

OLIVER, JOHN (1838 - 1866), poet

Name: John Oliver
Date of birth: 1838
Date of death: 1866
Parent: Sarah Oliver
Parent: John Oliver
Gender: Male
Occupation: poet
Area of activity: Poetry
Author: Hywel David Emanuel

Born 7 November 1838 at White Hall, Llanfynydd, Carmarthenshire, and christened 18 November, the fourth child of John and Sarah Oliver. He received his early education at the village school (1843-50) and in a Carmarthen school (1850-3), and then determined to prepare himself for the Independent ministry. After a successful career from 1853 to 1859 in the Presbyterian College, Carmarthen, where he developed an acquaintance with English and German literature in particular, he was compelled by ill-health to abandon his plan of proceeding to Glasgow University. Thereafter, in failing health, he preached occasionally, composed poetry, mainly in Welsh, and gave private tuition to a small number of pupils. He died 24 June, 1866, and was buried on 28 June in Llanfynydd churchyard. His collected works were published in 1867 under the name *Cerddi Cystudd* by his brother, the Rev. Henry Oliver.

Author

Hywel David Emanuel, (1921 - 1970)

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