

Minutes of meeting held at Milwaukee, Wis.  
Sept. 1, 1951

The Annual business meeting of the National Gymanfa Ganu Association of the United States and Canada, Inc. was called to order by President Allen Thomas, at 2:10 P.M.

The meeting was opened with an Invocation by Rev. Percy Thomas of Valparaiso, Indiana.

In addition to Pres. Allen Thomas, the following National officers were present; Past Pres. Henry T. Jones, Vice-Presidents Humphrey P. Jones, Dr. M.D. Thomas and John R. Jones and Sec. & Treas. George Bundy and Mrs. Mary King Sarah Thomas, Sec. of the Wisconsin Committee, who assisted the Secretary in the taking of the Minutes.

The Credentials Committee, Dr. Hugh O. Williams of Minnesota, Mr. John W. Davies, Pennsylvania and reported the number of delegates from Organizations and Life Members present to be 99.

It was properly moved and seconded that report of the Credentials committee be accepted and delegates seated. Motion carried.

The Minutes of the Annual meeting held in Canton, Ohio Sept. 2, 1950 were read by the Secretary. Motion was carried "That the Minutes be accepted as read and that Mr. Bundy be highly commended."

Pres. Allen Thomas extended a cordial welcome to all present and called on National Vice-Pres. John R. Jones, who was also Pres. of the Wisconsin Gymanfa Ganu Committee, to say a few words. Mr. Jones responded with a fine and inspirational talk. He expressed the hope that we can keep the Gymanfa Ganu alive a long time.

Mrs. David Evans, Pres. of the Canton Committee that sponsored the 1950 National Gymanfa Ganu gave a fine talk on the work of the Canton Committee. "We started all committee meetings with a prayer for God's help to make a success of the 1950 National Gymanfa". Pres. Thomas thanked the Canton and Milwaukee Committees for their labor of love in preserving our beloved Welsh Hymnology.

Vice-Pres. Humphrey P. Jones conducted a Memorial service for the following named members and friends of the N.G.G.A.;--  
Llewellyn W. Jones, Providence, R.K., C.G. Thomas, Warren, Ohio,  
Frank Evans, Salt Lake City, Utah, Wm. Owen, Neenah, Wis.,  
Meth Davies, Victoria B.C. Canada, H. Monfa Parri, Milwaukee, Wis.  
W. Hammond Williams, Colfax, Cal., Mrs. M.K. Stafford, Canton, Ohio,  
G. Fred Lloyd, Wilkinsburg, Pa., John Morgan, Granite City, Ill.,  
Park Pritchard, Seattle, Wash., and Evan L. Thomas, Waukesha, Wis.

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MEMORIAL SERVICE

by

Humphrey P. Jones, Toronto, Canada

Each year, as we gather together for our Annual National Gymanfa Ganu we pause and remember the friends that have passed on to the great beyond, since last we met.

This year is no exception and many faithful supporters of this organization, who were present with us at Canton last year, are today enjoying the everlasting peace offered to all of us by our Lord and Saviour, Jeuses Christ.

We shall greatly miss friends, who have done so much to support the Gymanfa a d all it stands for, but their departure should create a spirit of enthusiasm in the work in us that now remain. We cannot let them down, we should see to it that the Gymanfa of the future will be bigger and better than ever.

To the families and other relatives of our departed friends we express our deepest sympathy in their bereavements. I am not going to dwell on each individual, as I feel that each and every one of them have contributed to the success of the Gymanfa in accordance with their ability.

Mae nghyfeillion adre'n myned.  
Draw emblaen een i un  
Gan fy ngadael yn amddedaf  
Fel peretin wrtho' i hun.

Llewellyn W. Jones, Providence, R.I., C.G. Thomas, Warren, Ohio.  
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Meth Davies, Victoria, Canada, Mrs. M.K. Stafford, Canton, Ohio  
Park Pritchard, Seattle, Wash., John Morgan, Granite City, Ill.  
W. Hammond Williams, Colfax, Cal., Dr. John Evans, Baltimore, Md.  
Evan Lloyd Thomas, Waukesha, Wisconsin and others who have gone.

What about the names that will be read out next year? It may include yours or mine. Are we ready if the call comes? Let us live so that we may be ready to die, and then when death comes, we shall be ready to live. If there is a man or woman here to day that has not accepted Jesus Christ as his or her Saviour, then, do so now, and be relieved of the worries of tomorrow.

The service was concluded with a bried but stirring prayer, in Welsh and English, by Mr. Jones.

