

JONES, OWEN WYNNE (Glasynys; 1828 - 1870), cleric, antiquary, story-writer, and poet

Name: Owen Wynne Jones
Pseudonym: Glasynys
Date of birth: 1828
Date of death: 1870
Gender: Male
Occupation: cleric, antiquary, story-writer, and poet
Area of activity: History and Culture; Literature and Writing; Poetry; Religion
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Born at Ty'n-y-ffrwd, Rhostryfan, near Caernarvon, 4 March 1828. When he was 10 years of age he went to work in the quarry, leaving it at the age of 17 to go to Bron-y-foel school. It is not definitely known whether he went to **Eben Fardd**'s school at Clynnog, but he certainly went to the Caernarvon Training College to qualify as a teacher in the Church schools. He was a schoolmaster at Clynnog, where **Eben Fardd** was his neighbour. In 1855 he was sent to take charge of a school at Llanfachreth, Meirionnydd, where he came into contact with **Ab Ithel**, who was then at Llan-ym-mawddwy; they co-operated in arranging eisteddfodau in which Glasynys competed. He then joined the Rev. William Hughes at Beddgelert and probably went on to a college in Birmingham. He was ordained deacon 2 December 1860 by the bishop of Bangor. He became curate of Llangristiolus, Anglesey, was transferred to Llanfaethlu in 1863, and to Pontlotyn, Monmouth, in the same capacity in 1866. There his stay was short, and he moved to Newport, Monmouth, as joint editor, with **Islwyn**, of the newspaper *Y Glorian*. He then went to Portmadoc and thence to Towyn, Meirionnydd. He died 4 April 1870 and was buried in Llandwrog churchyard. He was the author of *Fy Oriau Hamddenol, sef, Caniadau Moesol a Difyrus, Gan Gwyndaf Hen a Chaersallwg*, 1854; *Lleucu Llwyd* (2nd. imp. 1858); *Yr Wyddfa: sef Gwaith barddonawl a rhyddieithol Glasynys. Dan Olygiad H. O(wen) Glaslyn. Rhifyn I ...* (1877?); *Dafydd Llwyd; Neu Ddyddiau Cromwell* (2nd imp. 1857); *Dafydd Gruffydd, pa beth wyt ti yn ei feddwl o'r Ddwy Fil a'r dydd hwnnw?* (3rd imp. 1894). He wrote articles for *Y Brython*, *Baner y Groes*, and *Taliesin*, and letters to the *Herald Cymraeg* under the pseudonym 'Salmon Llwyd o ben Moel Tryfan'; his short stories were published in *Cymru Fu* and some of his letters and essays in *Y Geninen*.

Author

David Gwenallt Jones, (1899 - 1968)

Sources

References to articles on Glasynys and an appreciation of his work will be found in Saunders Lewis's introduction to *Straeon Glasynys detholiad*, 1943
Y Llenor, xiii-xiv, 1898

Further Reading

Wikipedia Article: Owen Wynne Jones

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