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THE CELEBRATION IN PITTSBURG[H], PA.

[This is one of several items reporting on St. David's Day celebrations]

Excellent Banquet, Good singing and Eloquent Addresses—  
[Members of] the Fair Sex Present

Pittsburg[h], PA.—The banquet this year at the Monongahela House was the best held yet as arranged by the St. David's Society. This was the first banquet that [members of] the fair sex were permitted to be present, and because of that, to a great degree, the unrivaled success can be attributed—besides which the food was delicious, the singing splendid and the addresses spirited and excellent.

Promptly at nine o'clock on Friday night, lines formed with the Cambrian Glee Club leading, followed by Guests, officials and members of the Society. Upon reaching the Banquet Room, the Rev. Mr. Maxwell gave a blessing after which there was feasting upon the bounty and dainties of the varied "Menu." Upon reaching the banquet hall, the blessing was asked by the Rev. Mr. Maxwell; then justice was done to the various and appealing delicacies. After the body had been satisfied during the banquet, a welcoming address was given, a glimpse at the history of the St. David's Society by the chairman, J. Jarrett. "The Nightingale" was sung by the Cambrian Glee Club under the direction of Morris Stephens. A Toast, "Influence of St. David's Life," was given by the Hon. T.L. James of New who has received unanimous approbation on his first visit to the Welsh of this city. Proff. D. Davies brought the house down with his singing of "Maid of the Mill." "The Day We Celebrate," a short but edifying address was delivered by T. C. Jenkins. A new song by Apmadoc, "St. David's Day," was sung by Miss Edith Harris. The Hon. W. T. Davies, Assistant Governor of the State, gave a spirited and witty speech entitled "The Land of our Birth." D. W. Davies, the blind boy, played "Variations" on the harp. "The Country We Live In," was the title of the talk given by the Rev. D. Parker Margan, M.A. of New York; he is an excellent *orator* and speaks so freely, fluently and as naturally as the flow of a river. His observations made an impression on the audience which will not soon forget them. Many were disappointed not to be staying in town over Sunday so that they would have a chance to hear him preach.

As it was now past two o'clock, the remainder of the program could not be presented to the disappointment of many, though the excellent speakers would have been difficult to follow. [The gathering] was closed with the singing of "Hen Wlad fy Nhadau" lead by the Proff. D. J. Davies. Among those present were Bishop Whitehead and his wife; Sam Moore, Esq.; Welsh ministers of the city; the Hon. Samuel Griffiths; the Hon. Miles S. Humphreys; Anthony Howells; Col. R.A. Phillips, Scranton; J.J. Davies, Connellsville; Josiah Evans, Johnstown; John Lodwick of Youngstown. Congratulatory messages were read from New York, Philadelphia and Scranton; several letters were received from persons of note who were unable to attend, such as Lord Harrison and the novelist Howells who boasts of his Welsh heritage and who comes from Ohio originally, not far from Pittsburg[h].

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