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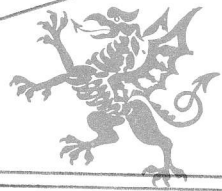
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TO: Mr. Owen C. Roberts, President,
 The National Gymanfa Ganu Association,
 47th Avenue, Lachine, Que., Canada.

Dear Mr. Roberts:

I attended and enjoyed the Gymanfa in Toronto, Canada. Much planning and work must have gone into making the event move so smoothly.

One thing was lacking and that is the purpose of this letter. With all those Welshmen gathered in one place, it would seem to be a good place to set up a stand of items to sell Wales badges, flags, records, hats, linen towels, etc. I think it would be appreciated by those attending and would also make a good concession for someone to run.

I would be glad to work it up if I knew the ground rules of the Gymanfa Ganu Association. Would they be willing to lend or rent cheaply a spot near registrations desks? Since I am not sure items would move, I would not want to go into a big debt for space. Considerable effort would have to be made to gather various Welsh items and before proceeding I thought I would find out what the reaction of the National Association would be. The idea would not be to make a killing but to sell items to the thrifty Welshmen. I think it would be an asset to the Gymanfa.

Let me know of your feelings on the matter after talking it over with the various officers.

Gordon M. Williams, Minister.

GMW/jc.

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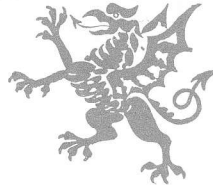
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TO: The Reverend Gordon M. Williams,
The Parsonage, [redacted] Ardsley Drive,
Dewitt, New York, U.S.A. 13214.

Dear Reverend Mr. Williams:

I am in receipt of your letter of September 10, and accept my thanks for your kind remarks. I am sorry that I did not have the pleasure of meeting you personally.

Concerning the sale of Welsh items at the annual Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu festivals, this matter, I believe depends on the feelings of the sponsors. At Toronto, Mrs. W. Monkhouse of Hamberg, N.Y. a Trustee and also closely associated and interested in promoting the W.A.Y. organization (Welsh American Youth) decided apparently on the spur of the moment, to sell some Welsh items, on a table near the registration tables. She did not have many items on the table, she mentioned at the Trustees meeting that all were very quickly sold, and a small sum of money realized from the sale was turned over to the W.A.Y. group. From my memory in the past, some of the locales had either a small room or tables set up with Welsh items to sell, and some were elaborately set up than others.

Our next locale will be in Swansea Wales, and I know the Wales Tourist Board will have items like you mentioned available. Cleveland, Ohio during mid October, 1974 will be officially sponsoring The Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu Festival. Our recording Secretary, Miss Katherine Dodd of 4960 Mr. Barton Road, Lyndhurst, Ohio, 44124, is connected with the sponsoring group, and you might like to drop her a line to see what their thoughts would be in this connection. I remain,

Yours cordially,

Owen C. Roberts, President.

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