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Dafydd ab Gwilym, the Welsh Ovid, Layeth Some Claim to Homer's Excellency as a Poet -- The Welsh Poet Flourished About the Year 1400 .- Notes of Interest from North

and South Wales.

Lewys Morys, in "Tlysau yr Hen Desoedd," 1735, writes: "Beauties, it is said, are frequently found in authors which themselves never dreamed of, Mr. Pope, in his preface to the Illiad enumerating Homer's excellencies next to his boundless invention, placeth the sound of his word and makes it pecu-liar to him and Virgil, and says that no other poet in any language reached this point of art.
"I think Mr. Cowley brings his Pin-

dar in for a shafe of the same charac-ter. Dafydd ab Gwilym, our Welsh Oyld (who flourished about the year 1400) if we mistake not, layeth some claim to this excellency. You must either allow of the atomic philosophy. or that (copying after nature by its own light) he intended the following poem should sound what really it is, that is, a description of "Thunder and Lightning." Those that are not over partial to the school languages and proper judges of our-let them compare this poem in its sounds and the softness of its metaphors with the best pas-sages of this kind in the above authors. and don't doubt but they will conclude his boldness in the comparison excus-able, let Homer's character be ever so

(CYWYDD Y DARAN).

Mae gair i mi o gariad
Gael is dail gwely o stad.
A cherdd gan Fronfraith a chlog
A merch wen i'm erchwynlog.
Mynais I'm dal am An-un
Gwel bod yn gywely Bun.
Dan lwyn mewn dien lanerch
A dail Mai rhwng dwylo merch;
Myn dyn, pan oeddym ein dau
Lawenaf, dyn ael winau,
Taro a wnaeth terwyn oedd!
Trwst Tarun tros y tiroedd!
A ffrydiau croyw wlaw creulawn
A bhoerl mellt yn ffrom iawn.
Gwylltio'r forwyn flwyn felnwen
Gwasgu a ffo gwisg ei phen,
Ffynu'n deg ffoen ninau'n dau
Ffoes hon a ffoais inau.
Trwst enbyd! tristyd I'r trwyn
Trwst mawr yn tristau Morwyn!
Twrf a glyn pob tyrfa glau
Tarw Cryg yn torri Creiglau,
Taran a ddug trinoedd yn,
Trwst arfau tros y terfyn, etc.
He then becomes in his peculiar (CYWYDD Y DARAN).

He then becomes in his peculiar man-ner very abusive against the thunder, compares it to the Rhuglgroen, an instrument used for frightening crows, and to an old hag beating her kettle about; he adds that he should not have cared for its vile noise, had not it scared Morfydd from his side.

Moelog in his too short sketch of the Cambrian bard, writes that the influence of the external splendor of the Roman Catholic church is not more apparent in the pages of Chaucer than in the remains of the Weish poet—her gorgeous and varied ceremonies sup-plied a fund of imagery that was high-ly acceptable to his imagination. In his poem, "The Bard and the Grey Brother," he says:

To the grey monk today I went, Upon a frank confession bent, I told him freely all; that I Am a fantastic, reckless bard, And that a maid with cold black eye, Possesses all my soul's regard; And that my love is all in vain!

. The monk advised him to give up the

on he adds that "Everybody can say his prayers, but very few can sing sweet stanzas." He thus continues:

There is, sir priest, a proper time Alike for retmons and for rhyme; Verse was intended to delimit. Amid the hanquet hadies bright; in church the Pater Nosters rise To raise the soul to Paradise. Well did the brave Ystulfach say, Regaling with the bardie throng. That plenty lives with spirits may, But evil dwells with faces long. WELSH MUSICIANS IN LONDON.

The first of the series of Miss Davies and Mr. Criffith's concerts (says the Times) took place recently in Queen's hall, London, when several new or rarely heard pieces were brought forward by these very accomplished in-strumentalists. In addition to playing for her solos Mendelssohn's 'Varia-tions sericuses'' in a thoroughly sound manner, and a group of smaller pieces. Miss Llowela Dayles was joined by Mr. Criffith in a coultal performance Mr. Criffith in a capital performance of a sonata by Handel and a very dull sonata for flute and planeforte by Max Meyer-Olbersleben, now given for the first time in England. The concert-glyers also combined with Messrs, Lalande, Comer, Busby and James in a very fine performance of a sexted for pianoforte and wind by Ludwig Threille—a really beautiful work, de-spite its length, which contains, among other movements, a most melodious slow movement and an original and graceful gavotte. Mr. Griffith played some short pieces in a manner that was quite beyond criticism, and the concert, which was a trifle too long. closed with a musette by Pfeiffer for oboe, clarinet and bassoon, played by Messrs Lalande, Gomer and lames, Miss Mabel Leslie recited Tennyson's "The Victim" in a highly melodramatic and

vigorous manner, and Mr. Lewis Thomas sang.

