JONES, LEWIS (1793 - 1866), cleric

Name: Lewis Jones
Date of birth: 1793
Date of death: 1866
Parent: Mary Jones
Parent: William Jones
Gender: Male
Occupation: cleric
Area of activity: Religion
Author: Daniel Williams

Born 14 February 1793, son of William and Mary Jones, Penpontbren, Llanfihangel Geneu'r Glyn, Cardiganshire. Educated at Ystradmeurig under John Williams (1745/6 - 1818), he was afterwards a master in the Grammar School, Clitheroe, Lancashire. He became vicar of Almondbury, near Huddersfield, in 1822; he was also perpetual curate of Llandevaud, Monmouth, 1822-52. Taking advantage of the Government's 'Million Act' he was instrumental in building eighteen new churches, schools, and parsonage houses, becoming known as 'the church-building parson.' Because of his zeal for Wales he appointed Welsh clergymen to all the new livings of which he was the patron. He re-formed in 1835 the 'Association of Welsh Clergy in the West Riding of Yorkshire,' which had been formed in 1821, and was its president for thirty years. He died 26 August 1866.

Author

Reverend Daniel Williams, (1878 - 1968)

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