JONES, JOHN OGWEN (1829 - 1884), Calvinistic Methodist minister and man of letters



Name: John Ogwen Jones Date of birth: 1829 Date of death: 1884 Gender: Male

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Occupation: Calvinistic Methodist minister and man of letters

Area of activity: Literature and Writing; Religion

Author: Richard Thomas

Born 2 June 1829 at Tyddyn, Tal-y-bont, Llanllechid, Caernarfonshire, and brought up at Bangor. He was employed for about five years in a merchant's office in Liverpool, but in 1853 began to preach. After spending some time at Bala College he went to London University where he graduated in 1858. He was ordained in 1859 and was minister of the church at [Parkfield,] Birkenhead, 1857-60. In 1860 he became a member of Chatham Street church, Liverpool, and for some time gave his services to the various churches as an unattached minister. Afterwards, he was minister at Oswestry (1867-76) and Clwyd Street, Rhyl (1876-84). He died 22 September 1884 at the age of 55. He was very able, cultured, a man of philosophical turn, with a wide range of scholarship, and many tributes were paid to his proficiency as a teacher. In 1873 he lectured to the students at Bala on Biblical history and science; these lectures were subsequently published in book form. He was one of the editors of *Testament yr Ysgol Sabothol*, parts of which he wrote. He also edited *Testament y Miloedd* and wrote many of the articles in the supplement to the *Gwyddoniadur Cymreig*. Although troubled all through life by a painful nervousness, his power as a preacher became known the length and breadth of Wales.

Author

Reverend Richard Thomas, (1872 - 1950)

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