PRINCIPAL DAVIES'S LIBRARY.

PRELIMINARY REPORT.

The manuscripts number about 1,250, of which over 1,100 have been dealt with to date. The first fifty were catalogued by Dr Gwenogvryn Evans in 1905 for the Historical Manuscripts Commission, and are not dealt with in this statement. Numbers 51-601 were briefly catalogued by the Principal himself. A hand-list of nearly all the others has been made since they were transferred to the Library.

The MSS range in date from the early part of the sixteenth century to recent times. They have been collected from all parts of the country, and relate to all manner of subjects connected with Wales, its history, its literature and a variety of other topics. They may be divided into two main classes:-(a) Manuscripts in the autograph of the late Principal Davies. (b) Manuscripts collected by him. The former class includes transcripts of Welsh poetry - cywyddau, carols, ballads, etc.- indexes to Welsh poems, bibliographies and bibliographical notes, literary and legal extracts, many from manuscripts in the British Museum and the Public Record Office, pedigrees, biographical data and notes on place-names.

The second and much larger class, which reveals the late owner as an indefatigable collector, is made up of manuscripts varying from fair-sized collections down to individual volumes. Chief among the collections which have been incorporated are those of John Jones (Myrddin Fardd), Ebenezer Thomas (Eben Fardd), David Evans, Llanrwst, the Richards family of Darowen and Llangynyw, Chancellor D. Silvan Evans, David Ellis, the copyist, Dr William Davies (Froodvale Academy), W. J. Roberts, (Gwilym Cowlyd), Morris Davies, Bangor and John Peter (Ioan Pedr), with a few from the Phillipps (Middle Hill) collection, and numerous other sources.

The contents of the manuscripts are as varied as their sources. A large number contain poetry, original and transcribed, ranging from the cywyddau of the mediaeval period down to the carols, songs and ballads of the last century. There is a wealth of material on Welsh ballads, interludes, almanacs, carols and hymns.

The collection also comprises sermons, sermon notes and texts, hymns, and other works of a religious nature, biographies, chronicles, archaeological notes, works on travel (including two volumes of David Pennant), folklore (including witchcraft), medical and household recipes, music, grammars, vocabularies and philological notes, rent-rolls, parish registers, tithe account books, (e.g., of Darowen, Llanwrin and Llangynyw), bidding books, minute books and registers of various societies, pedigrees and genealogical notes, commonplace books, volumes of miscellanea, diaries, and a large number of volumes containing press-cuttings,- in short, a mine of information concerning Wales and everything Welsh during the last 300 years.

The number of autograph letters by eminent Welshmen and others is very extensive. Among the writers represented are Goronwy Owen, Eben Farred, Rev. Thos. Richards (Darowen), Gwilym Hiraethog, Alun, Nicander, Dewi Wyn, Tegid, ieuan Glan Geirionydd, Angharad Liwyd, Sir John Rhys, Talhaiarn, Robert Jones (Rotherhithe), Cynddelw, Sir Owen M. Edwards, Charles Ashton, T. Shankland, Witton Davies, Michael Jones (Bala), Rees Jenkins Jones (Aberdare), Brinley Richards, Thomas Stephens (Merthyr), Gwaller Mechain, W. W. E. Wynne (Peniarth), Thos. Charles (Bala), D. Silvan Evans, Ceiriog, Spinther, Morien, Mynyddog, Owain Alaw, Edward Owen (Ty Coch), Llywarch Reynolds, Gwilym Cowlyd, John Jenkins (Kerry), S. R., Robin Ddu Eryri, Dafydd Ddu Eryri, Morsusiaid Mon, etc.

There are autograph manuscripts of John Jones of Gelliylfyd, Dafydd Ellis of Criccieth, Eben Farred, Peter Williams, Robert Williams (Rhydycroesau), Tom Ellis, D. Silvan Evans, Thomas Richards (Darowen), Spinther, Myrddin Fardd; a number of Eben Farred's diaries for 1836-59, and a large number of diaries of various denominations, covering, with a few intervals, from 1826-1914; about 50 music manuscripts; and numerous volumes of press-cuttings, many of which were brought together by Myrddin Fardd, the scholar-blacksmith of Chwilog, Carnarvonshire.
In addition to the literary and historical manuscripts, Principal Davies had over 1,000 deeds and documents. About 600 of these have been examined and have been found to relate principally to Wales. Every county in the Principality except Flintshire is represented. Cardiganshire deeds number about 280, Carmarthenshire 82, Monmouth 75, Glamorgan 49, Pembrooke 16, Denbigh 16, Montgomery 10. The collection as a whole belongs chiefly to the 16th and 17th centuries, although only 27 documents are dated before 1600. (The earliest is dated September 19th, 1548). No particular estate, town or village in any county is represented, but the Cardiganshire documents group themselves mainly around Aberystwyth and Llanbadarn Fawr and throw interesting light upon the topography of the neighbourhood.

Mynegai
Yr Amgueddfa Brydeinig, Yr Archifdy Gwladol, Llangyniew, Aberdâr, Merthyr Tydil, Merthyr Tudful, Ceri, Samuel Roberts.
Nodiadau
Schedule Available

MIHANGEL AP IWAN
1927002
Ffynhonnell / Source
Dr Mihangel Ap Iwan, Buenos Ayres
Bwyddyn / Year
Adroddiad Blynyddol / Annual Report 1926-27
Disgrifiad / Description
(a) Facsimile of an Album presented to the Prince of Wales by the Welsh Colony in Argentina. When the Prince visited the Argentine in September, 1925, it was hoped that he would be able to pay a visit to the Welsh Colony in the Chubut Valley, but time did not permit of such a visit, much to the regret of the inhabitants of the Valley (Dept of Pictures and Maps). In honour of his visit the Welsh residents presented an album to His Royal Highness, which, as regards Welshmen in Argentina, will become historic. A facsimile of the album was brought to the Library and deposited by Dr Mihangel Ap Iwan, a descendant of Dr Michael Jones, of Bala, while on a visit to Wales.
There are articles and photographs in the album dealing with the discovery of Chubut; early English navigators: some account of Midshipman Isaac Morris, and seven others abandoned in Patagonia, 1742; the scientific exploring expedition of Darwin and Fitzroy to Patagonia in 1832; the founding of the Welsh Colony, and a list of the survivors of the first settlers. The account is preceded by an address, in Welsh and English, from the Welsh communities in the Argentine, with facsimile reproductions of the signatures of those on whose behalf the album was presented.
The publication is a remarkable testimony to the enthusiasm which the Prince of Wales's visit aroused in the Argentine, and also a tribute to the plucky fight made by the Welsh colonists against adverse circumstances.
Covering a period of only sixty years, the record shows that poverty is now unknown in a valley where the early settlers were hard pressed to supply themselves with the barest necessaries to enable them to keep body and soul together. The photographs are unusually interesting and show, perhaps better than the text can convey, the remarkable development of this Welsh settlement beyond the seas.
(b) A book of accounts of the churchwardens of the parish church of Llandderfel, Merioneth, for 1726-56 (NLW MS 5577E).
Loose papers in the volume comprise:-
1. A letter from J. D. Lee to Rev. Michael Jones, Llanuwchlyn, May 12, 1825.
2. Receipt for £36 from Maria C. Lloyd to Maurice Lloyd of Llandderfel, Jan. 31, 1775.
3. A fragment of a legal document.
Mynegai
Yr Ariannin, Patagonia, South America, De America, Llanuwchlllyn.
Nodiadau
NLW MS 5577E is a Facsimile. Original volume returned to Depositor 1931.

A CHESTER BEATTY
1927003
The Library of A Chester Beatty. A descriptive catalogue of the Western Manuscripts by Eric George Millar, FSA (Dept of Printed Books).

Two volumes, large folio. Privately printed at the Oxford University Press, 1927. In this part forty-three of the Western Manuscripts belonging to Mr Chester Beatty are described. Two more volumes will be devoted to the other Western Manuscripts, and an additional two volumes to descriptions of his Coptic, Greek and miscellaneous MSS.

The manuscripts described date from the 8th to about the middle of the 13th century. Among the early examples is a leaf from an 8th century MS., written in England, of the Historia Ecclesiastica of the Venerable Bede. MS. No. 19 - Latin Gospels, early 12th century - was formerly in the Mostyn Library.

These handsome volumes are notable on two accounts:-
(a) As an excellent example of how manuscripts should be catalogued. The description of each manuscript is very full and generous, details being given concerning age, condition, script, history and immediate provenance, binding, contents, etc. To students of palaeography the work will make a special appeal by reason of the full descriptions and the profusion of facsimiles.
(b) As an example of 'the book beautiful', finely printed, on a wove deckle-edge paper, with generous margins. The illustrations number 102, three being in gold and colours.

