

SAMUEL, DAVID (Dewi o Geredigion; 1856 - 1921), schoolmaster and writer

Name: David Samuel
Pseudonym: Dewi O Geredigion
Date of birth: 1856
Date of death: 1921
Parent: Edward Samuel
Gender: Male
Occupation: schoolmaster and writer
Area of activity: Education; Eisteddfod; Literature and Writing
Author: Thomas Herbert Parry-Williams

Born 1 March 1856 at Aberystwyth, the son of Edward Samuel. He was educated at Aberystwyth National school, Aberystwyth grammar school (Edward Jones), Llandovery College, University College, Aberystwyth (1873), and Clare College, Cambridge, which he entered with a mathematical scholarship in October 1875. He won several prizes and graduated in January 1879, being placed twentieth wrangler. He became master at Appleby grammar school, Westmorland, and at Ashbourn grammar school, Derbyshire. In January 1887 he opened a private grammar school at Aberystwyth, where he taught for nine and a half years, until appointed (1896) to the headmastership of the new county school (Ardwyn) at Aberystwyth.

Under the influence of [Daniel Silvan Evans](#) he began to take a keen interest in Welsh language and literature, and contributed extensively to newspapers and periodicals, especially *Cymru (O.M.E.)* and *Y Geninen*. (For a list, see N.L.W. MS. 2809). He was also interested in theology. He often adjudicated at the national eisteddfod. He edited a collection of Welsh ballads, *Cerddi Cymru*, with an introduction on ballad-singers and ballad-writers. He died 26 May 1921.

Author

Sir Thomas Herbert Parry-Williams, (1887)

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