DAVIES, WILLIAM JENKIN (1858 - 1919), Unitarian minister, man of letters, and musician

Name: William Jenkin Davies

Date of birth: 1858 Date of death: 1919 Gender: Male

Occupation: Unitarian minister, man of letters, and musician

Area of activity: Literature and Writing; Music; Performing Arts; Religion; Scholarship and Languages

Author: Thomas Oswald Williams

Born at Trecynon, Aberdare, 30 January 1858. He was educated at the Trecynon day schools and at the school maintained by R. Jenkin Jones; he became a pharmacist - hence his interest in the trees and plants of Llandysul parish. After a preparatory period under William James (1848 - 1907) he went to the Unitarian College at Manchester (1878-1881), and later spent a year at Owens College as a Gaskell scholar. He became successively Unitarian minister of Dowlais (1882-9), Gellionnen (1886-9), Llwyn-rhyd-owen, Bwlch-y-fadfa, and Graig, Llandysul (1889-96), and Mount Pottinger, Belfast (1896-1903). He then retired and travelled abroad. In 1894 he won the prize at the Llandysul eisteddfod for a history of the parish. This work, which ran to over 350 pages, was subsequently published under the title Hanes Plwyf Llandysul (Llandysul, 1896). He died in London, 28 March 1919, and was buried in Kensal Green.

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