A PETITION TO THE COUNCIL IN THE MARCHES OF WALES

1927004
Ffynhonnell / Source
Birmingham Reference Library
Blwyddyn / Year
Adroddiad Blynyddol / Annual Report 1926-27
Disgrifiad / Description
A photocopy of a document in the Birmingham Reference Library, being a petition by one John Field of Kings-Norton, Worcestershire, yeoman, to the Right Hon. William Compton, Earl of Northampton, President of the Council in the Marches of Wales, and to the Council, and belongs to the period 1620-30 (NLW MS 6678F). The petitioner requests the Council to compel certain tenants of the manor of Kings Norton to fulfil their promise to bear a part of the expenses of his action (while holding the office of bailiff of the manor) against one Thomas Rea, gent., in a dispute concerning the goods of two women who had been executed for witchcraft.

NEW YORK EISTEDDFOD

1927005
Ffynhonnell / Source
Mr Henry Blackwell, New York
Blwyddyn / Year
Adroddiad Blynyddol / Annual Report 1926-27
Disgrifiad / Description
(a) Minute Book of the New York Eisteddfod Committee, containing the minutes of meetings held from January 6, 1883 to January 16, 1885 (NLW MS 5942A).
(b) A small notebook containing the entries for the New York Eisteddfod held February 22, 1886. It includes particulars of the competitions with names of the competitors and of the winners, in the autograph of Henry Blackwell, secretary, and R. W. Hughes (NLW MS 5943A).
(c) Index volume in manuscript to his work in five large manuscript volumes, entitled National Cambrian Bibliography, from the earliest to the present time, presented to the National Library in 1926 (NLW MSS 4565-70D).
Mynegai
Efrog Newydd, USA, Unol Daleithiau.

CONWAY PUBLIC LIBRARY
The Committee of the Conway Public Library afforded an opportunity for the inspection of a large number of books prior to their disposal elsewhere, and although only a few volumes were ultimately selected it is gratifying to record the courtesy and helpfulness shown to the National Library by this and other public authorities (Dept of Printed Books).

**VULGARIA**

1927007

*Ffynhonnell / Source*  
The Rt Hon the Earl of Crawford and Balcarres  
*Blwyddyn / Year*  
*Adroddiad Blynyddol / Annual Report 1926-27*  
*Disgrifiad / Description*  

A school book which in itself is a rare survival, and valuable as evidence of the social life of early Tudor times. A satellite of Colet and Erasmus, William Horman played an important part in the rise of humanism in England and helped to direct the new generation from the Latinity of the mediaeval schools to that of Cicero and Livy.

**THE WAR OF 1914-18**

1927008

*Ffynhonnell / Source*  
Mr Howell David, City Tramways Superintendent, Cardiff.  
*Blwyddyn / Year*  
*Adroddiad Blynyddol / Annual Report 1926-27*  
*Disgrifiad / Description*  
Two volumes and a number of letters, being records of the Comforts Committee of the 11th Battalion Welch Regiment (Cardiff Pals), from 1914 to 1922, of which committee the donor was honorary secretary (NLW MSS 5564-6D).

**DAVIES, GREGYNOG**

1927009

*Ffynhonnell / Source*  
The Misses Gwendoline and Margaret Davies, Gregynog.  
*Blwyddyn / Year*  
*Adroddiad Blynyddol / Annual Report 1926-27*  
*Disgrifiad / Description*  

Copy specially bound at the Gregynog Bindery in crushed blue Levant morocco, for presentation to the National Library. The sides are blind and gilt tooled in geometrical compartments, and top edge gilt. No. 8 of 500 copies.

Copy specially bound at the Gregynog Bindery in crushed blue Levant morocco, blind and gilt-tooled in geometrical design, with two mitred squares on sides; inside border gilt-lined, top edge gilt. No. 21 of 350 copies.

The copy of Caneuon Ceiriog, which was specially bound for the Library, has been lent for exhibition at the Leipzig Book Fair.

JONATHAN CEREDIG DAVIES
1927010
Ffynhonnell / Source
Mr Jonathan Ceredig Davies (the author).
Blywyddyn / Year
Adroddiad Blynyddol / Annual Report 1926-27
Disgriifiad / Description


Mr Davies is the author of several works. He was born in Llangynllo in 1859, and has travelled extensively. He resided for some time in Patagonia, and has visited Australia and most of the countries of Europe. He now resides in Llanddewi Brefi.

These two books have been printed by himself. Without any previous experience of typesetting, he purchased a case of type and a small hand press, and patiently set up a page of type a day and took another day to print the page off. The edition is limited to 58 copies.

Mynegai
Llanddewibrefi.

JOHN EVANS, ABERMEURIG MSS
1927011
Ffynhonnell / Source
Mrs Llethian Davies, Felinfach, Mrs Hugh Hughes, Aberystwyth, and Mr D L Evans, London.
Blywyddyn / Year
Adroddiad Blynyddol / Annual Report 1926-27
Disgriifiad / Description
Manuscripts and books from the library of their father, Rev John Evans, Abermeurig, Cardiganshire, (died 1917), Methodist minister and writer (NLW MSS 5805-43).

The manuscripts are mainly sermons and sermon notes.

There are a number of autograph letters written to Rev J. Evans, Abermeurig, during 1865-1915. Most of them have sermon notes written over them in the hand of Rev J. Evans.

Several notebooks contain sermons in the autographs of Thomas Griffiths, Blaenpennal; Stephen Griffiths, Peniel; Evan Jones, Cenewydd and Llangeitho; and John Morgans, Rhiwbwys.

There are also portions of Y Trydydd Byrgofiant, in manuscript. This was the third series of biographical accounts of Cardiganshire Welsh ministers compiled by John Evans (NLW MS 5805B).

The printed books consist almost entirely of theological and philosophical works (Dept of Printed Books).

Mynegai
Sir Aberteifi, New Quay.

A O EVANS
1927012
Ffynhonnell / Source
The Venerable Arehdeacon A Owen Evans, B.A., Llanfaethlu Rectory, Holyhead.
Blywyddyn / Year
Adroddiad Blynyddol / Annual Report 1926-27
Disgriifiad / Description
A collection of manuscripts and printed material.
The manuscripts include the Minute Books of the Bangor Diocesan Tract Society (NLW MSS 10825-6A) and the Bangor Diocesan Branch of the Central Church Committee (NLW MS 10827B), and the Log-book, kept by Captain Huddart, Commander of the ship York, for 1785, 1786, etc. (NLW MS 10833E).

The printed material deals for the most part with the Church in Wales and consists of pamphlets, annual reports, eisteddfod programmes and periodicals, including a file of Yr Hauwr from 1890 to 1917, and numbers of other periodicals (Dept of Printed Books).

Minutes of Proceedings and Statistical Returns of the Royal Commission on the Church in Wales (Dept of Printed Books).

Two volumes of music containing compositions by D. Emlyn Evans and other Welsh composers, selections from Handel, etc. (NLW MS 10835C).

PERIODICALS
1927013
Ffynhonnell / Source
Mr J T Evans, Elliott Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
Blywyddyn / Year
Adroddiad Blynyddol / Annual Report 1926-27
Disgrifiad / Description
Long runs of Y Cyfaill (Utica and New York), 1840 to 1871 and the Independent (New York), 1888 to 1725 (Dept of Printed Books). Mr Evans has endeavoured to complete the files of both periodicals. The books presented by the widow of Mr David Owen Thomas, referred to on page 33, were selected and all arrangements for their removal from Minneapolis to Aberystwyth made by Mr Evans.

J H HUGHES ('IEUAN O LEYN') MSS
1927014
Ffynhonnell / Source
Mrs M E Evans and Miss E J Hughes, Wrexham.
Blywyddyn / Year
Adroddiad Blynyddol / Annual Report 1926-27
Disgrifiad / Description
Material relating to the life and work of their father, Rev J. H. Hughes, Ieuan o Leyn, Congregational minister, missionary and poet, who died in 1893 (NLW MSS 5880-904). There is some printed matter, but the bulk consists of manuscripts - poems, essays, sermons and autograph letters. Among others, there are letters from William Rees, "Gwilym Hiraethog"; Evan Jones, "Ieuan Gwynedd"; and C. H. Spurgeon.

GLASGOW UNIVERSITY LIBRARY
1927015
Ffynhonnell / Source
Glasgow University Library
Blywyddyn / Year
Adroddiad Blynyddol / Annual Report 1926-27
Disgrifiad / Description
A selection of the publications issued by or under the auspices of the University Library, 1869-1926 (Dept of Printed Books).

