PRICE, THOMAS (1857 - 1925), composer, adjudicator and teacher of music

Name: Thomas Price
Date of birth: 1857
Date of death: 1925
Gender: Male
Occupation: composer, adjudicator and teacher of music
Area of activity: Education; Eisteddfod; Music
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Born in 1857 at Rhymney. He worked in the collieries from the age of 10 to 20, and studied composition without a teacher direct from the text books of Albrechtsberger and Cherubini and from the works of the masters, which he heard as a member of the Rhymney choirs or at the Three Choirs Festivals. After a few years in the railway service and six as a commercial traveller, Price adopted music as a career at the age of 34. His compositions had already proved very successful in national eisteddfod competitions (1887-91). His anthems, hymns, and part-songs, especially those for children, became widely sung in Wales. He published a pleasing cantata for children, entitled ' Little Wanderers,' and a more ambitious one for adults, ' The Prodigal Son ' (1891). He was very popular as an adjudicator and as a conductor of singing festivals. In 1896 he was appointed visiting music-master in the new intermediate schools of Glamorgan. He died 8 July 1925.

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