THE ANCIENT HOME OF CARADOU.
Dunraven's Hill, by the sounding sea.
Where dwelt Old Cambria's famous three—Lear and Bran, and Caradog strong.
Are themes of Qwalla's deathless song.
In days of old Britannia's love
Winged there its way like holy dove;
The hill around with woodland slopes,
Encircled Cambria's hollest hones.
The seer bard, 'midst hoary beers,
Sees through the gloom of parting years:
He sees the steel of the herald swaln
Callopin along with might ace main—
"Caradog, oh! our darling chief.
Ride forth to meet the Roman thief."—
Hurrah! hurrah! the railying force,
To lead it forth Caradog goes!
His aged sire, on turret high.
Prays, 'My God, my God! oh! be Thou
nigh!"
Such was the wall Britannia cried,
And Britons marched like flowing tide,
The trumpets' blasts they echoed far,
And Cocketth lit the torch of war!
Dunraven's lord, with hion's heart.
Saith, 'Sons! the foe, the foe shall smart?'
Ostorius saw the advancing host:
It came along Siluria's coast;
In Cadres lines it swept the vale,
And the affrighted Romans turned pale,
Dunraven's line it swept the vale,
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Dunraven's line it swept the vale,
And the affrighted Romans turned pale,
Dunraven's Hill is holy ground:
There still the awests of life are found;
A peeros there of matchless worth.
Adorning truly a noble birth;
Her heart delights in the arts of peace,
And all around her feel at ease;
The Crivitiu 'Da' 'es in her shire,
And those, most truly, are blying,
A lord whose mental force's og great.
As in the line, defends the state,
Aurora's wings his daughters are,
And gloom is not where they requir.
—Morien. THE ANCIENT HOME OF CARADOC.

NOTES. Mr. Bompas, the new county court judge, is well known on the South Wates circuit, where he came in 1881, when he was appointed a royal commissioner of assize. His career is one of maca distinction, and most readers of Dickens probably know that Mr. Bomeas' father, the late Sergeant Bompas, was the immortal Sergeant Buzfuz.

The poet, in reply, says: "That notwithstanding what priests may read in
'old parchments,' he does not believe
that there is any sin in loving a woman." "Three things," he added, "are
loved throughout the world—a woman,
fair weather and health." And further
on he adds that "Everybody can say

down into an interestins pampalet.

The ways of elsti-life ile choirs are fose finding out. Mr. D. J. Jenkies, Mas, itach., in the Certifor, relates a story about a captain choir with a moral. A formish before an important competition the leader announced in the papers that this choir was going to perform two famous Welsh works, the authors of which noted, with three others, as adjudicators at the approaching elstedifed. When the contest came and the choir in question lost, not a word was heard again about the performances. If one of our works, a liss Mr. Jenkius, with just indignation would not be performed to all starnity, no choir would ever have the prize if it did not deserve any.

A North Wales correspondent is anxious we should state that in bendigh lown, the home of the "Baner," and where Radical schemes are hatched, a Conservative (Mr. Wynne Edwards, excamilidate for the narliamentary division headed the poil recently, the second beings Mr. Howell Ges, one of the "Baner" publishers, and the third "a Conservative landed proprietor, who takes an active interest in local government." At Flint town, also, "the North Wales home of trish Home Rule," two conservative gains were setwo conservative gains were se-

Darvel Gatheren, a great wooden blol in Wales, used to be held in great venera-tion. There was a leased that one day barvel would burn a forest. When Friar Forest, in 1828, the confessor of Queen Katharine, was burnt for denying the king's supremacy, this image was east on the bile:

the pile:
David Darvel Gatheren
As saith the Weishmen.
Fetched outlaws out of hell;
Now is he come, with spear and shield.
In harness to buyen in Smithfield.
For in Wales he may not dwell.
And Forest, the friar.
That obstinate liar.
That wilfully shall be dead.
In his contunacy
The Gescel doth deny
The king to be supreme head.

TAITH FY MAM. Cyn i n' ddechreu gwybod am Drafferthion blin y byd, Pan oeddyn gartre gyda mam Yn yr hen fwthyn elyl, Cymraeg oedd yr adnodau'i gyd A ddysgui hi i ni, Cymraeg oedd yr adnodau'i gyd A gunem dros y ty.