NORMAN GROSVENOR
1927016
Ffynhonnell / Source
The Hon Mrs Caroline Grosvenor, CBE (per Sir H Walford Davies, Mus Doc).
Blywyddyn / Year
Adroddiad Blynyddol / Annual Report 1926-27
Disgrifiad / Description
One volume of manuscript music (mostly original) by the Hon. Norman Grosvenor, and a collection of printed vocal music (NLW MS 10932D). The composers represented include D. F. E. Auber; J. S. Bach; Beethoven; Sir Julius Benedict; Mary Carmichael; Sir H. Walford Davies (7 compositions); John Farmer (including the Harrow glee books and Harrow school songs); Handel; Mendelssohn; Sir C. H. Hubert Parry; Ethel Smyth; A. Somervell. Also the first and second sets of Madrigals by John Wilbye, etc.

HISPANIC SOCIETY OF AMERICA
1927017
Ffynhonnell / Source
The Hispanic Society of America
Bwyddyn / Year
Adroddiad Blynyddol / Annual Report 1926-27
Disgrifiad / Description
A selection (110 volumes) of the publications of the Society (Dept of Printed Books). One of the objects of the Society, founded in New York in 1904, is to make accessible to students original documents relating to Spanish and Portuguese history and examples of the Hispanic arts. It has consequently formed a library which contains over 100,000 volumes, the most notable Hispanic library in America, in which are to be found paintings, manuscripts, original documents, maps, coins and books. A number of exhibitions of the treasures of the Society have been held at intervals, and illustrated catalogues issued. Among the exhibitions were those of the works of Sorolla, Zuloago, Cervantes and Lope de Vega. Facsimile editions of the works of those authors, as well as bibliographies are included in the books presented. The collection also includes reproductions of decorated wooden ceilings in Spain, Spanish ironwork, antique marbles, tapestries and carpets from the Palace of the Pardo, as well as a series of monographs on Art in Spain. Other volumes deal with the archaeology and history of Spain and Portugal and with the discovery of Latin America, and include reproductions of historical documents relating to the Spanish administration of the country. A particularly interesting volume is the Catalogue of the library of Ferdinand Columbus, reproduced in facsimile from the unique manuscript in the Columbine Library of Seville (1905). Another important volume is Cancionero de Baena reproduced in facsimile from the unique manuscript in the Bibliothèque Nationale. Foreword by Henry R. Lang. New York: Printed by order of the Trustees, 1926. This collection of verse was compiled by Johan Alfon de Baena, scribe and servant of Don Johan, King of Castile. The compilation was begun in 1445 and completed in 1454. Some doubt exists as to whether this manuscript is the original or a contemporary transcript. The codex consists of 202 folios, irregularly numbered. It is written in red and black in double columns with illuminated initials. The first printed edition appeared in Madrid 1857, and in 1860 an edition was published at Leipzig. For a study of the development of the lyric style of the Peninsula, this magnificent reproduction should prove invaluable.

Mynegai
Effrog Newydd, USA, Unol Daleithiau, Sbaen.

BRINLEY RICHARDS
1927018
Ffynhonnell / Source
Mrs M Hopkins, The Manse, Rogerstone
Bwyddyn / Year
Adroddiad Blynyddol / Annual Report 1926-27
Disgrifiad / Description
Thirty-three autograph letters of Brinley Richards, Welsh musician, written during 1884 and 1885 to Rev. J. P. Davies, Baptist Minister, Caerphilly (NLW MS 5551B). They relate mainly to Welsh literary, historical, musical and eisteddfodic matters. Some notes and extracts on the same subjects, also in the autograph of Brinley Richards, accompany the letters.

Mynegai
Caerffili.

AGRICULTURAL PUBLICATIONS
ISLWYN MSS
1927020
Ffynhonnell / Source
Islwyn Manuscripts
Blwyddyn / Year
Adroddiad Blynyddol / Annual Report 1926-27
Disgrifiad / Description
Mr Ifan ab Owen Edwards, MA, Llanuwchllyn, and his sister, Mrs D. Hughes Parry, now of London, have presented the Islwyn manuscripts, purchased in 1895 by their father, the late Sir Owen M. Edwards, M.A., and used by him in preparing for publication the large octavo volume of Gwaith Barddonol Islwyn (1897), and smaller volumes of selections from the works of the poet. They comprise one large manuscript volume, several smaller books, and a very large number of loose sheets containing shorter poems, englynion and fragments (NLW MSS 5854-79).
On many of them there are notes in the handwriting of Sir Owen M. Edwards. They are mainly manuscripts of poetry, with some adjudications in prose, nearly all in the autograph of the poet.

