

WILLIAMS, GRIFFITH (1824 - 1881), Calvinistic Methodist minister, and author

Name: Griffith Williams
Date of birth: 1824
Date of death: 1881
Parent: Elin Williams
Parent: Griffith Williams
Gender: Male
Occupation: Calvinistic Methodist minister, and author
Area of activity: Literature and Writing; Religion
Author: Robert Thomas Jenkins

Born at Dolwyddelan in 1824, the son of Griffith and Elin Williams, who not long afterwards moved to Blaenau Ffestiniog. He went to work in the quarry, his sole education having been in the Sunday school.

He became an acceptable lecturer on temperance, began to preach in 1848, and from 1849 to 1853 studied at Bala C.M. College. He then went to Llanarmon Dyffryn Ceiriog, where he kept a day school, but in 1855 moved to Talsarnau, where he married (producing a large family) and opened a shop. He was ordained in 1857.

He is chiefly remembered for his dry wit. He also wrote entertainingly in the periodicals, and published three books: *Cofiant y Parch. Richard Humphreys, Dyffryn*, 1873; *Yr Hynod William Ellis, Maentwrog*, 1875 (the story of an old elder); and *Bwthyn fy Nhaid Oliver*, 1880, 2nd ed. 1904. He died 23 October 1881, and was buried in the Calvinistic Methodist burial ground, Dyffryn Ardudwy.

Author

Emeritus Professor Robert Thomas Jenkins, (1881 - 1969)

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