

## HUGHES, JOHN HENRY (Ieuan o Leyn; 1814 - 1893), Congregational minister and poet

**Name:** John Henry Hughes  
**Pseudonym:** Ieuan O Leyn  
**Date of birth:** 1814  
**Date of death:** 1893  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** Congregational minister and poet  
**Area of activity:** Poetry; Religion  
**Author:** Thomas Parry

Born at Tyn-y-pwll, Llaniestyn, Caernarfonshire, 11 October 1814. Having been educated at Botwnnog school, he was for a time assistant to [Arthur Jones](#) (1776 - 1860), who kept a school at Bangor. He then went to the denominational college at Brecon, and was ordained at Llangollen in 1843. In 1847 he became minister of the Congregational church at Demerara, British Guiana, but had to return owing to his wife's ill-health. He became minister successively at West Hartlepool, Horsley-upon-Tyne, Newent, and Cefn-mawr, Denbighshire. He died 7 March 1893 at Wrexham. His poems in the free metres brought him into some prominence, and he became well known as the author of 'Beth sy'n hardd?' A volume of his English sermons, under the title *The Hand that Saves, and other Sermons*, was published in 1895.

### Author

Sir Thomas Parry, (1904 - 1985)

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