

EVANS, WALTER JENKIN (1856 - 1927), principal of Carmarthen Presbyterian College

Name: Walter Jenkin Evans
Date of birth: 1856
Date of death: 1927
Parent: Rachel Evans (née Jeremy)
Parent: Titus Evans
Gender: Male
Occupation: principal of Carmarthen Presbyterian College
Area of activity: Education; Religion
Author: Thomas Oswald Williams

Born 1 April 1856 at Carmarthen, son of [Titus Evans](#) and grandson of [John Jeremy](#). He was educated at Parc-y-felfed school, at Carmarthen grammar school where he gained the principal scholarship, at Carmarthen Presbyterian College (1870-3), Jesus College, Oxford (B.A. 1878, M.A. 1880) and Manchester College, Oxford (1876-8), under James Martineau. He discovered that nature had not intended him to be a preacher, and in 1879-84 was a teacher in Brighton and London. In 1884 he was appointed tutor in Latin and Greek at his old college, Carmarthen, and in 1888 became principal there [an appointment which, on theological grounds, aroused considerable controversy among Welsh Unitarians - see *Yr Ymofynydd* during 1888]. He was a scholar and a gentleman, and during his long term of office as principal established close relations between the college and the University of Wales, [and was dean of divinity in the University, 1910-13]. His careful researches into Latin poetry were published [*Alliteratio Latina, or Alliteration in Latin Verse ...* (London, 1921)], but he will be probably chiefly remembered as the meticulous historian of his denomination. He published articles dealing with the history of Carmarthen Academy in *Yr Ymofynydd* [1930] and in [G. Eyre Evans](#)'s edition of *The Lloyd Letters*, biographies of Carmarthen Unitarian students in [E. Pan Jones](#)'s *Oriel Coleg Caerfyrddin*, and essays on the history of Unitarianism in the town of Carmarthen in *Christian Life*, 1916. In the N.L.W. there are six substantial manuscript volumes (N.L.W. MSS. 10325-10330), containing the biographies by him, of students of the college, with notes on the history of the denomination. He was a placid scholar, and above all, a teacher; and all his work is distinguished by a teacher's painstaking care. He died 10 February 1927.

Author

Reverend Thomas Oswald Williams, (1888 - 1965)

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