DAVIES, JOHN GWYNORO (1855 - 1935), Calvinistic Methodist minister

Name: John Gwynoro Davies
Date of birth: 1855
Date of death: 1935
Spouse: Jeannie Mary Davies (née Watkin)
Spouse: Mary Davies (née Jones)
Parent: Evan Davies
Gender: Male
Occupation: Calvinistic Methodist minister
Area of activity: Religion
Author: William Watkin Davies

Born 28 February 1855 at Llanpumpsaint, Carmarthenshire, the son of Evan Davies, a minister. Educated at the local school, he became a pupil teacher, and, at the age of 20, headmaster of Dinas school, Rhondda. He was especially interested in school music. Having decided to enter the Calvinistic Methodist ministry, in 1877 he entered Aberystwyth University College, whence he proceeded to Bala College. At Aberystwyth he shared lodgings with (Sir) Owen M. Edwards, who introduced him to T. E. Ellis and obtained for him his first pastorate, at Llanuwchllyn. In 1887 he became minister of Caersalem, Barmouth, where he remained until his death. An ardent Radical, and a patriotic Welshman, he was more interested in public affairs, especially education, than in denominational matters. For seventeen years he was chairman of the Barmouth urban council; and served on almost every Welsh public committee. He wrote several articles for *Y Gwyddoniadur Cymreig*, and was also the author of *Flashes from the Welsh Pulpit*, to which Thomas Charles Edwards contributed an introduction. He married (1) Mary, daughter of John Jones (Ivon, 1820 - 1898), and (2) Jeannie Mary, daughter of William Watkin, Muriau, Criccieth. He died 23 March 1935.

Author

William Watkin Davies

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