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January 29, 1969

Mr. Jack Meadows, Secretary  
National Gymanfa Ganu Association  
of the United States and Canada  
ard  
Youngstown, Ohio 44512

Dear Mr. Meadows:

I am pleased to advise you that the plaque honoring Goronwy Owen will be placed in the Swem Library at a special ceremony on March 1, 1969, the 200th anniversary year of Owen's death. The plaque was originally in the library building which has recently been remodeled to house the College's Law School.

For the occasion special lectures and music programs have been planned, and it would be pleasant indeed if representatives of the National Gymanfa Ganu Association could attend. By copy of this letter I am advising the Chairman of the Goronwy Owen Committee of your interest, knowing that he will also wish to extend to you an invitation to be with us.

Sincerely yours,



William C. Pollard  
Librarian

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cc: Dr. David Jenkins

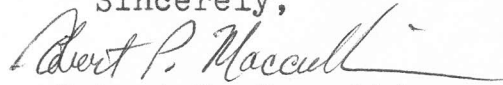
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May 1, 1969

Dear Mr. Meadows;

If you think the Botetourt Publication concerning Goronwy Owen would be of general interest to members of the Gymanfa Ganu Association we would be happy to supply you with a bulk rate for ten or more copies of \$1.50 each. If there are individuals to whom you think subscription notices ought to be sent directly we would be happy to receive their names and addresses.

Sincerely,

  
Robert P. Maccubbin



In celebration of the bicentennial of Goronwy Owen (1723-1769) the Botetourt Bibliographical Society will issue this summer its second annual publication:

### GORONWY OWEN'S VIRGINIAN ADVENTURE

"Black Goronwy of Angelsea" wrote poetry of such a quality as early to earn him the favor of the Morris brothers — Richard, William, and Lewis — founders of the Cymmrodorion Society in Augustan London; nevertheless, financial straits compelled him to accept a position as Master of the Grammar school and Professor of Humanity at the College of William and Mary in Virginia. He held the position from 1758-1760, then resigned and obtained a parish in Brunswick County, Virginia, where he received word of the London publication of his poems (*Diddanwoch Teuluaidd*, 1763) and composed a lament for Lewis Morris.

On St. David's Day, 1969, John Gwilym Jones, noted Welsh playwright and critic, and Reader in Welsh at the University College of North Wales at Bangor, delivered a lecture at William and Mary on the poetry and literary criticism of Goronwy Owen. In addition, Mr. Jones has translated those three of Owen's letters describing his voyage to and life in colonial Virginia. The Botetourt will publish both the lecture and the translations, with an Appendix, "An Inventory and Appraisalment of the Estate of the Reverend Mr. Gronon Owen," including full bibliographical details of his library.

Copies may be reserved at the pre-publication price of \$2.00 if orders, accompanied by payment, are received by ~~May 27~~, 1969. After ~~May 27~~ the price, except to members, will be \$3.00. Standing orders for future publications are welcomed. It is the announced intention of the Botetourt to make available over a period of several years full inventories of selected colonial Virginia libraries; the inventories will be accompanied by relevant historical and literary commentary.

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