MORGAN, RICHARD (1854 - 1939), schoolmaster and naturalist

Name: Richard Morgan Date of birth: 1854 Date of death: 1939 Parent: Thomas Morgan Gender: Male Occupation: schoolmaster and naturalist Area of activity: Education; Nature and Agriculture Author: Thomas Isfryn Jones

Born at Tal-y-bont, Cardiganshire, 1854, son of Thomas Morgan, shoemaker. He was educated at the Old British School Taly-bont, and afterwards at Bangor University College. He held a teaching post at Aberystwyth before he was appointed headmaster of the Llanarmon-yn-lâl school, a position which he held for nearly forty years during which time he also organised successful evening classes. He was an enthusiastic naturalist and <u>Sir Owen M. Edwards</u> described him as ' one of the greatest naturalists Wales has ever produced.' He won three prizes at the national eisteddfod for works on natural history. He not only contributed articles on natural history to *Cymru (O.M.E.)* and other periodicals but he was also the author of *Tro Trwy'r Wig*, *Llyfr Blodau*, *Llyfr Adar*, *Rhamant y Gog Lwydlas*, and other works which showed his great knowledge and love of nature. In 1922 the University of Wales conferred on him the degree of M.A. in recognition of his contribution to Welsh literature. He retired in 1919, and for the last three years of his life lived at Tal-y-bont, where he died at the end of September 1939.

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