LLOYD, JOHN (Einion Môn; 1792 - 1834), schoolmaster and poet

Name: John Lloyd Pseudonym: Einion Môn Date of birth: 1792 Date of death: 1834 Gender: Male Occupation: schoolmaster and poet Area of activity: Education; Poetry Author: Robert Thomas Jenkins

Born at Pwllgynnau, Ceidio, Anglesey. Almost everything we know of his life comes from an anonymous elegy printed in *Y Gwyliedydd* (1834, 375) and from *Y Gwladgarwr* (1835, 24). His parents died when he was a child; he went to school at Llannerch-y-medd; and at some time or other went up to London. It is sometimes said that he was a ' lawyer ' (? a lawyer's clerk); but the notice of his death in *Y Gwyliedydd* (1834, 288) describes him as a teacher in ' Sir John Cass's School ' - it is added that two of the duke of Wellington's sons were at that school, and that Lloyd tutored them at their home during vacations. He became a member of the London Gwyneddigion in 1827 (Leathart, Origin ... of the Gwyneddigion, 110). He was also a member of the Cymreigyddion, becoming vice-president and official 'bard' of that Society; and when clerics in Wales attacked the society, Lloyd, in 1829, composed a reply to these ' brainless chatterers ' as he called them. The reports of Cymreigyddion meetings, in *Seren Gomer*, show that he also lectured to the society. But in 1832 we find him, in company with <u>Griffith Davies, F.R.S.</u>, protesting vigorously against the increasingly Radical tone of the society - see the debate in *Y Gwyliedydd* and in *Seren Gomer* - though, if the elegy can be trusted, he had himself taken a prominent part in the protest against enclosures of commons in Llandwrog and Llanwnda, Caernarfonshire. He wrote verse, not only in Welsh but also in English - in *Seren Gomer*, 1832, 55, there is a Welsh translation (by <u>Eryron Gwyllt Walia</u>) of a poem by Lloyd (1831) on Spring. He died 3 August 1834, aged 42.

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Sources

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