

JONES, WILLIAM LEWIS (1866 - 1922), professor of English

Name: William Lewis Jones
Date of birth: 1866
Date of death: 1922
Spouse: Edith Jones (née Owen)
Parent: Hannah Jones (née Lewis)
Parent: William Jones
Gender: Male
Occupation: professor of English
Area of activity: Education; Literature and Writing; Scholarship and Languages
Author: Herbert Gladstone Wright

Born 20 February 1866; son of William Jones, Llangefni, and Hannah Lewis, sister of [Thomas Lewis](#), M.P. for Anglesey. Educated at Friars School, Bangor, he obtained an open scholarship at Queens' College, Cambridge, where he matriculated in the Easter term, 1884. He read for the Classical Tripos and graduated in 1888; he had won the Members' University Prize in the previous year. After graduation he went to the U.S.A., where he took up journalism and also lectured at Chicago University. He returned to Wales in 1889 and contributed weekly notes on Welsh affairs to the *Manchester Guardian*. In 1891 he was appointed assistant lecturer in English at the University College of North Wales and in 1897 became professor. He took a leading part in raising funds for the new College buildings. On the ground of ill-health he resigned in 1919 and was made Professor Emeritus. He died at Bangor 2 February 1922. In 1901 he had married Edith Owen of Menai Bridge.

Lewis Jones wrote many articles for the Honourable Society of Cymmrodorion, the *Quarterly Review*, etc. He edited *Caniadau Cymru*, 1897; *Land of my Fathers*, 1915; and, in collaboration with [W. Cadwaladr Davies](#), *The University of Wales*, 1915. He was specially interested in the relations between English and Welsh literature. From this interest sprang his *King Arthur in History and Legend*, 1911. He also contributed three chapters to the *Cambridge History of English Literature* (i, xiii), which together illustrate his command of English, Welsh, and Latin literature.

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Emeritus Professor Herbert Gladstone Wright, (1888 - 1962)

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