

## BRISCOE, THOMAS (1813 - 1895), cleric and scholar

**Name:** Thomas Briscoe  
**Date of birth:** 1813  
**Date of death:** 1895  
**Parent:** Richard Briscoe  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** cleric and scholar  
**Area of activity:** Religion; Scholarship and Languages  
**Author:** John Williams James

Born 30 June 1813 at Wrexham, son of Richard Briscoe, druggist; educated at Ruthin School and Jesus College, Oxford; B.A. (First Class Lit. Hum., 1833; M.A., 1836; B.D., 1843; D.D., 1868). Ordained deacon 1836, priest 1837, by the bishop of Oxford; Fellow of Jesus College, Oxford, 1834-59; tutor, 1835-9 and 1843-57; vice-principal, 1849-58; perpetual curate of Henllan, Denbighshire, 1830-40; vicar of Holyhead, 1858-95; surrogate, 1858; chancellor of Bangor cathedral, 1877.

Briscoe was an excellent scholar in ancient and modern languages, including Welsh. In 1851 he translated into Welsh from the German, Ellendorff's *1st Petrus in Rom und Bischof der Romischen Kirche gewesen?* He also translated the following O.T. books from the Hebrew: *Isaiah* 1853, *Job* 1854, *Psalms* and *Proverbs* 1855, and, in 1894, the *New Testament* into Welsh with the readings adopted by the English Revised Version. He died 16 February 1895. His library was presented to Bangor cathedral library.

### Author

Chancellor John Williams James

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