

REES, EVAN (Dyfed; 1850 - 1923), Calvinistic Methodist minister, poet, and archdruid of Wales

Name: Evan Rees
Pseudonym: Dyfed
Date of birth: 1850
Date of death: 1923
Parent: Eunice Rees
Parent: James Rees
Gender: Male
Occupation: Calvinistic Methodist minister, poet, and archdruid of Wales
Area of activity: Eisteddfod; Poetry; Religion
Author: James Ednyfed Rhys

Born 1 January 1850 at Puncteston, Pembrokeshire; son of James and Eunice Rees. He removed with his parents to Aberdare when but a child and was employed when 8 years of age at Blaen-gwawr colliery. He removed to Cardiff when 23 years of age, and entered the ministry at Scion C.M. church (afterwards Pembroke Terrace), Cardiff. He succeeded as a poet early in life, and was successful in provincial and national eisteddfodau, e.g. Merthyr Tydfil national eisteddfod, 1881, for an *awdl* on ' Cariad '; Liverpool, 1884, for an *awdl* on [Gwilym Hiraethog](#); Brecon, 1889, for an *awdl* on ' Y Beibl Cymraeg '; Merthyr Tydfil, 1901, for an *awdl* on ' Y Diwygiwr '; and the international eisteddfod at Chicago, 1893, for an *awdl* on ' Iesu o Nazareth '. He was appointed adjudicator at the national eisteddfod every year during the last forty years of his life, and was archdruid for twenty-one years. He travelled extensively in Europe, South Africa, parts of Asia, and North America, and became renowned as a lecturer. He was editor of *Y Drysorfa*, 1918-23. He published *Caniadau Dyfedfab*, *Gwaith Barddonol Dyfed*, *Gwlad yr Adnewid a Iesu o Nazareth*, *Oriau gydag Islwyn*. He died 19 March 1923. [Jonathan Rees](#) was his brother.

Author

Reverend James Ednyfed Rhys, (1876 - 1960)

Sources

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