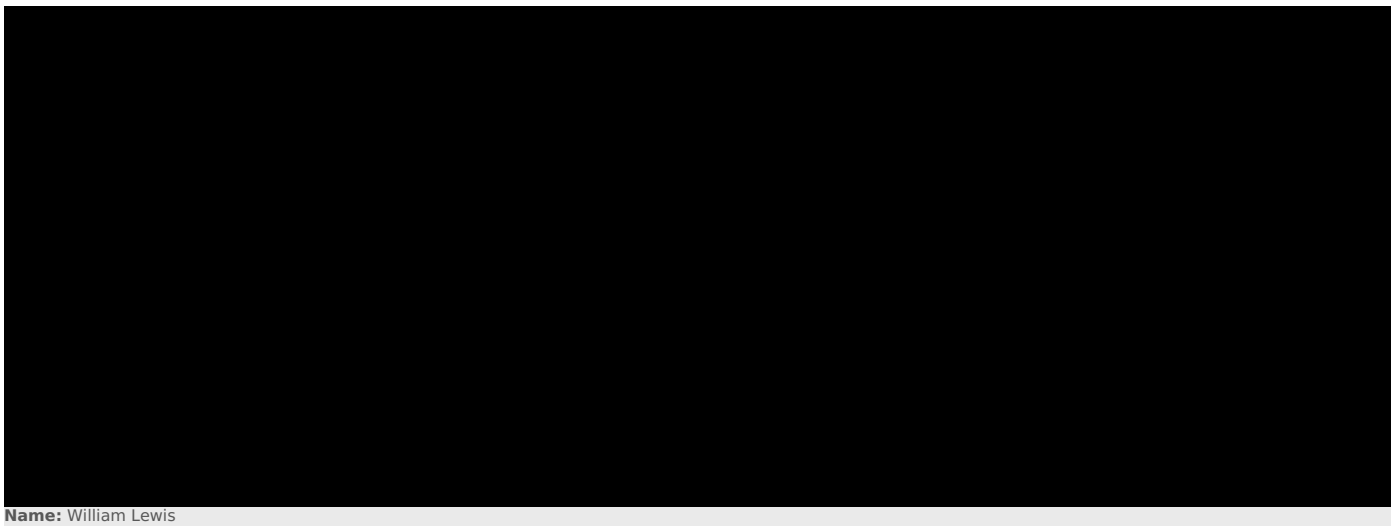
LEWIS, WILLIAM (1814 - 1891), Calvinistic Methodist missionary and linguist



Name: William Lewis
Date of birth: 1814
Date of death: 1891
Spouse: Mary Lewis (née Roberts)
Gender: Male
Occupation: Calvinistic Methodist missionary and linguist
Area of activity: Religion; Scholarship and Languages
Author: Evan Lewis Evans

Born at Manchester, of Welsh parents, he set his mind on serving the China Mission under the London Missionary Society. In 1839 he entered the Bala C.M. College. In 1842 was ordained for the newly opened mission field of the Welsh Calvinistic Methodists in India. M. to Mary Roberts, of Towyn, Meironnydd, he arrived on the Khasia Hills in January 1843; he baptised his first converts in 1846. He published a number of books in the Khasi language, completing the translation of the New Testament from Mark to Revelation, and, in conjunction with his wife, issued the *Pilgrim's Progress* in Khasi. Returning in 1861 in poor health, and unable to undertake any further missionary work, he was for years actively engaged on a revision of the Khasi Scriptures and other Khasi literature. He died at Wrexham, 6 May 1891.

Author

Reverend Dr Evan Lewis Evans, (1898 - 1978)

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