

Name: Thomas Hughes
Pseudonym: Glan Pherath
Date of birth: 1803
Date of death: 1898
Gender: Male
Occupation: Calvinistic Methodist minister
Area of activity: Religion
Author: Edward Morgan Humphreys

Born 8 May 1803, at Trawsfynydd. As a young man he kept school at Ffestiniog, where he began to preach. In 1823 he moved to Llanelltyd, near Dolgelley, and again in 1824 to Machynlleth. As ' Thomas Hughes, Machynlleth ' he soon became known throughout Wales as a popular preacher who could appeal to the emotions; himself a 'tearful' preacher, he made his hearers weep. He was ordained at the Bala Association in September 1842. About 1864 he went to live to Penmorfa, Caernarfonshire, and, in 1883, to his daughter in Holyhead, where he died 5 August 1898. At the age of ninety-five he was a link with the past; he had heard [John Evans](#) of Bala (1723 - 1817) preaching; thus two lives bridged the greater part of two centuries. Thomas Hughes contributed some chapters of autobiography to *Cymru (O.M.E.)*, under the heading ' Atgofion Glan Pherath,' in 1894-5.

Author

Edward Morgan Humphreys, (1882 - 1955)

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