The following is a schedule of the MSS:-
1. A large folio volume containing hymns, short poems, and the following longer poems (NLW MS 5854F).
   "Gwanwyn"; "Myddfaï"; "I Gyfaill Hoff"; "Yr Iawn"; "Ynglynion Gnoda"; "Y Groes"; "Yr Adgyfodiad"; "Deuwech, Gwelwech y Fan"; "Ceisio Gloewach Nen"; "A Hi yn Dyddhau"; "Lazarus"; "Adgo"; "Cyfeilles"; "Yr Iesu a Wyloedd"; "Nos"; "Y Storm".
2. Poems. "Darganfyddiad Glo"; two fragments of "Y Groes"; "Difyrion"; "Porthladdoedd Cymru"; "Alderman Phillips, Maer Abertawe"; "Myddfaï"; "Llinellau Hirathlon, a gyfansoddwyd uwch bedd Thomas Nicholas, Glyn Ebwy"; "Englynion yr Gwanwyn"; "Llongyfarch"; "Mr. Jones, Rock"; a part of "Y Genhadaeth Gristionogol"; "Llinellau Hiraeth, a gyfansoddwyd uwch bedd Thomas Nicholas, Glyn Ebwy"; "Englynion yr Gwanwyn"; "Llongyfarch"; "Mr. Jones, Rock"; a part of "Y Genhadaeth Gristionogol"; "Lillic", copy of "Er cof am Mrs. Hopkins, Aberdare"; copy of "Caledfryn", copy of "Englyn yr Gerbydres"; copy of "Llinellau i'm Hanwylyd"; copy of "Er cof am Miss E. Williams, Pontypridd"; "Y Bryniau"; "Y Dderwen"; a fragment of "Myddfaï".
4. Awdl: "Cymru" (NLW MS 5856B).
5. Poems (NLW MS 5855A). "Y Nos y Br двигател Ef"; "Yr Arglwydd sy'n Teyrnasu"; "Beth yw lleucntyd ?"; "Y Nos yn Mynegu Gwaith Ef Ddwylaw Ef"; "Yr Eryr".
8. A few of Islwyn's English poems, and "Y Parch D. Howel, Abertawy".
9. "Echryslonwydd Rhyfel", copied by three different hands (NLW MS 5869B).
10. "Y Nefoedd" (incomplete) and "Y Groes".
Minutes of a School Board Committee, dated April 16-August, 1877, on odd pages.
11. A part of "Y Gweddiadnewidiad".
12. "Cartref" (NLW MS 5869B).
13. "Dr. Parry, Bala".
17 Cywyddau: "Yr Haul", and "Y Caeth-gludiad" (NLW MS 5867B).
18. Eisteddfod Gadeiriol Caerffili, 1878. Adjudication of the poetry by Islwyn (NLW MS 5876D).
19. Notes on "Y Gymraeg" and "Nodweddion y Pedair Efengyl".
21. Notes on poems and a fragment of the ode "Rhinwedd".
22. First stanza of the ode "Abraham yn Offrymu Isaac ei Fab" (NLW MS 5859A).
23. Fragment of "Y Nos".
24. "Y Gweddnewidiad".
25. Copy of the poem "Rhinwedd".
26. Plot of the ode "Moses".
27. Note-book containing the following poems (NLW MS 5862A): - "Udgorn y Jubili Milflwyddol"; "Yr Arglwyyd sy'n Teyrnasu"; "Pa Beth yw lleuad nid?"; "Gwagedd o Wagedd"; "Machludiad Haul"; "Y Ser"; "Anser"; "Yr Eryr"; "Y Nos y Bradychwyd EF"; "Preswylfa'r Bardd"; "Psalms and hymns"; "Y Parch E. Morgan, Caerdydd"; "Fy Chwioroedd"; "Carnhuanawc"; "Fy Ngwlad, Fy Ngwlad"; "Ceisio Gloewach Nen"; "Adgofion Serch".
28. "Caroline Mary Davis".
29. Poems. "Efengyl Fwyn, Ehed"; "Englyniau Calfaria" (fragment); "D. R. Stephens" (fragment); "Beddargraf" [Heman Gwent]; Englyn: "Bend Evan Harris"; "Llinellau galarnadol ar ol Mrs. Barbara Roberts, Factory, Caerdydd, Merthyr"; Poems: "Rhos Rhiogol"; "Cae Ffyon"; "Y Parch Mr. Jones, Tongwyrdedd"; In Memoriam verses to Elizabeth, wife of D. S. Davies, Rhymer; verses by Owen Williams, Waun Fawr, "Englyniau i'r Cadeirydd, sef D. Williams, Esq." Portrait of Islwyn in 1862. Printed copies of "Myddfai"; "Er Cof am Ann Williams, Pontlanfraith"; "The Angel of Gethsemane"; "I Gyfieilles"; "Stormio Uffern Ddu"; "Y Ceffyl a'r Asyn"; "Priedas y Parch D. Davies, Glyn Nedd, a Miss Mary Davies, Llandeilo"; "Ymadwiaid y Parch D. Edwards o Coed Duon i Gilet Powell".
30. "Dol"; "Hwrthryfel Llafur"; "David Bach"; "Clog"; fragment of "Fy Mreuddwydwyd"; "I'm Cynfaill Peredur", Jan. 17, 1854; "Yr Ieuane Hen", December, 1853; "Distawrwydd y Pregethwr", November, 1853; "Ynglyniom y Gnodau" (verses 1-14), Jan., 1854; "Syr Robert Peel"; "Llinellau Er Cof am Mr. William John, Abertawe"; Awdl: "Cymru", (fragment); "Fy Mam", a fragment, containing the first 60 lines of the complete poem; "Beddargraf Mrs. Ann Williams, Pontlanfraith"; "Dechreu Canu"; "Carnhuanawc," an elegy, 1853; "Y Gelyn"; "Er cof am Nora Rachel"; "Yr Ysgol Sulf"; "Evan Harris"; "Sion Wyn o Eifion"; Englyn: "Hir Eimoes iawn o rinveddi i Miss Hughes"; "Awn Hyd Bethlehem," (1853); "Y Lloer"; 2 stanzas; "Yr Ymfwudr a'i Gariad," "Y Bugail a'i Gi", fragment of "Y Genhadaeth Gristionogol" (with an Introduction summing up the contents of the piece); sheet of part of "Y Groes", with a letter to Islwyn (on back), from Joseph Rosser, Swansea, July 15, 1854, and Islwyn's reply, July 17; Englyn: "Mis Tachwedd", (1877); fragment of "Y Groes"; englyn: "Y Wyddfa"; englyn: "Barn Beirdd Pwllheli"; "Y Beddau" (complete); "Fy Nai Tu Hwnt i'r Môr"; fragment of "Y Storm" called "Ymheist Olaf"; fragment of "Y Storm" entitled "Diweddi y Storm"; "Caledfryn"; fragment of "Cartref"; fragment of "Maer Abertawe"; fragments of "Fodwrwy Briodasol" and "Cartref"; "Arglwyydes Llanofiler"; "Rachel". Newspaper cuttings containing (a) "Y rhuthyr" from "Yr Ystomi"; (b) "Odlau Priodasol"; "William Parry"; "Er Cof am Annie Mary"; (c) "Er cof am Ann", 1876; "Ffïdd", "Adgofion am Benjamin Miles"; "Sarah Ann Lewis"; "William Parry"; "Yr Adgyfodiad". Two English poems: (a) "Enjoy the Present"; (b) "England". Notes on adjudications in Islwyn's hand.
31. Fragmentary poems, which have not all been identified. Some in Islwyn's hand.
32. Poem: "Yr Angel", and plots of various poems.
33. Poems: "Y Bywyddfâd"; "Y Parch Evan Richards, Rock"; "Ephrata"; "Y Glorian"; "Organ Ebenezer"; "Agor Câpel"; "Y Cydgryfar fod Mawr"; "Yr Yspiaidur"; "Y Beibl"; "Awdl-Bryddest-Er Cofaddwriaeth am y Diweddar Brif-fardd Emrys"; "Dinistr Derwyddion Môn"; "Awdl ar Y Wawr"; "Annie Mary"; "Thomas Richards, Abergwaun" (a copy); "Talhaiarn". Fragment of a note on Caledfryn, under the heading "At y Beirdd". Miscellaneous English poems, hymns, and notes on theology, not in Islwyn's handwriting.
34. Correspondence relating to Islwyn's MSS and books, addressed to Sir Owen M. Edwards, from Mrs Mary Jenkins, Ynysdu, Monmouthshire, (sister of Islwyn), Mr J. Kyrle Fletcher, Newport, Dr R. E. Roberts, Ynysdu, and Mr D. Davies, Ton Ystrad. There is also a receipt for ú50 paid to Mrs Mary Jenkins by Sir Owen M. Edwards for the manuscripts and the copyright (NLW Minor Deposits 175A). This receipt is placed in the Library on deposit only.
A selection from the library of the late Sir James Hills-Johnes, VC, and Lady Hills-Johnes, presented by Rev Herbert Lloyd, MA, and Mr Herbert Johnes Lloyd

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(a) Printed Books (Dept of Printed Books).
The printed books consist of 1,023 volumes or pamphlets, and a large number of periodicals, journals, transactions of societies, etc.
The periodicals, in many cases, help to complete files already in the Library. Many of the books and pamphlets relate to public bodies and institutions in Carmarthenshire - religious, social and military - such as the County Council, Education Committee, Churches and Chapels, Territorial Association, Charities, Boy Scouts, etc., with which Sir James and Lady Hills-Johnes were associated. There is a large number of locally printed pamphlets, many of them autographed presentation copies.
Apart from his interest in purely local and county affairs, Sir James took a prominent part in the public life of Wales, and this aspect of his work is well represented in the books and pamphlets relating to the University of Wales and other national institutions.
Another important section of the collection is the material relating to home and foreign military politics and administration, especially India, including reports on the various campaigns in which Sir James participated.
There is a number of books of travel and topography, particularly relating to England, Wales and Italy.

(b) Manuscripts.
The manuscript portion is extensive, the papers and letters covering a wide range of subjects.
The greater part deals with the activities of the British Army in the Indian Mutiny, on the Frontiers of India and Afghanistan, and the South African and Crimean Wars.
A large portion deals with home affairs in England and Wales - education, local government, the church, railways, politics, charities, sanatoria, etc. There are numerous letters addressed to Sir James and Lady Hills-Johnes. Among their correspondents was Connop Thirlwall, Bishop of St David's.
Some diaries, account books and deeds are also included in this group.

(c) Prints, Maps and Drawings (Dept of Pictures and Maps).
There are numerous maps, photographs (individuals, groups and scenes), plans, pencil sketches and other drawings and engravings.

Mynegai
Sir Gaerfyrddin, Yr Eidal.

Nodiadau
Schedule Available

J W JONES
1927022
Ffynhonnell / Source
Mr J W Jones, Minffordd, Blaenau Festiniog.

Blwyddyn / Year
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Disgrifiad / Description

Forty volumes of booklets and pamphlets, chiefly of a religious character, nearly all published in Wales, including Yr Athrawiaeth Gatholig o Ddrindod, W. Jones, Trefeca, 1794, etc.
Scraps of verse, sermon notes, etc., which afford an insight into the literary taste of the quarrymen of Ysbyty Ifan, Carnarvonshire, sixty years ago, with their "Penny Reading" Meetings.
Programmes of musical festivals, literary and debating societies, political meetings, etc., in Blaenau Festiniog and neighbourhood.
Miscellaneous MS. notes by various hands, including the late O. G. Owen, "Alafon", preacher and bard.

Mynegai
Trefeca, Ysbyty Ifan.

Nodiadau
Schedule Available

TOM ELLIS
KING GEORGE III
1927024
Ffynhonnell / Source
The Rt Hon Viscount Lascelles
Blwyddyn / Year
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Disgrifiad / Description
A selection from the papers of King George III, preserved in the Royal Archives at Windsor Castle, embracing the period from 1st November, 1781 to 20th December, 1783 . . . ed. by Sir John Fortescue. Cambridge: Printed by W. Lewis, at the University Press, for the Roxburghe Club, 1927 (Dept of Printed Books). 2 vols.