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Under the head of Reports of National officers, the following remarks were made--Pres. Allen Thomas reviewed the work of the N.G.G.A. during the past year and expressed thanks for progress made with the Welsh National Library of America. He said "We miss Hammond Williams, who had a prominent part in the organization of this much needed institution, for the preservation of Welsh books etc. I appointed Prof. Rowe, who was Co-Chairman with Hammond Williams to the chairmanship of the Library Committee." Other members of the Committee are: John James, Salt Lake City, Utah, Rev. Daniel Hughes, Detroit, Mich., Prof. John Hughes, Montreal, Canada, Judge David G. Jenkins, Youngstown, Ohio, and Prof. Hywel C. Rowland, Grand Forks, N. Dakota.

Vice Pres. Humphrey P. Jones was delighted with the growing influence of Gymanfa Ganu and he reported "The spirit of the Gymanfa Ganu is just as good in Canada as well as the States."

Vice-Pres. Dr. M.D. Thomas said in part "It is a pleasure to gather with you. I am new to the Gymanfa Ganu. A new light came upon me as I listened to the singing at the Detroit 1948 National Gymanfa Ganu. Wales can make a contribution of intrinsic merit to the life of any community."

Vice-Pres. John R. Jones reviewed briefly some of the experiences of the Wisconsin Committee in preparing for this National Gymanfa Ganu. He paid tribute to all his fellow officers and members of the various committees and he expressed the hope and prayer that the Gymanfa Ganu will continue to grow and exert its uplifting influence on all peoples.

The next item on the agenda was "Report on the proposed Western Regional Gymanfa Ganu." Vice-Pres. Dr. M.D. Thomas reported his efforts in the matter of starting a Western Regional Gymanfa Ganu. He had contacted Welsh committees in many Western cities and was pleased to announce that the Welsh people of Seattle, Wash. had invited the First Regional to be held in their city, on July 4&5, 1952. The National officers accepted the Seattle invitation and the Seattle Committee is already making preliminary plans for the First Western Regional Gymanfa Ganu.

The Auditing committee, Mrs. J.M. Lea, Seattle Wash., Mr. S.T. Davies, Vancouver, B.C. and Mr. Ernest Williams, Buffalo, N.Y., appointed Mrs. Lea, its chairman.

Mrs. Lea reported "That the Auditing Committee had audited the books of Sec.&Treas., George Bundy and found them in excellent condition, every penny being accounted for."

It was properly moved, seconded "That the report of the Auditing Committee be accepted." Motion carried.

(By the way-Mrs. Lea was introduced to the 4,500 people at the evening session of the Gymanfa Ganu, when she extended an invitation to attend the First Western Regional in Seattle.)

Sec. Bundy asked if "Western Regional" was the correct caption? During the exchange of ideas, someone mentioned the word National, Mr. S.T. Davies, Vancouver B.C. opined that we ought not to use the

word National, because, someday, we may want the National in the West. It was decided to retain the term-Western Regional.

\*9\* Report of Secretary-Treasurer, George Bundy

I am glad to report an increased interest among our members, in getting new members for the N.G.G.A., time will not allow me to mention all who have helped, but, if there were four prizes for those getting the most new members, they would be awarded to Mrs. Catherine Owens of St. Petersburg, Florida, Mrs. D. M.D. Thomas of Salt Lake City, Mr. Ben L. Jenkins of Wikes-Barre, and Henry T. Jones of New Castle, Pa. We now have 318 Life members, 48 Organization Annual members and 112 Annual Life Individual members, paid to date.

Your secretary receives about 1,500 letters each year, all of which are interesting to me, and would be to you. I want to mention a few of these letters. First, a letter from the FESTIVAL INFORMATION SERVICE, New York, asking for all details of the N.G.G.A. This data will be sent to a Chain of Editors, and will mean good publicity and it is free.

Second: A letter from J. Babb, Librarian at Yale University, stating that Prof. John Parry of the University of Illinois had read in Y. Drych that the N.G.G.A. was starting a Welsh National Library. Mr. Babb invited us to send a representative to talk over the matter of establishing a Welsh Library. I sent a copy of this letter to the late Hammond Williams.

Third: Mr. Vincent Evans of Swansea and Mr. Vernon L. Morgan of Port Talbot wrote asking for the price of a copy of the Gymanfa Ganu hymnal. I sent each one of these writers, two complimentary copies, with a suggestion that the extra copy be sent to a Newspaper in Wales. The result was The Western Mail of Cardiff, had its columnist Will Ifan, ex Archdruid, devote one of his columns to the N.G.G.A. in America and the 1950 National at Canton, Ohio. There was also an equally good article in the London News Chronicle.

