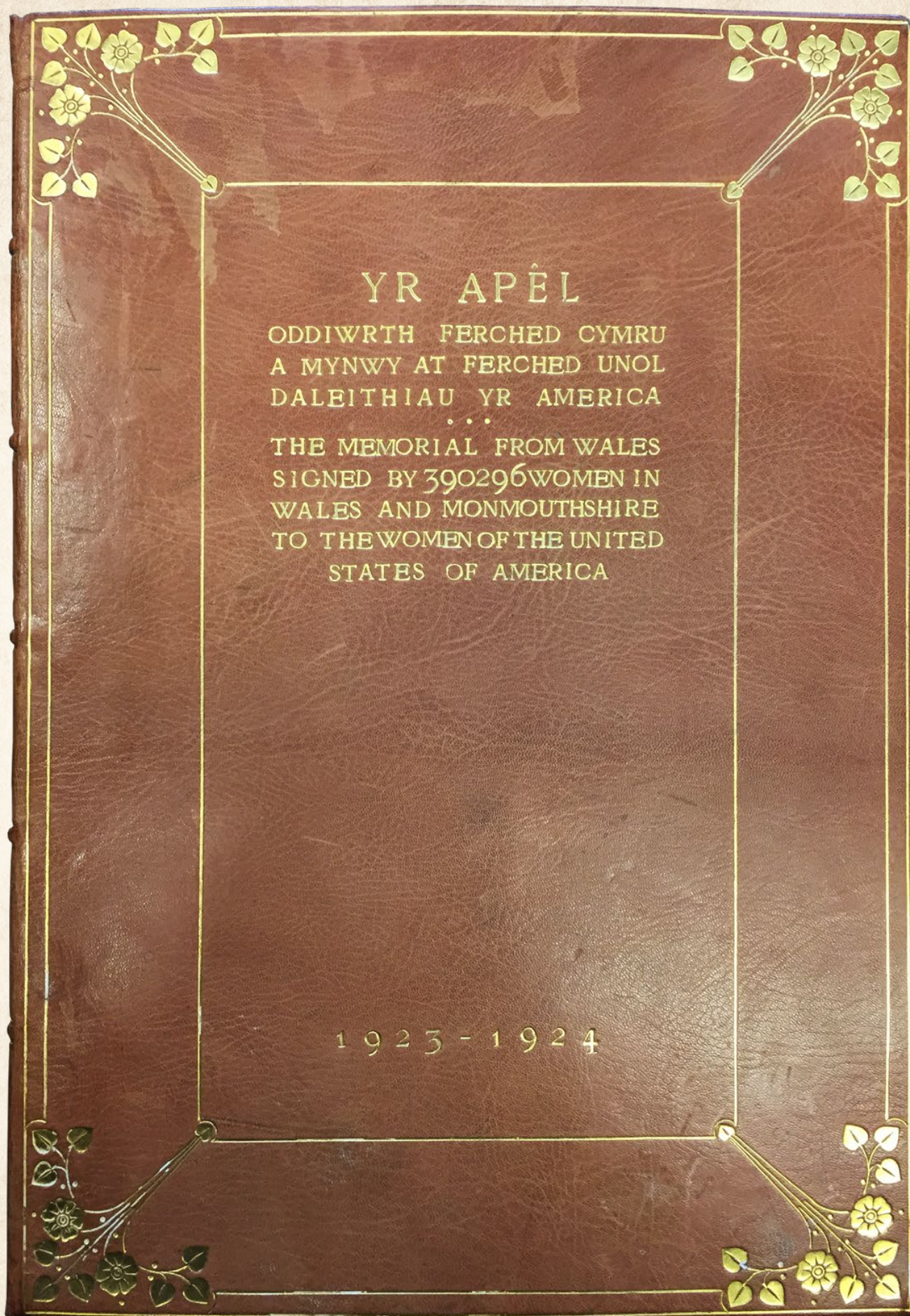


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Symbyliad 1



Symbyliad 2

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“
...i'n cynorthwyo
yn ein hymdrech
i drosglwyddo i'r
oesau a ddel fyd
di-ryfel yn
drefnadaeth
dragywydd

”

Yr Apel oddiwrth
Ferched Cymru, 1923

Symbyliad 3

WE, Women of Wales, are proud to recall that there is between our little Principality and the great country of the United States of America a close historical tie in the quest for World Peace. ¶ It was an American citizen, Elihu Burritt, who inspired our fellow-countryman Henry Richard, to organise a series of International Peace Congresses in the middle years of the nineteenth century. ¶ According to the plan of Elihu Burritt, the first Peace Conference was to have been held in Paris in the summer of 1848. So anxious was he about the task of international reconciliation that he proceeded alone to Paris in order to make the preliminary arrangements. He failed in Paris. Then, accompanied by Henry Richard, he went to Brussels, & a memorable Conference was held here in September, 1848, attended by two hundred delegates from America & Great Britain. Thus the work of building the Temple of Peace was begun through the united efforts of the American from Connecticut and the Welshman from Tregaron. ¶ When, sixty six years later, in 1914, the Temple of Peace was, as it seemed to us shattered to its foundations, America was always in our thought, and it is no exaggeration to say that a thrill of joy was felt in many of our homes when the United States of America decided to enter the World War and make common sacrifice with us. It is the recollection of the comradeship between an American citizen and a son of Wales in the cause of Peace, together with the knowledge of our joint sacrifice in the agony of War, that emboldens us to address to you this appeal. ¶ We are not actuated by any political motives.

