

THOMAS, LEWIS (1568 - 1619), cleric and author

Name: Lewis Thomas
Date of birth: 1568
Date of death: 1619
Gender: Male
Occupation: cleric and author
Area of activity: Literature and Writing; Religion
Author: John James Jones

He is also known as Lewis Evans, alias Thomas, under which name he matriculated at Gloucester Hall, Oxford, 11 December 1584, at the age of 16. He graduated B.A. from Brasenose College, 15 February 1586/7. He was apparently a native of Radnorshire, but in the entry under the Thomas form of his name Foster (*Alumni Oxonienses*), quoting the Rawlinson manuscript, says that 'he was beneficed to his native Glamorganshire.' He published two volumes of sermons. The first, entitled, *Seaven sermons: or the exercises of seaven Sabbaths ... Together with a short treatise upon the Commandments*, was, according to Arber (*Transcript of the Stationers' Register*, iii, 140), published in 1599, but no copy of this edition is known. The work went through at least eleven editions by 1630. The second was *Demegoriae: Certain Lectures upon Sundry Portions of Scripture*, 1600. This was dedicated to Sir Thomas Egerton, lord keeper of the great seal, one of Thomas's first patrons.

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