

CHARLES, DAVID III (1812-1878), Calvinistic Methodist minister

Name: David Charles
Date of birth: 1812
Date of death: 1878
Spouse: Mary Charles (née Jones)
Spouse: Kate Charles (née Roberts)
Parent: Maria Charles
Parent: Thomas Rice Charles
Gender: Male
Occupation: Calvinistic Methodist minister
Area of activity: Religion
Author: Thomas Iorwerth Ellis

Son of Thomas Rice Charles and Maria his wife, and grandson of **Thomas Charles**; born at Bala 23 July 1812. He was educated at Bala and Chirk, and after reading with the rector of Llanycil matriculated at Jesus College, Oxford, in May 1831, proceeding to the degree of B.A. in 1835. He was associated with his brother-in-law, **Lewis Edwards**, in the inception in 1837 of the preparatory school which developed into the Theological College at Bala. Ordained to the ministry of the C.M. connexion in 1841, he was appointed principal of Trevecka College in 1842 and remained there for twenty years. In January 1863 he became pastor of the C.M. church at Aber-carn, Monmouth. After five years there he undertook organizing work in connection with the projected University College of Wales, which was opened at Aberystwyth in October 1872. Upon the appointment of his nephew **T. C. Edwards** as principal he resigned his post and later migrated to Aberdovey, where he died on 13 December 1878. In 1869 he was moderator of the general assembly of his connexion.

He married (1), 1839, Kate Roberts, Holyhead, who died c. 1844; (2), 1846, Mary, daughter of Hugh Jones of Llanidloes and widow of Benjamin Watkins, by whom he had three daughters, one of whom, with his widow, survived him. He was buried at Llanidloes.

THOMAS CHARLES, F.R.C.S. (1811 - 1873), doctor

David Charles's brother. He was christened 10 January 1811, practised at Menai Bridge (1841-6) and afterwards in London, emigrated to Sydney c. 1855, returned to Wales c. 1870, and practised at Pembroke and at Aberystwyth, where he died 11 April 1873. Two facts about him may be mentioned. In the *Camraron and Denbigh Herald*, 11 December 1841, he entered a strong protest (unusual for a Methodist of his day) against the attempt of the Anglesey presbytery to 'interfere with my right of judgement in political matters' by forbidding its members to attend a Free Trade meeting at Caernarvon. And in April 1854 a meeting to promote a university college in Wales was held at his London house - (**Davies** and **Jones**, *The University of Wales*, 69-70).

Author

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