Symbyliad 4

We speak simply as the Women of Wales—the daughters of a nation whose glory it has been to cherish no hatred towards any land or people, and whose desire is for the coming on earth of the reign of fellowship and goodwill. We long for the day when the affairs of nations shall be subject no longer to the verdict of the sword. And we feel that the dawn of the Peace which shall endure would be hastened were it possible for America to take her place in the Council of the League of Nations. ¶ How that is to be done we do not know; but we do know that upon the two great peoples who did so much to decide the fortune of the War rests largely the burden of winning that lasting peace without which all that is dear to us must perish. We rejoice in the measure of co-operation which has already been achieved by America and Britain, with other nations at Washington in the limitation of naval armaments, and at Geneva in the humanitarian measures to put an end to the detestable traffic in women and children and also in the maturing of plans for combating the trade in opium and in other noxious drugs. And we hail with delight the movement now on foot to secure for America, with her noble traditions, direct participation in the functions of the Permanent Court of International Justice. ¶ The future is big with hope if we, as the women of this generation, do our part. To us has come an opportunity as real as the responsibility is grave. We would, therefore, appeal to you, Women of the United States of America, “with malice towards none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right,” to aid in the effort to hand down to the generations which come after us the proud heritage of a warless world.

Symbyliad 5

New York, 11th February, 1924

We were due at 4.30 at Mrs Berney Baruch's house - whose husband was President Wilson's right hand man at Versailles. They live in a perfectly wonderful house - luxuriously furnished with exotics lavishly decorating the rooms - A large crowd of people had been united to meet 'Welsh Delegation' - we were presented one after another. Met Miss Ruth Morgan a charming - good-looking - very attractive woman - and Mrs Jones, Brooklyn relative of Mary Ellis. (.....)

A very remarkable day. Rather a blizzard when we got to New York, but better weather towards evening.

The Club is very comfortable, but very warm. Still one gets used to the warm atmosphere & dresses accordingly.

My impressions of the American women I have met today is that they are genuine & sincere in their efforts to give the Movement all the support they can. Their reception of us was so spontaneous so natural & without any of the side & affectation of English women. They accepted us at our highest value, as Ambassadors of Peace. They did not quiz & criticise us first & gradually thaw.

Symbyliad 6

New York, Tuesday February 19th, 2024:

..... back to hotel got dressed for the Luncheon which was timed to begin at 1pm at Baltimore Hotel. Rather nervous about my speech. Got there in fair time in Mrs Laidlaw's car & met many people. Was photographed with the other three & Mrs Laidlaw, Mrs Ruth Morgan & Mrs Tuttle by the chest in the reception room. Went into the Dining Hall - The Cascade - & sat on Miss Ruth Morgan's right-hand at the guest table.

After the luncheon we had speeches. Mrs Ruth Morgan introduced the delegation - & I then gave an address on the links that bind Wales & America together, & our act of memorial. It seemed to be appreciated.

Then we three went up to the chest which had been placed on a dais & padlocks were unlocked, & we gave up the padlocks & the memorial to Mrs Ruth Morgan. Then the chest was inspected and the first question I was asked concerning it was "Oes yma enwau o Sir Feirionydd" ("Are there any names from Meirionydd?") Miss Sue Harvard sang Gwlad y Delyn & Hen Wlad fy Nhadau & thus ended one chapter in the history of the Memorial.

It was a truly thrilling gathering and one which in our wildest flights of imagination, we had never thought of on such a comprehensive scale.

Symbyliad 7

Washington, 21st February, 2024:

(.....) Then we all walked across to White House for an interview with President Coolidge. On entering we found the hall filled with people, reporters, photographers & others . . . We were shown into another room & waited there awhile with several other people, while the President's secretary came out. He opened the door leading into the room where Mr Coolidge stood standing, awaiting our arrival - & we were introduced to him by Mrs Morgan.

He said words to this effect "You are from Wales".

I: Yes

He: I have two Welshmen in my cabinet - Mr Hughes & Mr Davies.

I: Yes

He: And I have Welsh blood in my veins, having for an ancestor Nathaniel Davies. So you can't get away from home.

I: We are proud to own you as a kinsman.

He: Thank you, I am very glad to see you.

I: Producing the copy of the Memorial & showing it to him together with photograph of oak chest. "This is the copy of the memorial we have brought over from Women of Wales to W. of Am & the chest containing the signatures etc - We hope you will allow the chest to be placed in the Smithsonian Institute for all time -

He: I will do what I can to help you. I do not see what reason there is for it not to be placed there - I was Vice President of the Institute etc etc.

We then left the room, after being cordially pleasantly welcomed by the President, a quiet dignified man of middle height. Straight nose, a pleasant manner and voice with a blue crease in his trousers. We went outside the White House & were besieged by an army of photographers - 9 in all.