A letter from Merthyr Tydfil, Wales, asking support for the Dr. Joseph Parry Memorial to be erected in the birth-place of the foremost Welsh American composer was read.

Incorporation: The N.G.G.A. is now an incorporated body, under the laws of Ohio, with Life member Attorney Elwyn Jenkins attending to the legal procedure of Incorporation.

Hymnal Report: We have had 20,000 hymnals printed and up to Aug. 7, 1951, 18,000 had been disposed of by sales and complementaries. Balance on hand Aug. 7, of this year is 2,000 copies. The policy of the publishers, is to keep enough cash on hand to pay for the printing of another run of 10,000 copies. See Treasurer's report for details of the Expenses and Receipts of Hymnal Fund.

Minutes of the 1951 Annual meeting(continued)

The National Executive Committee held a meeting this morning and among other matters, discussed financial condition of the "Y. Drych". Once, the people of Welsh-America had 23 Periodicals and 9 Newspapers that catered to the dissemination of news to Welsh people in the United States and Canada. The Periodicals are all gone and only "Y Drych" remains of the Newspapers. The committee discussed ways and means for putting "Y Drych" on a better foundation and suggestion was made that a Reserve Fund be started. However, it was decided to postpone this idea until we had conferred with the Editor.

At this point, Mr. Arthur M. Roberts, Publisher and Editor of "Y Drych" addressed the meeting. Mr. Roberts assumed the position of Editor when the late Hugh Hughes passed on, and a few months ago, the ownership of "Y. Drych" was given up by the Griffiths Brothers, whose family had been at the helm for nearly 100 years. Mr. Roberts said he is willing to continue in his efforts to keep alive the only Welsh Newspaper in America, and he appealed for a campaign for new subscribers.

The next item on the agenda was "Report of the Welsh National Library Committee." This report was ably presented by Prof. Rowe, Chairman, who dealt at length with the work of collecting Welsh books, and books about Wales and Music manuscripts. He said that already, the Library is being used by students, who have chosen Wales as the title of their Theses for various Degrees. Prof. Rowe appealed for donations of books etc, for the Library. (This appeal brought many many responses to Prof. Rowe before the 1951 Gymanfa Ganu was concluded.) The Library Committee received invitations from The Brigham Young University, Utah, and Yale University to make their respective Universities the Repository of the Welsh National Library of America.

The meeting now proceeded to "Unfinished business" and the Secretary read a letter from Elwyn Griffiths, Secretary of "Undeb Y Cymry ar Wasgar" (The Union of Welshmen in Dispersion), inviting the N.G.G.A. to join the association. The fee for the N.G.G.A. would be L2. 2S. 0 per year. A motion to table this matter was carried.

A cordial invitation from the National Federation of Music Clubs of America was read, asking the N.G.G.A. to join the Federation. Vice-Pres. Thomas, said that the Federation of Music Clubs held their Convention in Salt Lake City, a few days before the Salt Lake City Annual Gymanfa Ganu in May 1951, and that they helped to make the latter a success. The matter was tabled.

The Secretary reported receiving a suggestion from several members, that a small badge, bearing the initials L.M. be given to each Life member for use at the Gymanfa Ganu sessions. No action taken.

We now proceeded with Election of officers. Allen Thomas was nominated for President and a motion made that nominations be closed. The motion was carried and Pres. Thomas was declared re-elected for the ensuing two years.

Vice President Humphrey P. Jones was unanimously relected to another two year term.

COPY OF INVITATIONS

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My Dear Mr. Bundy:-

At a recent meeting of the St. David's Society of Utica a resolution was duly adopted whereby an invitation was to be extended to the National Gymanfa Ganu to hold its 1952 session in the City of Utica, New York.

Present at that meeting was Dr. R. Glynne Lloyd, Pastor of the Moriah Church, and Rev. Rees T. Williams, Pastor of the Bethesda Church, both of Utica. They were enthusiastic in their support of this resolution. I have communicated with our Chamber of Commerce and they too have expressed real enthusiasm at the idea of again having the National Session here in 1952. Dr. Lloyd was designated by the Society as its official representative at the Milwaukee Session and was authorized at that time to present to the committee in charge the invitation to come to Utica.

I am writing this letter to you to officially notify you of the action of our organization and also to advise you as to the action which Dr. Lloyd will take in Milwaukee. I trust that the same will meet with your approval and that we may count on your support.

