

JONES (JOHNES), RICHARD, printer and bookseller in London from 1564 to c. 1602

**Name:** Richard Jones (Johnes)  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** printer and bookseller  
**Area of activity:** Business and Industry; Printing and Publishing  
**Author:** William Llewelyn Davies

It is not known to whom he was apprenticed, but he was received into the fraternity of the Company of Stationers on 7 August 1564. R. B. McKerrow, general editor of *A Dictionary of Printers and Booksellers in England ... 1557-1640* (London, 1910) names six places in or fairly near S. Paul's churchyard where Jones was in business from time to time. He was, in the main, a printer of popular literature, ballads, and such things, although he printed some more substantial works. He received licences from the Company of Stationers to print a *Catechism* in Welsh, 1566-7, a ' Sonett or a synners solace made by Hughe Gryffythe prysoner,' in Welsh and English, 1587, ' Epytaphe on the Death of Sir Yevan Lloyd of Yale knighte ' (by the same Hugh Gryffythe), 1587-8, ' Sermon preached by master Doctor Morgan at the funerall of Sir leuan Lloyd knight,' in Welsh 1588-9. It is true that no copies of the above appear to have been preserved but that is not definite proof that they did not appear. It is not known how much of a Welshman Richard Jones was, but the motto which appears so often on his books, ' Heb Ddiev heb Ddim,' suggests that he was at any rate of Welsh stock; [this engraved device of his passed into the hands of Wm. Jaggard, who fraudulently used it on the imprints of eight of the Shakespeare quartos].

## Author

Sir William Llewelyn Davies, (1887 - 1952)

## Sources

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