SCRIPTORES RERUM GERMANICARUM
1927025
Ffynhonnell / Source
Lady Herbert Lewis, M.A., Penucha, Caerwys.
Blwyddyn / Year
Adroddiad Blynyddol / Annual Report 1926-27
Disgrifiad / Description
(a) Three reprints from Scriptores rerum Germanicarum . . . ex Monumentis Germaniae Historicis . . . (Dept of Printed Books)

EXCURSIONS THROUGH SOUTH WALES
1927026
Ffynhonnell / Source
Sir Frederick Macmillan.
Blwyddyn / Year
Adroddiad Blynyddol / Annual Report 1926-27
Disgrifiad / Description
Descriptive excursions through South Wales in the year 1804 . . . by E. Donovan. 2 vols. London: Printed for the Author, 1805. Fine copy, bound in mottled calf, back richly gilt-tooled, dentelle border, g.e. (Dept of Printed Books)
A DESCRIPTION AND HISTORY OF THE MID-COWAY VALE
1927027
Ffynhonnell / Source
Mr H Marshall, Dolgarrog.
Blwyddyn / Year
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Disgrifiad / Description
"A Description and History of the Mid-Conway Vale", a MS. volume compiled and written by the donor (NLW MS 5552C). The work is in eleven chapters, and forms a comprehensive history of the district, including its villages, churches, mountains, lakes, its topography, archaeology, folk-lore and industries.
Mynegai
Conwy.

PAMPHLETS
1927028
Ffynhonnell / Source
Newtown Free Library Committee.
Blwyddyn / Year
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Disgrifiad / Description
Twenty volumes of pamphlets, chiefly Welsh (Dept of Printed Books).
Mynegai
Y Drenewydd.

SERMONS AND HYMNS
1927029
Ffynhonnell / Source
Mr David H Morris, Ton Pentre, Rhondda, and 3 Rectory Road, Barnes, S.W. 13.
Blwyddyn / Year
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Disgrifiad / Description
A small MS. volume of sermon notes and hymns in Welsh, written in 1819 and 1820 by Rev. David Williams, Baptist Minister of Soar, Trallwng, Brecknock, who was an uncle of the donor's grandfather. The hymns are intermingled with the sermon notes, and were possibly given out at the services where the sermons were preached, as was the custom before printed hymn-books became common. William Williams, of Pantycelyn, Aleluia . . . 3rd. ed., Bristol, 1758 (NLW MS 5558A). An imperfect copy, with portions of other hymn-books bound in. The fly-leaf bears the name of the donor's grandfather, Morgan Morgans, Llywel, Brecknock, who claimed relationship with Williams, Pantycelyn.
Mynegai
Trallong, Trallwng Cynfyn.

LONDON WELSH CHARITABLE AID SOCIETY
1927030
Ffynhonnell / Source
Mr T E Morris, K.C., London.
Blwyddyn / Year
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Disgrifiad / Description
Records of "The London Welsh Charitable Aid Society" (NLW MSS 5794-804), including:--
(a) Minute books (NLW MSS 5794D, 5795-7C).
The London Welsh Charitable Aid Society was founded in November 1873, with the object of assisting "the necessitous Welsh in London, either by directing them to available sources of relief, or in special cases, by aid from the funds of the Society", and has rendered valuable service to the London Welsh community for many years. Prominent Welshmen have been associated with it as office-bearers or subscribers.

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Mynegai
Llundain.

SPECULUM HUMANAE SALVATIONIS
1927031
Ffynhonnell / Source
Mr T H Riches, Kitwells, Shenley, Herts.
Blwyddyn / Year
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Disgrifiad / Description

The Speculum Humanae Salvationis along with the Biblia Pauperum summarized for the later middle ages one great aspect of Christian art. Of the two, the Biblia Pauperum is the earlier and is strictly scriptural, whereas the Speculum admits subjects from legend or secular history among its types.

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS ON AGRICULTURE
1927032
Ffynhonnell / Source
Royal Agricultural Society
Blwyddyn / Year
Adroddiad Blynyddol / Annual Report 1926-27
Disgrifiad / Description
Periodicals (foreign) and books on Agriculture (Dept of Printed Books). The Society has made several valuable donations of a similar character. The periodicals are particularly welcome, as they help to complete sets otherwise difficult to obtain.

SURVEY OF THE HONOUR OF DENBIGH
1927033
Ffynhonnell / Source
The family of the late Dr Frederic Seebohm.
Blwyddyn / Year
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Disgrifiad / Description
Survey of the Honour of Denbigh (NLW MS 5554D). A collotype facsimile of the Maitland manuscript of "Extenta Castri et Honoris de Denbeigh, facta per Hugonem de Beckele, et per recognitionem tenentium singularum villatarum, anno regni Regis Edwardi Tertii (post Conquestum) octavo, AD 1335".

This Survey of the 'Honour' of Denbigh was edited by Sir Paul Vinogradoff and Frank Morgan, and published by the British Academy in 1914. Dr Seebohm had used the Survey earlier as a source for his Tribal System in Wales.

Mynegai
Dinbych.
The following is a brief list of the editions of Euclid in the magnificent collection gathered together and presented by Mr Thomas-Stanford. In his monograph, Mr Thomas-Stanford divides them into four classes (Dept of Printed Books).

DIVISION I.
Editions of not less than the first six books, with demonstrations, etc., in Greek, Greek and Latin, or Latin.
1491. Preclarississimus liber elementorum Euclidis perspicacissimi . . . Vicenza: Leonards de Basilea & Giuliamus de Papia. The partnership of these two printers produced only two books of which this is the first.
1505. Euclidis megaresis . . . elemetorum [libri] xiii. cu expositione Theonis . . . Venice: Joannes Tacuinus. A translation into Latin from a Greek text, by Bartolommeo Zamberti, who claims to have restored the exposition of Theon. He also contributes a long preface and a life of Euclid. The volume itself is a first-rate example of the Venetian book of the times.
1509. Euclidis megaresis . . . opa a Campano interprete fidissimo tralata . . . Venice: Paganimus de Paganinis. A curious feature of this volume is that a lecture on the fifth book given by the editor, Lucas de Borgo, in the Church of St. Bartholomew at Venice on the 11th August, 1508, is prefixed to that book, and an imposing list of eminent persons present is added, as in a modern newspaper report. It occupies a whole page, and includes the name of Aldus Manutius Romanus, the famous Venetian printer.
1510. Euclidis megaresis . . . elemetorum [libri] xiii cu expositione Theonis. Venice: Joannes Tacuinus. A re-issue of the 1505 edition as far as the end of quire O. From this point the book has been reset in slightly different type, page for page, and line for line. After 1510, no Euclid was printed at Venice, except an Italian translation.
1533. [GreekText]. Basle: Johann Herwagen. The first edition of the original Greek text, edited by Simon Gryner, who supplies an introduction in the form of a dedication to Cuthbert Tunstall, Bishop of Durham. Herwagen was the first printer to inset Euclid's diagrams in the text; earlier printers and some later, placed them in the fore-margin.
1537. Evclidis Megarensis . . . Elementorum Geometricorum . . . Lib. xv . . . A Latin version of the elements, with other works attributed to Euclid. There is an introduction by Philip Melancthon, addressed "studiois adolescentibus", which has been removed from many copies by the clerical censor who has added his stamp.
2 vols.

DIVISION II.
Editions in Greek and Latin of the Enunciations only.
Issue with date 1558.

DIVISION III.
Translations into current European Languages, and into Arabic.
The first translation in any modern language. On the title page are the arms of Gabriele Tadino, to whom it is dedicated, and at the end the mark of Pietro di Facolo, bookseller at Venice, by whom it was published.
The first German translation of Books I-VI. It is a handsome volume, with good woodcut ornaments, and well-executed diagrams.
A translation by the Mathematical Reader in Ordinary to the King in the University of Paris. Euclid's enunciations are printed, but the demonstrations or commentaries appear to be by Forcadel.
A reprint of the 1543 edition of Venturino Roffinelli. In this edition, unlike the earlier, the diagrams seem to be engraved on metal.
Another reprint of the 1543 edition of Venturino Roffinelli.
The first English version of Euclid. Billingsley is said to have studied at both Oxford and Cambridge; he was afterwards apprenticed to a haberdasher in the city of London, and became a wealthy merchant. He was Lord Mayor in 1597, and Member of Parliament for the City in 1603. He died in 1606.
An Italian version of the Latin translation printed at Pesaro in 1572. The privilege of Pope Gregory XIII to Comandino which was prefixed to the Latin edition, is printed here, translated into Italian.
The earliest edition of Euclid that appeared in Spain, and a rare book. It is thought to be a school book, which would account for its rarity and worn appearance.
The Arabic version of Euclid’s thirteen books made by the astronomer Nasir al-din in AD 1260. It is printed throughout in Arabic, the only indication of European origin being the numbering of the leaves. Some copies have also a title-page in Latin.
DIVISION IV.
Fragmentary editions in various Languages.
1559. [Greek Text]. Strasburg: Josias Rihel.
Book 1 and 2 in Greek with Latin translations. Edited by C. Dasypodius.
The following editions are not included in the Bibliography, but are part of the collection brought together by Thomas-Stanford.
The text is based on the Latin text of Comandino, printed at Pesaro in 1572.
The first Dutch version.
Mr Thomas-Stanford has also presented a small but important collection of deeds and documents relating to the Counties of Merioneth and Montgomery, particularly to the monastery of Cymmer, near Dolgelley, and the rectory of Llanegryn, Merionethshire. The earliest, which is dated 1538, is a copy of a lease from Henry VIII to John Powes of the King’s household. Several of the documents relate to tithe belonging to the rectory of Llanegryn (C Thomas-Stanford Deeds).

