

## JONES, OWEN (1833 - 1899), Calvinistic Methodist minister and man of letters

**Name:** Owen Jones  
**Date of birth:** 1833  
**Date of death:** 1899  
**Spouse:** Margaret Jane Jones (née Jones)  
**Parent:** Thomas Jones  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** Calvinistic Methodist minister and man of letters  
**Area of activity:** Literature and Writing; Religion  
**Author:** Robert Thomas Jenkins

Born 12 October 1833 at Weirglodd-ddu, Llanuwchllyn; his father, Thomas Jones, was an ex- Independent who had quitted the 'Old Chapel' during the 'New System' controversy (see [Jones, Michael](#)); his mother was sister to [Sir Owen M. Edwards](#)'s father. The family removed to Fron-gain (Llidiardau, Meirionnydd), where Owen Jones began preaching. He had already, as a boy, spent a few months at Bala C.M. College, and now returned to it for a further course of study which led him eventually to University College, London, where he graduated with honours in 1861. Ordained in 1864, he ministered at Blaenau Ffestiniog (1864-72), and Chatham Street, Liverpool (1872-92), retiring afterwards to Llansantffraid-ym-Mechain, where he died 13 January 1899. His wife was Margaret Jane Jones, T   Cornel shop, Llanfyllin. She died in January 1909.

Though he became moderator of the North Wales C.M. Association (1887) and of the General Assembly (1894), he was primarily a writer and a bibliophile. His early knowledge of Llidiardau led him to collaborate with [Robert Thomas](#) (1796 - 1866) in a biography of [David Rowland](#) (1795 - 1861), published in 1863; later (1869), he published a book on [Robert Thomas](#) himself. His edition (1889) of *Llyfry Tri Aderyn* did much to revive [Morgan Llwyd](#)'s popularity; and his book-collecting led to important articles by him in *Y Drysorfa* - those on [Jeremy Owen](#), in 1887, may be specified. He was a considerable authority on hymnology. His Welsh library has become part of the N.L.W.

### Author

Emeritus Professor Robert Thomas Jenkins, (1881 - 1969)

### Sources

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