# EVANS, STEPHEN (1818 - 1905), Cymmrodor

**Name:** Stephen Evans
**Date of birth:** 1818
**Date of death:** 1905
**Spouse:** Evans (née Chase)
**Gender:** Male
**Occupation:** Cymmrodor
**Area of activity:** Education; Eisteddfod; History and Culture; Philanthropy
**Author:** Walter Thomas Morgan

a native of Llanarth, Cardiganshire, according to the *Welsh Gazette* (but of Llannon, Cardiganshire, says *Cymm.*, 1951). He went to London at an early age, establishing there a successful business as a warehouseman in Old Change. In the fifties of the last century he became closely associated with Sir Hugh Owen in his campaign to further Welsh education, and was an enthusiastic supporter of the University College, Aberystwyth. He was an ardent eisteddfodwr and a liberal patron of Welsh musicians and composers. He was one of the foremost members of the London committee formed in connection with the visit of ' Côr Mawr Caradog ' to London in 1873 and when, partly through the enthusiasm caused by the choir's success, the Society of the Cymmrodorion was revived at a meeting in the Freemasons Tavern in the same year, Evans was elected chairman of the council, and continued in that office till his death. He died 21 August 1905 at his home in Brockley; he was buried at Chislehurst. He married a Miss Chase, a Leicestershire lady, and had two daughters.

## Author

**Walter Thomas Morgan**, (1912 - 1990)

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