

EDWARDS, JOHN (Meiriadog; 1813 - 1906), poet and editor

Name: John Edwards
Pseudonym: Meiriadog
Date of birth: 1813
Date of death: 1906
Spouse: Elizabeth Edwards (née Watkin)
Gender: Male
Occupation: poet and editor
Area of activity: Eisteddfod; Literature and Writing; Poetry; Printing and Publishing
Author: David Jenkins

Born at Llanrwst, he was educated at the local grammar school, and afterwards apprenticed as a printer. He revealed much literary talent while still young, and between 1835 and 1860 in particular many of his poems were published in *Seren Gomer*, *Y Dysgedydd*, *Y Diwygiwr*, *Y Gwladgarwr*, and *Y Drysorfa*. In turn he lived at Cefn-mawr, Llanfaircaereinion, Cardiff, and Merthyr Tydfil, before finally settling down at Llanfaircaereinion, Montgomeryshire, in 1844; there he married Elizabeth Watkin. He was an ardent Baptist, and in politics an uncompromising Liberal. During his lifetime he was an acknowledged authority on Welsh grammar and syntax, and a master of cynghanedd. A most successful eisteddfod competitor and winner of many chairs, he was also a popular adjudicator. He edited *Yr Hyfforddwr* for a time from 1852, and from 1858 he was responsible for *Y Llusern*. He died 24 July 1906, aged 93 years. His manuscripts were presented to the National Library of Wales in 1926.

Author

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