JONES, RHYS GWESYN (1826 - 1901), Congregational minister in Wales and the U.S.A., and author

Name: Rhys Gwesyn Jones
Date of birth: 1826
Date of death: 1901
Gender: Male
Occupation: Congregational minister in Wales and the U.S.A., and author
Area of activity: Literature and Writing; Religion
Author: Robert (Bob) Owen

Born 4 May 1826 in Pen-y-wern, Abergwesyn, Brecknock. He became a member of Moriah Congregational church in 1840 and began to preach there in 1844. He lived in Ffrwd-y-Fâl, near Llandilo, and at Llanover, before going to the Congregational College at Brecon in 1847. In 1851 he started to minister at Rhayader, removing to Bridgend in 1857, and later (1859) to Merthyr Tydfil. During these years he wrote articles for *Y Beirniad*, *Y Diwygiwr*, etc. In May 1867 he emigrated to the U.S.A. to take charge of two churches in Utica, New York State; later he ministered in Petaluma in California (1879), and at New York Mills (1883). His works include *Y Byd cyn Adda* (1858, etc.), *Esboniwr y Datguddiad* (Utica, 1867), *Caru, Priodi, a Byw* (New York, 1868) together with an English version entitled *Courting, Marrying, and Living*, of which several editions appeared, *Yr Eglwys Bur* (1860), *Y Teulu Dedwydd* (Merthyr Tydfil, 1867, etc.), *Llithiau ar Epistol Iago* (Utica, 1874); he also edited Ellis Wynne's *Gweledigaethau y Bardd Cwsc* in 1867. He was one of the founders of ' Sefydliad Cymreig y Bala' in Powys Riley County, Kansas. He died 5 September 1901.

Author

Robert (Bob) Owen, (1885 - 1962)

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