

## ROBERTS, WILLIAM CHARLES (1832 - 1903), Presbyterian minister, principal of colleges, and author

**Name:** William Charles Roberts  
**Date of birth:** 1832  
**Date of death:** 1903  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** Presbyterian minister, principal of colleges, and author  
**Area of activity:** Education; Literature and Writing; Religion  
**Author:** Robert (Bob) Owen

Born at Alltmai, Llanychaeearn, Cardiganshire - he was a nephew of [principal Lewis Edwards](#), Bala. In 1849 he emigrated with his parents to the U.S.A. After working in a shop in New Jersey for about two years he entered the University of Princeton where he graduated in 1855, going thence to a theological college for three years. He became pastor of a Presbyterian church at Wilmington, Delaware, in 1858, and he ministered to several Presbyterian churches until 1880 when he became chief superintendent of the Home Mission in New York. He was elected president of Lake Forest University, Illinois, in 1886, but returned in 1891 to New York to serve as chief secretary of the Home Mission; this post he relinquished in 1893 to become president of Centre College, Danville, Kentucky. He had been moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Connexion (U.S.A.) in 1889. He published about eleven works (list in [Henry Blackwell](#) *Bibliography of Welsh Americana*, published by N.L.W.); he was the translator of *Holwyddoreg Byrraf Eisteddfod Westminster*, 1864. He died 28 November 1903.

### Author

Robert (Bob) Owen, (1885 - 1962)

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