## EVANS, TOM VALENTINE (1861 - 1935), Baptist minister

Name: Tom Valentine Evans Date of birth: 1861 Date of death: 1935 Spouse: Jennet Evans (née Griffiths) Child: David Emrys Evans Parent: Mary Evans Parent: William Evans Gender: Male Occupation: Baptist minister Area of activity: Religion Author: David Emrys Evans

Born at Llandebïe, 14 February 1861, son of William and Mary Evans and brother of Frederick Evans. He began his career in 1877 as a Calvinistic Methodist preacher and, after being to school at Carmarthen, went on to Trevecka College in 1879. His views, however, changed; he became a Baptist, and in 1880 went to Pontypool College. In 1882 he was ordained minister of Calfaria chapel, Clydach (Swansea Valley), where he remained until his resignation in 1927. He married Jennet Griffiths of Bridgend, 1886. He lectured frequently on such subjects as Robert Ellis (Cynddelw), ' The Hymn Book,' Joseph Harris (Gomer), and 'The Folklore of Carmarthenshire.' He published *Clydach a'r Cylch* (a prize-winning essay) in 1901, *Y Ford*, a book of sermons 'for children of all ages,' in 1911, and *leuan Ddu o Lan Towy* in ' Cyfres y Bedyddwyr leuanc ' in 1923. All his works bear the imprint of the refinement and neatness which characterized his person, his mind, his handwriting and, above all, his sermons. He died 12 January 1935.

## Author

Sir David Emrys Evans, (1891 - 1966)

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