

NEWELL, EBENEZER JOSIAH (1853 - 1916), cleric, schoolmaster, and historian

Name: Ebenezer Josiah Newell
Date of birth: 1853
Date of death: 1916
Parent: C. W. Newell
Gender: Male
Occupation: cleric, schoolmaster, and historian
Area of activity: Education; History and Culture; Religion
Author: Lawrence Thomas

Born in South-wark in 1853, second son of C. W. Newell, he went, in 1872, to Worcester College, Oxford, and graduated in 1876. After a period as assistant in a school at Cardiff, he was ordained in 1890 and took a curacy at Neath, where he also kept a school. In 1891 he opened a school at Porthcawl, acting also as curate of Newton Nottage, and further holding evening classes. Browsing in the library at Nottage Court (see the article [Knight](#) of Tythegston), he became interested in the history of the Welsh Church, and did good work in that field - becoming also a prominent member of the Cambrian Archaeological Association. Besides a volume of verse (*The Sorrow of Simona*, 1882), he published *A Popular History of the Ancient British Church*, 1887, *A History of the Welsh Church to the Dissolution of the Monasteries*, 1895 (a national eisteddfod prize essay), *The Diocese of Llandaff*, 1902, and *S. Patrick, his Life and Teaching*, 1890. At the end of 1900, he was preferred to the vicarage of Neen Sollers, Cleobury Mortimer (Salop) and died there at the beginning of June (buried 6 June) 1916.

Author

Archdeacon Lawrence Thomas, (1889 - 1960)

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