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Mynegai
Sir Feirionnydd, Sir Drefaldwyn, Dolgellau, Cymer.
Nodiadau
Schedule Available.
Mr D Lleufer Thomas, LL.D., J.P., Radyr.
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A large number of autograph letters, mainly addressed to the donor (NLW MSS 6238-56). Among the correspondents are T. E. Ellis, W. E. Gladstone, Sir O. M. Edwards, W. Llewelyn Williams, Sir John Williams, Sir T. Marchant Williams, Sir Lewis Morris, Sir Edward Anwyl and Sir John Rhys.
Many of the letters relate to the history of Llandovery School and of its masters and alumni.
There are, for example:-
(a) Letters relating to Archdeacon John Williams, the first Warden of Llandovery (NLW MS 6241B).
(b) Notes on the School by Llywarch Reynolds, together with some poetical effusions in the writing of Llewelyn Thomas, afterwards Vice-Principal of Jesus College, Oxford.
Another group relates to Welsh emigrants and colonists in Patagonia and Cape Colony, and to the work of the late Rev W. Jenkyn Jones, Welsh Missionary, in Brittany (NLW MS 6242E).
There are also five letters written to Dewi Haran by Islwyn, Llwydwedd (2), Llawdden, and Hwfa Môn (NLW MS 6245B).
Mr Thomas continues to present books and manuscripts of his ancestor, Thomas Evans, 'Tomos Glyn Cothi', bard and Unitarian (died 1833). The latest gift is a manuscript volume which Mr Thomas describes as follows (NLW MS 6238A):-
"This volume, with the exception of 'Trioedd yr Offeiriad' by and in the hand of Iolo Morganwg on pp. 209-14, and possibly one or two other minor exceptions (see p. 74) is in the handwriting of Thomas Evans (Tomos Glyn Cothi) 1764-1833. (He had shown his interest in transcripts of Welsh MSS, poetry, &c., as early as 1790, for on the 3rd Decr. of that year he had bought Ben Simon's MS. vol. 'Tlysau'r Beirid', which, after Evans's death, came into the possession of the Davies family of Ynyslwyd, Aberdare, and was presented by them to the National Library in Sept. 1926).
This vol., though called Pigion by the binder, is unquestionably the volume referred to as Y Gell Gymysg by Evans's biographer in Gardd Aberdar, p. 106, where it is stated that it contained about 133 separate items ('ysgrifau'), mostly of poetry. Two leaves (pp. 221-4) are missing. It was written during the years 1797 to 1800: see note on p. 380, 'Transcribed Jany. 30, 1800, from an old Manuscript from Llanfynydd', but a blank space on an earlier page (365) seems to have been used later (May 2, 1800) for inserting an englyn.

Though living then near Brechfa in Carmarthenshire, Evans, as a weaver and belonging to a family of weavers (tho' he had also a small farm), had probably occasion to attend some of the Glamorgan fairs, and that-or perhaps some business connected with the establishment of a woollen factory at Tonyrefail, where his brother, Rhys Evans, settled (see Hanes Tonyrefail, T. Morgan, pp. 36, 50-52, 60-64, 66) - may have occasioned his visiting Glamorgan in 1797 and 1798. At all events, he was present on June 21, 1797, at a Gorsedd conducted by Iolo Morganwg on the Garth mountain, Pentych, see p. 240, and thus got into touch with a number of Glamorgan bards besides Iolo, e.g. Lewis Williams (Lewis y bardd bach), see pp. 102-8; Wm. Davies, Abercwmyfauwh, nr. Bridgend, pp. 67-8 and 202-3; Wm. Moses; Gwilym Tew o Lan Taf, pp. 51-6, 59, 322; William Harry, Llwynonn, pp. 64-6; Rees Thomas, Croesfaen, Pentych, p. 240; Rev. Thomas Morgans, Blaengwrach, pp. 247, 362, 4, cf. p. 100; Howel Prichard, p. 59: Iorwerth ab Ilo. pp. 61-3.

Evans may have attended the Gorsedd held on the Garth on June 21, 1798, (as well as that of 1797), see pp. 209-14 and 215-220. In any case, he wrote 'cywyddau' on the subjects selected for the Gorsedd of both 1797 and 1798, though, in each case, they were finished subsequent to the Gorsedd. Evans's interest in the movement for civil and religious liberty is illustrated by a number of extracts from English papers, e.g., the account of the transportation of Margarot and others, p. 10; his translation of Bonaparte's Letter, p. 47; Hawl a dyledswydd Dyn, p. 101; A satirle on the Bishops, pp. 111-12; Dangerous Times, pp. 117-19; Sir Fras. Burdett's Speech, pp. 133-49; General Thanksgiving, p. 150; the French Extracts on pp. 162 to 183 (including a Translation from 2 Speeches by Robespierre. Cf. also 'Y Gredo Wladol', pp. 186-91 (apparently by Evans himself); 'Dydd Ymnyrdd', p.198; Taith yr Offeiriad, pp. 227-9. Also pp. 209-20. Evans's Cywydd 'Heddwch' with its references to Stanhope, Sheridan and Fox, p. 269; a Patriotic Song, p. 231; Newgate stanzas, pp. 342-5. Original poetry or translations into Welsh verse by Evans are to be found on pp. 95, 103, 104, (7116), 198, 225-6, 229, (7230), 236, 243, 247-8, 264, 266, 267, 269-283, 285-7, 287-304, 365, 376, 377, 385 and 400.
On p. 267 is to be seen 'Dau benill a ddanfonodd yr awdur at ei Frawd, yr hwn oedd Waudd', [neu Wehydd]. This brother was probably Rhys Evans of Tonyrefail.
On p. 304 is given, in 2 verses, 'Crediniaeth Rees John, Weaver'. Could this Rees John have been a brother of Thomas Evans's Father, Evan John - or who?
The writer of this note is a grandson of Daniel Evans of Tirifanddu, Llanfynydd, Carm., a half-brother of Thomas Evans, while the writer's wife (who gave him the vol. in 1888) is a great-grand-daughter of Thomas Evans himself.

Sept. 25, 1926. D. Lleufer Thomas.

Mr Thomas has made several donations of printed books during the year (Dept of Printed Books), including interesting and scarce Welsh pamphlets, printed or published in Carmarthen, Llandilo, Llandovery, Pontypridd, etc.; several Breton works; Acts for enclosing lands in Cardiff, Kidwelly, Llanarthney, and Llanelly, 1801-45, etc.

Mynegai
Llandyfri, Lanymddyfri, Rhydychen, Llydaw, Aberdår, Sir Forgannwg, Pen-y-bont ar Ogwr, Caerfyrddin, Llandeilo, Pont-y-pridd, Caerdydd, Cydweli, Cedweli, Llanelli.

DR DAVID OWEN THOMAS
1927037

Ffynhonnell / Source
Mrs David Owen Thomas, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Blwyddyn / Year
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Disgrifiad / Description
A brief reference was made in the last annual report to a collection of books received from the widow of the late Dr David Owen Thomas. The books have now been catalogued, and it is possible to give some particulars concerning their owner.

Dr Owen Thomas was born in the parish of Nevern, Pembrokeshire, 1852, and died in Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA, in 1925. The whole of his library has been presented by the widow to various public institutions:- the medical books to Hennepin Co. Medical Society; the religious books to Butler University; books on local history to the Minnesota State Historical Society; belle lettres to the College of Liberal Arts, Butler University; and the Welsh books, consisting of four manuscripts and about seventy printed books, to the National Library of Wales.

The manuscripts consist of a treatise in English on Druidism by Dr David Owen Thomas (NLW MS 5524C); two volumes of sermons by Rev Thomas R. Jones, Elensbury, USA, 1855-62 (NLW MSS 5522-3A); and a notebook containing notes on Welsh philology and word origin, fragments of old Celtic poetry translated into English, and notes on Dyfed and the diocese of St Davids (NLW MS 5525B).

The printed books consist of a general collection of Welsh literature, chiefly of the 19th and 20th centuries, one or two of which were published in America, and a number of United States Government Publications, etc. (Dept of Printed Books)

Mynegai
Nyfer, Nanhyfer, Unol Daleithiau, Tyddewi.

