

DAVIES, EDWARD OWEN (1864 - 1936), Calvinistic Methodist minister and author

Name: Edward Owen Davies
Date of birth: 1864
Date of death: 1936
Spouse: Mary Gwendoline Davies (née Jones)
Gender: Male
Occupation: Calvinistic Methodist minister and author
Area of activity: Literature and Writing; Religion
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Born 8 June 1864 at Betws Gwerfyl Goch, near Corwen, and educated at the British school Corwen, where he became a pupil-teacher at the age of 12, and at the Normal College, Bangor, where he went in 1881. From 1884-5 he was assistant master at the advanced elementary school, Blaenau Ffestiniog. He proceeded to the University College of Wales, Aberystwyth, taking his B.Sc. (Lond.) with honours in mental and moral science in 1889, going afterwards to Mansfield College, Oxford, and the universities of Bonn, Heidelberg, Gottingen, and Kiel. He was called to the pastorate of Garston Welsh chapel, Liverpool, in 1893, and was ordained in 1894. In 1897 he was appointed lecturer in dogmatics at Bala Theological College, remaining there for ten years. In 1904 he married Mary Gwendoline, daughter of William and Catherine Jones, Tyrol, Aigburth Drive, Liverpool. In 1910 he resumed pastoral work as minister of Siloh chapel, Llandudno. In 1913 he delivered the 'Davies Lecture' at the general assembly on 'The Miracles of Jesus'; in 1919 he took up the post of general secretary of the reconstruction commission of the North Wales Association. His work for the commission culminated in the guidance through the church's courts and the final passing through Parliament in 1933 of the Bill to amend the constitution of the church and to enlarge its powers. He was moderator of the North Wales Association in 1922 and 1935, and moderator of the General Assembly in 1928. He was secretary of the joint committee which prepared the Calvinistic and Wesleyan Methodist hymn-book, 1924-6. In 1925 he moved to Bangor, where he died 14 December 1936. The University of Wales conferred upon him the honorary degrees of M.A. in 1923 and D.D. in 1935.

He was the author of *Theological Encyclopaedia: an Introduction to the Study of Theology*, 1905; *Prolegomena to Systematic Theology: a Study of Authority*, 1909 (also published in Japanese at Tokio, 1914); *The Miracles of Jesus: a Study of the Evidence*, 1913 (also published in Japanese at Tokio, 1919); *Gwyrthiau Iesu Grist*, 1915; *Ffydd, Trefn, a Bywyd*, 1930.

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