Yn y Gymraeg adroddai hi Haneston (iws y Gair, Yn y Gymraeg y coffai ni O hyd am Falan Mair; Ill daysgodd weddi fach i mi Cyn bod fy mron yn drist-Gweddi Gymraeg a gefals i I fyn d at Iesu Grist,

Bu mam yn myn'd i foddion gras Drwy haf â gawaf gwyw, A chaffal'i hennid nefolras Pan yn nghymeleithas Duw; Cymrasg oedd ganddi ar y daith I shrad gydng Ef, Cymrasg yn unig oedd ei hlaith I ffeindio'r ffordd Fr Nef.

F: welais mam ye myn'd i'r glyn,—
I denau'r afon ffin,
Cynghorai ni o'r dyfnder syn,—
Cymraeg oedd ar ei min;
Cymraeg; Cymraeg, slaradai hi
Pan y gorodenai'r thaith,—
Er mwyn fy mem fe fyddaf fi
Yn ffyddon i'r hen 'aith,
—Ben Dayles.

The press association learns officially that the queen has been obcased to approve of the appointment of Viceount En-lyn to be local lieutement of Pembrokashire, in the room of the late Lord Ken-singian.

A legacy of 1500 has been left to the Church Aid Fund of the English Congregational union of North Wales, toward assisting the weaker churches of the denomination connected with the union under the will of Miss Ruch Evans, of Khyl, formerly of Haydock.

The press association is officially in formed that the outen has been pleased o signify her approval of the appointment of Sir Richard Williams Barkeley, Bart, o be lord lieutenant of the county of Aug-

The Rev. Eivet Lewis is delivering at Listelly a series of fectures aon "Litera-cy Outlooks of Victorian Days."

Recently, the Peast of St. Winefride was relemnly calchysted at Holywell. The colorant of the mass was the Vicar Apostolic of Wales (the Right Ray, Francis Mostyn, D. In). In the atternoon Bishon Mostyn blessed the large bronze studie of the Sacred Reart, which has been recently arread on a lofty pedestal outside. St. Winefride hall. Afterward, the hirzer chourse of peade, many of whom came by special train from Liverpool, walked, beating lighted candles, in processing to the well, the crypt of which was brilliantly illuminated, and here a brief service was held. Pontificial benediction in the church closed the day's proceedings.

was hell. Fortifical benediction in the church closed the day's proceedings.

A meeting of the general committee appointed at the public meeting held on the 25rd to arrange for the commemoration of the French invasion of 1757 was held at the Tewa-hall. Fishguard, recently, Mr. J. C. Yorke, high-sheriff of the county of Pembroke, presiding. The meeting was manimonsly in favor of a walk or pathway being made round the cliff from Fens. late to Goodwick Bridge, which is to be called the "French Waik." A letter was read from Mr. Joseph Rowlands, Brimingham tobe of the directors of the Fishguard and North Pembrokeshire Rull-way, stating that he would undertake, on behalf of his colleagues, to make the pathalong the from age of the Windy Hall Estate at their own expense, the walk to be not less than nine or ten feet wide. It was stated that the cost of making the remaining portion, which must be borne by the centenary committees were appointed to carry out the various arrangements for the commemoration.

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THE VOTE OF THE CITIES.

How It Swung Over at the Recent Election from the Democratic to the Republican Column.

From the Sun.

There are sixty-five cities in the United States having more than 50,000 in-habitants, and there are sixteen of this number which, under the designation established by the amended constitu-tion of New York, are "cities of the first class," having more than 250,000. At the recent election these cities ex-oreised a more preponderating influence men the result than it are arresiding. upon the result than in any preceding election for president; and the tradi-tional strength of the Democratic party

election for president; and the traditional strength of the Democrate party in them was broken for the first time under conditions which in view of past records seem almost sensational.