Very sincerely yours,

William C. Morris

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Copy of Telegram

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MISS ANNE DAVIES, CARE MRS. LELAND WORTMAN  
ELGIN AVE. NOERHWEST CANTON OHIO-

THE WELSH SINGING SOCIETY EXTENDS AN INVITATION TO THE  
NATIONAL GYMANFA GANU ASSOCIATION TO HOLD ITS 1952 GYMANTA  
AT COLUMBUS-

DAVID E. MORGAN SECRETARY.-

Minutes of 1951 Annual meeting (continued)

The following persons were nominated for Second Vice-President, one year terms:

- Dr. M.D. Thomas, Salt Lake City, Utah
- Attorney John R. Jones, Milwaukee, Wis.
- Griffith Rees, Gary, Indiana

Pres. Allen Thomas appointed Henry T. Jones and Humphrey P. Jones to act as Tellers for the election.

The Tellers announced the result of the balloting as follows:

Dr. M.D. Thomas	57
Atty. J.R. Jones	28
Griffith Rees	14
<u>Total Votes</u>	<u>99</u>

It was moved, seconded and carried "That the appointment of the National Executive Committee for 1951-52, be left in the hands of the National officers.

The Secretary read invitations from The St. Davis's Society of Utica, N.Y. and the Welsh Singing Society of Columbus, Ohio, to the N.G.G.A. to hold the 1952 National Gymanfa Ganu in their respective cities.

Mr. E.I. Evans of Columbus, supported the invitation of the Welsh Singing Society with remarks. And Dr. Gwynne Lloyd of Utica, also spoke in support of the invitation from the St. David's Society of his city. Balloting took place and the result announced by the Tellers was as follows:

Columbus, Ohio	64
Utica, N.Y.	38
<u>Total Votes</u>	<u>102</u>

Columbus, Ohio was declared the venue for the 1952 National Gymanfa Ganu.

Mr. John Lloyd Jones in behalf of the Welsh Society of Cambria County Pa. invited the 1953 National to come to Johnstown, Pa.

There being no more bids for 1953, a motion to accept the Johnstown invitation was carried. This concluded the business and the meeting stood adjourned.

Ex. Sec. & Treasurer

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NATIONAL GYMANFA GANU ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA, INC.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING AUGUST 22, 1951 MILWAUKEE

GENERAL FUND

Receipts

Balance on hand August 19, 1950.....	\$ 269.21	
40 % of surplus of Canton 1950 National Gymanfa Gamu...	574.52	
Sale of Phonetics.....	3.50	
Refund of telegram to Milwaukee.....	5.00	
Fees from new Life members.....	485.00	
Dues from Annual members.....	170.00	
Refund from Hymnal Fund for shipping Hymnals.....	109.89	
<b>Total Receipts for year ending August 22, 1951</b>	<b>\$ 1617.12</b>	<b>\$1617.12</b>

EXPENSES

Printing \$163.40	Mimeographing # 78. 69...	\$ 242.09	
Office Supplies .....		39.62	
Repairs to typewriter .....		17.21	
Incorporation- Filing fee, Seal and Record book.....		75.00	
Attorney's nominal fee.....		50.00	
Framing Charter of Incorporation.....		3.04	
Expenses President Allen Thomas-balance due on 1950....		40.00	
"    "    "    " for 1951 .....		103.00	<del>Traveling expenses</del>
Expenses for traveling for Secretary.....		56.40	
Annual gift to Secretary.....		500.00	
Advertising \$21.20... Bank service charges \$ 1.78....		22.98	
Lunch to Canton officers .....		4.25	
Shipping 7,922 hymnals.....		84.26	
Postage on 3,185 pieces of mail (not including books) ..		101.30	
12 copies of "Songs of Wales." .....		1.67	
Telegrams and long distance calls .....		36.77	
<b>Total expenses for year ending August 22, 1951.....</b>		<b>1377.59</b>	<b>\$1377.59</b>

Balance on hand in General Fund August 22, 1951..... \$ 239.53

HYMNAL FUND

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand August 19, 1950.....	\$1208.89	
From sales of hymnals during the year.....	1263.13	
Interest on Savings account, April, 1, 1951 .....	4.46	
<b>Total Receipts for year ending August 22, 1951.....</b>	<b>\$2476.48</b>	<b>\$2476.48</b>

EXPENSES

Mailing and shipping hymnals.....	109.89	109.89
<b>BALANCE on hand in HYMNAL FUND on August 22, 1951.....</b>		<b>\$2366.50</b>

Treasurer