

## EDWARDS, WILLIAM (1848 - 1929), Baptist college principal

**Name:** William Edwards  
**Date of birth:** 1848  
**Date of death:** 1929  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** Baptist college principal  
**Area of activity:** Education; Religion  
**Author:** John Williams Hughes

Born at Llanafon, Llanfôn, Carmarthenshire, 16 March 1848, son of a monumental mason. From Pontypool Baptist College he went to Regent's Park, graduated in London University, was tutor at Haverfordwest Baptist College 1872-80, and then returned to Pontypool as principal and tutor in New Testament Greek. In 1882 he was one of the chief promoters of University College, Cardiff (of whose council he was a member for the rest of his life); and he was one of the most active supporters of the removal of his own college from Pontypool to Cardiff in 1893.

He published a good many small books, and a more substantial work, *Cyfieithiad Newydd o'r Testament Newydd* (four vols., 1894, 1898, 1913 and 1915), with critical notes and introductions. In his denomination, he was an energetic administrator; he was chairman of the Welsh Baptist Union in 1906, and of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland in 1911. In politics, he was a strong Liberal and liberationist, and a notable platform orator. The honorary degree of LL.D. was conferred upon him by the University of Wales in 1925. He died 28 February 1929.

### Author

Reverend Principal John Williams Hughes, (1888 - 1979)

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