At the three successive presidential elections of 1864, 1868, and 1872, the p littical fortunes of the Democratic party were at a fower oble than they have ever been before or have ever been a regard this year. In 1861 the second election of Abraham Line in occurred, with very little opposition; 1868 was the year of the first election of General Grant, at 1 1872 of his re-election by a much increased majority. In the ethree year the Democratic majorities in New York wore, successively, 35,000, 12,000 and 21–900. In the same elections, brooklyn gave successively, 35,000, 12,000 and 4,000 the mocratic majority. Builtim regard 12,000 Lemocratic majority in 1864 and 1868, but was carried by the Republicans by a small majority in 1872. St. Lauis in the last year objects have increased largely their Berardisch leaf. The State of Ullinois in the country districts have increased largely their Berardisch leaf. The State of Ullinois had 1872 in 1872 and 1868, but was carried by McKinley and Hobart. These are washington, D. C., the citizens of which have no vote in the presidential election; New Orleans, Denver, and Salt Lave no vote in the presidential election; New Orleans, Denver, and Salt Lave no vote in the presidential election; New Orleans, Denver, and Salt Lave no vote in the presidential election; New Orleans, Denver, and Salt Lave no vote in the presidential election; New Orleans, Denver, and Salt Lave no vote in the presidential election; New Orleans, Denver, and Salt Lave no vote in the presidential election; New Orleans, Denver, and Salt Lave no vote in the presidential election; New Orleans, Denver, and Salt Lave no vote in the presidential election; New Orleans, Denver, and Salt Lave no vote in the presidential election; New Orleans, Denver, and Salt Lave no vote in the presidential election; New Orleans, Denver, and Salt L Mr. Bompas, the new county court judge, is well known on the Soulo Wates of the description connected with the union union of North Wales, toward assisting the wesker churches of the description connected with the union union of North Wales, toward assisting the wesker churches of the description connected with the union union of North Wales, toward assisting the wesker churches of the description connected with the union union of North Wales, toward assisting the wesker churches of the description connected with the union union of North Wales, toward assisting the wesker churches of the description connected with the union union of North Wales, toward assisting the wesker churches of the description connected with the union union of North Wales, toward assisting the wesker churches of the description connected with the union union of North Wales, toward assisting the wesker churches of the description connected with the union union of North Wales, toward assisting the wesker churches of the description connected with the union union of North Wales, toward assisting the wesker churches of the description connected with the union union of North Wales, toward assisting the wesker churches of the description connected with the union union of North Wales, toward the Hepublicans by a small majority in the lequidicans by a small majority in the lequidicans by a small majority in the lequidicans by a small majority in the publican set in the last year the tequidicans by a small majority in the publican set in the last year the tequidicans by a small majority in the lequidicans by a small majority in the lequidicans by a small majority in the last year the tequidicans by a small majority in the lequidicans by a small majority in the lequidicans by a small majority in the last year the tequidicans by a small majority in the lequidicans by a small majority in the lequidican set. The last chief have the recased largely their Recased la

cisco was Democratic in 1868, and in 20 1872 the difference between the two In parties was less than 600 votes, the strongholds through stress and atorm, Republicans leading. The Republicans the Democracy has been beaten; but carried Philadelphia by only 5,000 in Denver and Salt Lake City remain.

eracy by a substantial majority. DEMOCRATIC LOSSES.

These were some of the results in the large cities, and more especially in the older cities of the north and northeast. in elections when, as we have said, the Democratic outlook was not cheerful or encouraging. Since the presidential election of 1878, when the Democracy was rejuvenated and practically recreated as a formidable political organization throughout the union, the chief cities of the country, both north and south, have been generally Democratic by majorities which have increased with the growth of population, Phila-delphia and Cincinnati being the chief exceptions. In the presidential elec-tion of 1892 New York, Chicago, Brooklion of 1892 New York, Calcago, Brook-lyn, and Boston gave collectively near-ly 150,090 Democratic majority. The recent election brought disastrous and humiliating defeat for the Dem-ocratic party in the large cities of the

country. New York, for the first tim in a presidential election in the history of American politics, was carried by the Republicans, or more properly went against the Democratic nominee. Chi-cago gave more than 50,000 majority for McKinley and Hobart; Philadelphia more than 100,000. Two former Dem-ocratic strongholds, rallying points of Democratic influence and organization, Baltimore and Louisville, went Republi-can, carrying with them the electoral vote of the states of which they are the chief cities, Maryland and Kentucky, the former Democratic since 1864, and the latter Democratic since 1860, Brook-

lyn, long a Democratic stronghold, was carried for Mr. McKinley by a majorcarried for Mr. McKinley by a majority larger than it ever gave a Democratic national ticket; and Boston, on the Democratic lead in which all hopes of success in the state of Massachusetts have been uniformly based, went in favor of the Republicans and honest money Democrats by a majority exceeding 20,000. Buffalo, which has been generally Democratic of late years, except when Mr. Cleveland, a former resident, was the Democratic numinee, and then was either close or Republican, has now been carried by the Republicans by a majority as large as they cans by a majority as large as they had in Cincinnati, and larger than the had in Cincinnati, and larger than the impority for the Rebuddean electoral ticket in St. Louis. In fact, of all the large cities, four only were not carried by McKinley and Hobart. These are Washington, D. C., the citizens of which have no vote in the presidential elec-tion; New Orleans, Denver, and Salt take City.

In its strongholds, therefore, its strongholds through stress and storm, 1868, and Chicago, both at that time Republican strongholds, by only 8,000. Newark and New Haven were Democratis in 1868; Jersey City was Democratis in 1868; Jersey City was Democratic in presidential elections, and in 1868 Buffalo was carried by the Democracy by a subgrantial release. of cities, while San Francisco, the great city of the Pacific, was in the McKinley column voting against dis-



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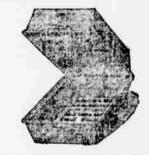
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