

EDWARDS, EDWARD Pencerdd Ceredigion (1816-1897), musician.

Name: Edward Edwards
Pseudonym: Pencerdd Ceredigion
Date of birth: 1816
Date of death: 1897
Child: Jack Edwards
Parent: John Edwards
Gender: Male
Occupation: musician
Area of activity: Art and Architecture; Music; Performing Arts
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Born in Little Darkgate Street, Aberystwyth, son of John Edwards. As a young man he attended the church of Llanbadarn-fawr, where there was a good choir. He moved with his parents to Blaen-y-cwm, Capel Dewi; there he was appointed precentor at the Calvinistic Methodist chapel. He came to Aberystwyth to work as a shoemaker and there came into contact with a number of good musicians who lived in the town. He spent some time at Tredegar, Monmouth, but returned to Aberystwyth. He formed a choir at Tabernacle chapel; this choir, by its performances of the 'Messiah,' 'Creation,' 'The Seasons,' and the 'Twelfth Mass,' did much to raise the standard of music in the town. Pencerdd Ceredigion died 16 September 1897 and was buried in the Aberystwyth cemetery.

His son, JACK EDWARDS (1853 - 1942), bookseller, Great Darkgate Street, was a prominent vocalist; he had spent some time in the U.S.A. as vocalist. He was also a zealous Esperantist.

Author

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