purchases from the Special Book Fund include important additions, including sets of The Spalding Club - 40 volumes, Collier's Old English Reprints - 27 vols, The New Shakespeare Society - 27 volumes, Index Society - 11 volumes, Scottish Text Society - 55 volumes, Scottish History Society - 61 volumes, Zoological Society, 1830-1903, Surtees Society - 70 volumes, British Society of Franciscan Studies - 7 vols, Mining Journal - 45 volumes, Mining World - 41 volumes.

Viollet le Duc - Dictionnaire raisonne du Mobilier Francais, 6 volumes (Dept of Printed Books). The Herefordshire Pomona, 2 volumes (Dept of Printed Books).

Mynegai

Swydd Henffordd.

#### JOHN PARRY ('BARDD ALAW') ETC

1918021

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Disgrifiad / Description

A volume containing six pieces by John Parry, Bardd Alaw - well known as a musician, but here we have him in a new vein, as a writer of libretto. It is recorded that he wrote songs for the entertainments at Vauxhall Gardens in 1809 and continued for several years to write for the manager of that and other places of amusement - mostly farces. This volume appears to contain all his known pieces of that kind -

Fair cheating or the wise ones out-witted, a musical farce, 1814.

High notions, or a trip to Exmouth, 1819.

Helpless Animals, or Bachelor's Fare, 1819.

Two Wives, or a hint to husbands, 1821.

My Uncle Gabriel, an operatic farce, 1824.

A Trip to Wales, a farce in two acts, 1826.

From the Special fund there has also been purchased:

Autograph letter dated April 14th 1664 from William Lloyd, Bishop of St Asaph to Francis, Lord Guildford, Keeper of the Great Seal (NLW MS 5394D).

Autograph letter from George Meredith to Mr Llewellyn Williams (now K.C., M.P.) dated from Dorking, February 1908.

Autograph letter of Shelley, dated from Nant Gwillt, Rhayader, June 2, 1812, to Sir Bysshe Shelley, Bart, his grandfather, asking for information as to the financial arrangements which he believed his grandfather intended to propose when the writer came of age, and stating that he was about to take the house from which he wrote (NLW MS 5393C).

#### NANNAU MS

1918022

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This manuscript sold at Sotheby's rooms in London yesterday and purchased for the Cardiff Library is described in the catalogue as "Genealogical and Heraldic MS. Welsh upwards of 370 ff., containing the pedigrees of numerous Welsh families and a treatise on heraldry, illustrated by a number of coats of arms emblazoned in colours, the whole written in the Welsh language (with the exception of two or three of the later pedigrees, which are in English) tooled calf - 17th century."

The manuscript is really of the 16th century and is mainly in the hand of Simwnt Vychan who died in 1606.

The signature "Robert Vaughan" occurs on a fly leaf and it is almost a certainty that this Manuscript formerly belonged to the Hengwrt collection.

#### BRITISH MUSEUM

1918023

Ffynhonnell / Source

The British Museum

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Disgrifiad / Description

Books presented by British Museum - Proctor's Early Printed Books (Dept of Printed Books).

Mynegai

Yr Amgueddfa Brydeinig

#### AUTOGRAPH LETTERS

1918024

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Disgrifiad / Description

Autograph letters from Mr Willis Bund - Cardinal Newman, Cardinal Manning, S Wilberforce, Bishop of Oxford, Archdeacon Denison.

Mynegai

Rhydychen.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

1918025

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Many other gifts - will be dealt with in printed report - after the War.

The number of separate donors (of gifts large and small) from the beginning, not quite 10 years, is 5,481 - an average of 550 per annum.