ARTICLES OF APPRENTICESHIP
1927038

Ffynhonnell / Source

Blwyddyn / Year
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Disgrifiad / Description
Articles of Apprenticeship, June 30th, 1822, whereby Enoch Watkins, son of John Watkins gent., of Brisaga in the parish of Llanbadarnfawr, co. Cardigan, was apprenticed for a period of seven years to Owen Evans of Rhydyfelin, co. Cardigan, to learn the trade of a tanner. Consideration money, ú15, the said Owen Evans agreeing to provide sufficient food, drink, lodging and all other necessaries for his apprentice during the aforementioned period (NLW Misc Records, Cardiganshire).

Signed and sealed by Enoch Watkins, John Watkins his father, and Owen Evans, in the presence of Richard Edwards and Richard Roberts.

Mynegai
Llanbadarn Fawr.
PUBLICATIONS
1927039
Ffynhonnell / Source
Mr Paget Toynbee, M.A., D.Litt., LL.D.
Blwyddyn / Year
Adroddiad Blynyddol / Annual Report 1926-27
Disgrifiad / Description
Publications of the Royal Historical Society, 1918-26, 15 volumes (Dept of Printed Books).

NOTICE OF A PERFORMANCE
1927040
Ffynhonnell / Source
Mr H M Vaughan, M.A., F.S.A.
Blwyddyn / Year
Adroddiad Blynyddol / Annual Report 1926-27
Disgrifiad / Description
Mynegai
Caerfyrddin.

BOOKLETS AND PAMPHLETS
1927041
Ffynhonnell / Source
The late Rev D Harris Williams, B.A., Bodfari.
Blwyddyn / Year
Adroddiad Blynyddol / Annual Report 1926-27
Disgrifiad / Description
Mynegai
Dinbych, Gogledd Cymru.

ROYAL MOUNTAIN ASH CHOIR
1927042
Ffynhonnell / Source
Mr Hammond Williams, San Francisco.
Blwyddyn / Year
Adroddiad Blynyddol / Annual Report 1926-27
Disgrifiad / Description
A volume of press cuttings from various American papers relating to the visit of the Royal Mountain Ash Choir to Canada and the United States, 1925-6 (NLW MS 5595D).
Mynegai
Aberpennar, USA, Unol Daleithiau.

PORTMADOC LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY
1927043
Ffynhonnell / Source
The late Mr Robert Williams, Glannau, Portmadoc, and Mr William George, Criccieth.
Blwyddyn / Year
Adroddiad Blynyddol / Annual Report 1926-27
Disgrifiad / Description
The minute-book of the old Literary and Debating Society of Portmadoc, bequeathed to the National Library by the will of the late Mr Robert Williams, of Glannau, Portmadoc, has been received from the executor, Mr F. E. Jones, Tanyfoel, Portmadoc (NLW MS 5548E).

The volume contains the minutes of the Society from the date of its founding, November 25, 1878, to December, 1886. It shews that the Rt. Hon. D. Lloyd George became a member in 1881, and that he subsequently took part in several of the debates.

As a sequel to the above bequest the Library has received the original list of members of the Portmadoc Literary and Debating Society (NLW MS 5549D). It was found among the papers of the late Mr Thomas Roberts, the first treasurer of the Society, by Mr David Jones, from whom it was acquired by Mr William George. It is a complete record of the names and addresses of the members of the Society, as well as of the dates on which they became members.

Mynegai
Porthmadog.

BRASLINELLIAD O HANES CYMRU
1927044
Ffynhonnell / Source
Mr W Gilbert Williams, Rhostryfan.
Blywyddyn / Year
Adroddiad Blynyddol / Annual Report 1926-27
Disgrifiad / Description
Braslinelliad o Hanes Cymru rhwng 1282 a 1485, gan W. Gilbert Williams, Rhostryfan, 1927. pp. viii, 32, 2 plates, 1 map. No. 21 of 22 copies printed (Dept of Printed Books).
This work has been hand-set and printed by the author. Mr Williams has previously presented examples of his typographical work.

JACOBITE CLUB
1927045
Ffynhonnell / Source
Mrs Wynne, Peniarth, Towyn.
Blywyddyn / Year
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Disgrifiad / Description
Among other interesting gifts to the Library, Mrs Wynne has presented a list of members of the Jacobite Club, probably for the year 1830 (NLW MS 6621C).

The Jacobite Club was instituted June 10th, 1710, and according to tradition its first meetings were held at the house of Daniel Porter, junior, in what is now the Wynnstay Hotel, Wrexham. Many of the prominent gentry were members. According to Miss Charlotte Williams Wynn, the club "was set on foot the day Prince Charles Edward was born. The Sir Watkin of the day was always the President, and his wife the only lady allowed to dine with them." The club was called the Cycle, because the list of members is in the form of a cycle, or round-robin, with "Lady Williams Wynn, Lady Patroness," and the badge of the Club, in the centre.

The object of making the list of members in the form of a cycle was to prevent undue prominence being given to any particular name, a matter of much importance in the early days of the Club.

The date 1830 is assigned to the present list because it records the election in that year of six members. All the other names are dated earlier, the earliest being that of Sir W. W. Wynn, Bart., Oct. 9th, 1826. (See Some Jacobite Relics at Peniarth in Merionethshire, by H. M. Vaughan, in "Y Cymmrodor", vol. 36, 1926. pp. 121-7).

Mrs. Wynne has also sent the following:-
(a) A printed and coloured chart, being "The Genealogy of Welsh History, with Chronological Data and a Reference to about 400 of the present nobility and gentry of Wales, England, and Ireland whose pedigrees can be traced to the Ancient, Royal, and Noble Lines of the Principality. Collected and Arranged . . . by J. J. H. Harris, Headmaster of the Grammar School, St. Asaph". Dated at St Asaph, July 21, 1851.
(b) A printed chart shewing " Illustrations of the Antiquities of Wales, reprinted from the Archaeologia Cambrensis". It contains examples of Celtic, Roman, Romano-British and Mediaeval antiquities, in the form of coins, pottery, inscribed stones, cromlechs, ecclesiastical architecture, tombstones and seals.
WIGFAIR
1927046
Blywyddyn / Year
Adroddiad Blynyddol / Annual Report 1926-27
Disgrifiad / Description
In the last Report reference was made to a valuable archive of manuscripts, documents, letters and other papers purchased from Colonel H. C. Lloyd Howard of Wigfair, near St Asaph. An additional but smaller archive has now been purchased from the same source.

The manuscript volumes are of considerable interest (NLW MSS 12401-513). They include accounts of lead and coal mining in Denbighshire and Flintshire during the seventeenth century; a royalty book of collieries in Mold parish, 1824-32; a rental of the Wigfair estate 1728-46; a diary of John Lloyd of Wigfair, for part of 1811; extracts from the Robert Wynne of Garthewin Diary, 1768-1838; a volume of household and other expenses, 1763-85; and a small book of medical recipes.

The loose papers include:-
(a) A number of letters of Maurice Wynn of Ystrad, Groom of the King's Chamber in the latter part of the 17th century. Wynn was a grandson of Catherine of Berain and Maurice Wynn of Gwydir. Among his correspondents were members of the Lewis family of Pengwern, Festiniog, Maurice Wynn of Gwydir, Receiver-General of North Wales, and Sarah Wynn, wife of Sir Richard Wynn of Gwydir, 4th bart.
(b) Letters, mainly to John Lloyd, of Wigfair (The Philosopher), the correspondents including Lord Dundas, Lord Kirkwall, Sir Joseph Banks, Philip Yorke, "Gwallter Mechain", Daines Barrington, Thomas Pennant, Mrs Hester L. Piozzi and the "Ladies of Llangollen".
(c) Letters from John Lloyd, written from London and Wigfair, mainly to his sister.
(d) Letters and papers connected with the families of Lloyd of Upper Soughton and Conway.
(e) Letters and legal documents of the Howard family. Some of the letters are in Spanish. The documents include inventories, wills and a plan of the Wigfair estate made in 1819.
(f) Pedigrees of families, including Caergai, Clough and Griffith of Carreglwyd.
(g) A number of deeds relating to Wigfair, Hafodunos, Llanciyl, Conway, etc. Among them is one dating from the reign of Henry VIII, one of the parties being John Wynn ap Meredith, grandfather of Sir John Wynn of Gwydir.
(h) Documents relating to military activities in Merioneth, 1643.

Some printed matter, viz.:-
Particulars of the Manor of Mold to be sold by auction on 13th April, 1801.
Catalogue of Household Furniture, the property of Mrs Lloyd, to be sold by auction on 15th and 16th March, 1803.
Particulars of the Tyddyn Estates to be sold by auction on 6th July, 1810.
Order of the House of Commons, dated 3rd March, 1813, relating to the Petition of certain Electors of the Boroughs of Denbigh, Ruthin and Holt complaining of an undue Election and Return for the said Borough.
Collectanea Llwydii (Bibliotheca Llwydiana).- A Catalogue of the entire Library of John Lloyd, Esq., LLD, sold by auction on 15th January, 1816.*
Particulars (with plan) of Freehold Property in and near Mold, co. Flint, to be sold by auction on 29th October, 1868.
Advertisement of Breslaw's New Grand Exhibition at his Exhibition Room in Cockspur Street, Haymarket.

