

PRICHARD, JOHN (1796 - 1875), Baptist minister and tutor

Name: John Prichard
Date of birth: 1796
Date of death: 1875
Parent: Jane Prichard
Parent: John Prichard
Gender: Male
Occupation: Baptist minister and tutor
Area of activity: Education; Religion
Author: Tom Ellis Jones

Born 25 March 1796, son of John and Jane Prichard of Tan-y-graig, Llaneilian, Amlwch. The family moved to Llandudno where he worked in a mine until he had saved sufficient money to go to Toxteth Park school, Liverpool. He returned to Llandudno where, for some time, he kept a school. In 1816 he became a Baptist, and in 1819 began to preach. He went to Abergavenny College in 1821, and in 1823 was ordained at Llangollen, where he remained for the rest of his life, [John Jones](#) (Mathetes) and [Hugh Jones](#) being successively joint ministers with him. Before his retirement from the ministry in 1866 he had been responsible for starting a number of new churches in the district. In 1862 the Baptist College was established at Llangollen and John Prichard was invited to be its principal and divinity tutor, with [Hugh Jones](#) as the tutor in classics. He died 7 September 1875. He was a preacher, teacher, writer, and lecturer. He rendered yeoman service to every humanitarian cause and addressed scores of meetings, held to promote temperance, peace, the abolition of slavery, free education, and the repeal of the corn laws. He published a number of catechisms and sermons, and one children's hymn-book. He wrote memoirs of Hugh Jones of Ruthin and Hugh Williams of Amlwch, and was a frequent contributor to the periodicals. He published his most important work, *Diddymiad yr Hen Gyfamod a dygiad i mewn y Cyfamod Newydd*, in 1869. He was one of those chiefly responsible for starting *Y Tyst Apostolaidd* and *Greal Llangollen*, and he edited *Yr Athraw* for nearly half a century. He was respected as an able leader, a competent preacher, a wise theologian, and a good teacher.

Author

Reverend Principal Tom Ellis Jones, (1900 - 1975)

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