

ROBERTS, WILLIAM (1809 - 1887), Calvinistic Methodist minister, editor, and author



Name: William Roberts
Date of birth: 1809
Date of death: 1887
Gender: Male
Occupation: Calvinistic Methodist minister, editor, and author
Area of activity: Literature and Writing; Religion
Author: Robert (Bob) Owen

Born 25 September 1809 at Llannerch-y-medd, Anglesey. He was educated under John Richards, who held the living of Llannerch-y-medd, and at a school kept at Holyhead by [William Griffith](#) (1801 - 1881), Congregational minister. He began to preach in 1829 at Hyfrydle chapel, Holyhead. He then went to Dublin for a further course of education; there he gathered together some of the Welsh -speaking residents, preached to them, and so formed the first Welsh church in that city. He came to be considered one of the most popular preachers born in Anglesey. Roberts was ordained in 1848. About the year 1855 he went to minister to the Welsh Calvinistic Methodist church in New York city. Whilst there he edited the first Welsh Bible published (1858) by the American Bible Society. He also edited, from 1857 to 1880, four volumes of *Y Traethodydd yn America*. In 1877 he left New York to take charge of Moriah Welsh Calvinistic Methodist church at Utica, New York state, remaining there until his death in 1887. He edited *Y Cyfaill* (Utica); he also published the following works - *Darlith ar Elfennau Pabyddiaeth*, 1855; *Traethawd ar Etholedigaeth Gras*, 1856; and *Y Pechod o esgeuluso Moddion Gras*, 1865. He died 2 October 1887.

Author

Robert (Bob) Owen, (1885 - 1962)

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