* This famous library had many very rare books, including the Life of King Arthur by Sir Thomas Malory, Knight, printed by Caxton, 1483, purchased at the sale by Earl Spencer for £320, and now in the John Rylands Library, Manchester.

Mynegai
Sir Dinbych, Sir Fflint, Yr Wyddgrug, Cymru, Llundain, Conwy, Sbaeneg, Wicwer, Hafodunnos (Llangernyw), Sir Fôn, Dinbych, Rhuthun, Manceinion.

Nodiadau
Schedule Available

JOHN DAVIES, MALLWYD
1927047
Blywyddyn / Year
Adroddiad Blynyddol / Annual Report 1926-27
Disgrifiad / Description
Autograph letter from Dr John Davies of Mallwyd to Sir Richard Wynn of Gwydir, 1628, inserted in and relating to Antiquae Linguae Britannicae . . . et Linguae Latinae Dictonarium Duplex by Dr John Davies of Mallwyd, London, 1632 (NLW MS 5601C). This copy of the book belonged to Rev. John Williams, Master of the Free School at Llanrwst, and afterwards rector of Llanbedr and Caerhun; it bears his book-plate, dated 1783, and contains a number of manuscript notes in his autograph. At the sale of his library in 1826, the Dictionary was purchased by Mr Price of Bodnod for forty shillings. Nothing further is known of it until it appeared in the saleroom (Sotheby's) in 1926, exactly 100 years later, when it was purchased for the National Library on account of the autograph letter of Dr John Davies which Rev John Williams had attached to the verso of the title-page. This is a part of the correspondence between the lexicographer and members of the Gwydir family relating to the publication of the Dictionary, in which they were interested as patrons of Dr Thomas Williams of Trefriw, whose unfinished and unpublished dictionary formed the nucleus of Dr John Davies's work. This particular letter, written by Sir Richard Wynn, the second baronet, on October 2, 1628, and others not recovered, were printed in the The Gentleman's Magazine for 1790, and re-printed in The Calendar of Wynn Papers.

ALLTYRODYN
1927048
Blywyddyn / Year
Adroddiad Blynyddol / Annual Report 1926-27
Disgrifiad / Description
Fifty early deeds purchased from Captain Stewart, Alltyrodyn, near Llandyssul. The earliest is dated "Sunday after the Feast of St. Matthias, 1309/10", and the latest November 16, 1427. Though these deeds relate to lands in Lincolnshire, they have already been found useful by a student working on place names. They are of value also to students of palaeography, and were used by the students in that subject at this year's Library Summer School.

Mynegai
Llandysul.
Nodiadau
Schedule Available, Misc Deeds IV.

BRECKNOCKSHIRE DEEDS
1927049
Blywyddyn / Year
Adroddiad Blynyddol / Annual Report 1926-27
Disgrifiad / Description
Eleven deeds and documents of Brecknockshire interest (NLW Misc Deeds, Breconshire). They range from 1663 to 1700, and relate to Defynnog, Ystradfellte and Ystradgynlais dealing mainly with the rectories of these parishes and their tithes of corn, grain, hay, lamb, wool and cheese. Several bear fine specimens of seals, including a perfect seal of the Bishop of Gloucester.
Mynegai
Sir Frycheiniog, Devynnock, Caerloyw.

CARNARVON CASTLE VISITOR'S BOOK
1927050
Blwyddyn / Year
Adroddiad Blynnyddol / Annual Report 1926-27
Disgrifiad / Description
A Carnarvon Castle Visitors’ Book, containing the signatures of visitors to the castle from July, 1859 to November, 1861 (NLW MS 5602C). On its outer cover is inscribed the name “J. Morgan, Deputy Constable, 1859”.
Mynegai
Caernarfon.

CROYDON
1927051
Ffynhonnell / Source
Croydon Deeds.
Blwyddyn / Year
Adroddiad Blynnyddol / Annual Report 1926-27
Disgrifiad / Description
Mr Herbert Johnes Lloyd, of Dolau Cothi, has de posed a collection of deeds, 498 in number, ranging from 1610 to 1899. The great majority of the documents are connected with Carmarthenshire, including a number relating to the Dolau Cothi estate. The remainder relate to property in the counties of Cardigan and Pembroke, and in Ireland.
Mynegai
Dolaucothi, Sir Gaerfyrddin, Sir Aberteifi, Sir Benfro, Iwerddon.
Nodiadau
Converted to a Donation in 1980. Schedule Available

TITHE MAP AND APPORTIONMENT BOOK, LLANGUNLLO
1927052
Ffynhonnell / Source
Mr Thomas Davies, Maesllyn, Llandyssul.
Blwyddyn / Year
Adroddiad Blynnyddol / Annual Report 1926-27
Disgrifiad / Description
The tithe-map and apportionment book of the parish of Llangunllo, Cards., made in 1842 (Dept of Pictures and Maps).
Mynegai
Llangynllo.

A O EVANS
1927053
Ffynhonnell / Source
The Venerable Archdeacon A Owen Evans, B.A., Llanfaethlu Rectory, Holyhead.
Blwyddyn / Year
Adroddiad Blynnyddol / Annual Report 1926-27
Disgrifiad / Description
A large number of bound and a few unbound books and manuscripts collected by him over a period of many years, and relating to the Church in Wales, particularly in the diocese of Bangor. They comprise:-
(a) The Royal Commission on the Church in Wales, evidence, reports, statistics, etc.
(b) Reports, etc., of religious, educational and other societies working (mainly) within the diocese of Bangor.
EBENEZER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, SWANSEA
1927054
Ffynhonnell / Source
The Reverend Edward Jones, M.A., B.D., Swansea.
Blwyddyn / Year
Adroddiad Blynyddol / Annual Report 1926-27
Disgrifiad / Description
Registers and other record books of Ebenezer Congregational Church, Swansea (NLW Minor Deposits 128-33B):-
(a) Ebenezer Church Book, containing the names of church officers and members from 1803 to 1845.
(b) A register, covering about 70 years, of the members of the Independent Church assembling at Ebenezer Chapel, Swansea. List of members, 1867.
(c) A register of children baptised and registered in Ebenezer from March 9, 1804 to June 10, 1863. Ebenezer Church Book, 1841-60, containing financial accounts, lists of deacons, payments to preachers, etc.
(d) 1. Cash accounts (Thomas Randle), January 6 - March 8, 1849.  
2. Description of tombstones with copies of inscriptions in Ebenezer Churchyard, made by E. Jacob (Minister), July 24, 1856.
(e) List of Subscriptions towards rebuilding Ebenezer Chapel, Swansea, and accounts connected with this fund, 1862-76.
(f) Register of Baptisms belonging to Ebenezer Chapel, Swansea, from June 10, 1863, to October 21, 1874.
(g) Ebenezer Chapel, Swansea.
1. List of sums promised towards paying the debt of the chapel, 1867.
2. Notes by Dr Thomas Rees, entitled "Hanes Crefydd yn Abertawy".

Mynegai
Abertawe.

SPENCE-COLBY
1927055
Ffynhonnell / Source
Mrs Aline Spence-Colby, late of Ffynone, Boncath.
Blwyddyn / Year
Adroddiad Blynyddol / Annual Report 1926-27
Disgrifiad / Description
Mrs Spence-Colby has deposited, on conditions approved by herself and the Council,
(a) Bank book of the Tivyside Hunt for 1851-5.
(b) Printed books and manuscripts of military interest, mainly relating to the Pembrokeshire Militia (1780-1800), during the period when they were commanded by Joh Colby, great-grandfather of Mr Spence-Colby (Dept of Printed Books).
(c) Deeds and Documents.
The deeds number 180, and range from 1507 to 1810. They relate almost entirely to Pembrokeshire, especially to Llanwnda, Jordanston, St Nicholas, Fishguard, Manordivy and Haverfordwest. They include conveyances, leases, grants, final concords, bonds, etc. There are also some wills, letters of administration and maps of property, together with a few documents of an ecclesiastical nature. One document, dated Sept. 14, 1625, bears the signature of William Laud, who was bishop of St Davids from 1621 to 1626.

Mynegai
Sir Benfro, Trefwrdan, Tremarchog, Abergwaun, Maenordefi, Hwlffordd, Tyddewi.
Nodiadau
Schedule Available