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(Come, Sing to the Lord)



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TO: Jack meadows, Secretary,
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4034 Southern Boulevard,
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Dear Jack:

The time is fast approaching when members and Trustees who are planning to be present in Swansea will be leaving soon. I myself accompanied by my niece will be leaving Montreal on Saturday, July 27th next, stay in London at The Cumberland Hotel until July 30th and leave via train for Swansea. We will be staying at the Dragon Hotel until Saturday, August 10th, so as to take in the installation of our Trustee, Reverend Kenneth Jones as a member of The Gorsedd Circle, and also to take in the activities of the Eistedfodd at nearby Carmarthen.

I have recently received from Mr. John O. Morgans, a copy of an article which he wrote for The Carmarthen Times. I thought that it was a very fine gesture on his part, and I am happy to send you a copy. Incidentally I have written a letter to our Trustees enclosing a copy of his article.

Everything seems to be well arranged in Swansea, all we need is good weather, plus a good turnout of our North American delegates to make the Swansea Gymanfa Ganu an outstanding success. Until we meet in Swansea, accept my best regards to you and Catherine.

Owen C. Roberts, President.

OR/F.

Encl.

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The Cottagen Broadway, Llandrindod Wells, Rads, Powys.

2nd August, 1974

Dear Secretary,

There are two National bodies in Wales, the one the National Eisteddfod now being held at Carmarthen and the other the National ^{Royal} Welsh Agricultural Society held every year in the third week in July, on its permanent site on the Rads/Breccs. border.

When your Society met a few years back in Chicago, USA, at my own expense, and by invitation of your Society, I flew out there, and was permitted at the Hilton Hotel, to address the assembled company of about 3000 on our National Show, but unfortunately the Royal Welsh film of that year's show did not arrive in time for me to show you, after I had spoken, when I had a great reception from my American/Canadian cousins of Welsh descent.

I shall never forget how after that session, one after ^{an} other in that great audience, sought me out, pulled their wallets out, and offered to aid us financially, when my response was - we are not asking you for financial aid, only asking that you come, over and patronise the National Agricultural Show, started by your and my forefathers, to stimulate our agriculturists, in order to produce the best possible stock and crops and beat the "Sassenach" in so doing, which I am glad to say we often achieve!

Our ¹³ Counties take it in turn to be 'Host County' to the Royal Welsh Show, it being Radnorshire's year in 1976, when I hope you will come over in numbers, particularly those connected with farming, or who have farming ancestors. My reason for stressing this is that Radnor had a large Quaker population, at the time of the Mayflower, who were persecuted so badly and regularly (the Meeting House at the Pales, Llandegley about 12 miles from our Show, is still in existence from where the soldiers under orders used to take the Quaker Fathers and Mothers away to gaol at Kington in those days) that they decided to emigrate to America, they congregating on Penybont Common, close to the Pales, with what belongings they could take, on their trk to the port to embark for the Americas.

At 80 I am the oldest Member of the Society, still active on its Council and Board, and Chairman of the Wales Export Council - all those particularly your President and

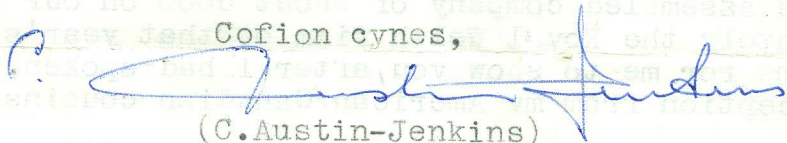
Secretary, who were at Chicago, will remember me there, and I can assure you, that if you advise me that you will be over in Numbers in 1976 (Radnorshire's year) I will see that an official invitation is dispatched by our Secretary.

We have an Overseas Pavilion, at which we welcome all Overseas visitors, and where on arrival, after registering, we give each visitor an Hon. Overseas Visitors badge, which gives them free entrance to all sections within the show.

This year we had two USA A.H. teams over competing in our International Stock Judging Competition, at which the USA Agricultural Attache and other American supporters were present, and also 40 farmers and their wives from Ontario. I understand Canada will be sending a team next year.

What I did suggest when talking to you all in Chicago was that you might like to consider aiding us in replacing our present Overseas Pavilion by an enlarged one to meet the ever increasing number of Overseas visitors, which, if done could lead, I feel sure, to our Society agreeing a large plaque on it indicating it was contributed by the American-Welsh,

Cofion cynes,



(C. Austin-Jenkins)

Life Vice-President

&

Hon. Life Member.

The Secretary,

American Gymanfa Ganu Society,

Bryngwyn Hall,

Swansea.