

JONES, HUGH WILLIAM (1802 - 1873), Baptist minister and editor

Name: Hugh William Jones
Date of birth: 1802
Date of death: 1873
Parent: Elizabeth Jones
Parent: John Jones
Gender: Male
Occupation: Baptist minister and editor
Area of activity: Literature and Writing; Printing and Publishing; Religion
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Born 9 April 1802 at Cwrt, Penrhyn-coch, Cardiganshire, son of John and Elizabeth Jones. His parents were Anglican, and he was intended for Anglican orders, but after much internal conflict he threw in his lot with the Baptists, and (along with his mother) was baptized 25 March 1821. As the Baptist Academy at Abergavenny was full, he went to Bradford Academy, and was there for four years. He was ordained 10 April 1828, pastor of Ebenezer, Blaenavon, Monmouth, and was subsequently at Tredegar (August to December 1831), Charles Street, Newport (1832-5), and Tabernacle, Carmarthen (1835-72).

As a preacher he varied, though at times he could be very powerful. Indeed, his influence came largely from his work on the platform and in the press; he was a stalwart Radical who rose to much importance in the political life of Carmarthenshire. At the end of 1837 he purchased the periodical *Seren Gomer*, and was its publisher till the end of 1850, when it was sold to a company of Baptist ministers; he also collaborated with the former editor, [Samuel Evans](#) (1793 - 1856), in editing it. He wrote much himself in the periodical, and in particular defended the views of his former neighbour at Tredegar, [John Philip Davies](#).

He died 1 June 1873. He had been twice married; his first wife was a daughter of [Titus Lewis](#), his second the widowed daughter-in-law of [Joshua Watkins](#).

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Emeritus Professor Robert Thomas Jenkins, (1881 - 1969)

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