

## YOUNG, DAVID (1844 - 1913), Wesleyan minister and historian

**Name:** David Young  
**Date of birth:** 1844  
**Date of death:** 1913  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** Wesleyan minister and historian  
**Area of activity:** History and Culture; Religion  
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Born near Haverfordwest, 3 November 1844. While he was still young the family moved to Pontlotyn where he, too, worked in the colliery for a time. He was admitted to the Wesleyan ministry in 1868 and served in the following circuits: Carmarthen (1868), Aberystwyth (1869-71), Machynlleth (1872), Merthyr Tydfil (1873-5), Aberdare (1876-8), Llanidloes (1879-81), Cardiff (1882-4), and Ferndale (1885-7). He was elected chairman of the South Wales province in 1880. He pleaded for the union of the Welsh and English Wesleyan churches in South Wales - 'the amalgamation' as it was called - and when he discovered how determined the opposition of his fellow-countrymen in the province was to this move, he went over to the English side of the work. After some time in the Loudon Square, Cardiff (1888-90), English circuit, he laboured in some of the most important circuits in England. He took a leading part in matters connected with temperance and education (especially in connexion with the founding of Cardiff University College), and he is said to have shown unusual ability as an organiser in his circuits. In 1893 he published his history of Wesleyanism in Wales, *The Origin and History of Methodism in Wales*; see also *Proc. Wesley Hist. Soc.*, ix. He died at Margate, 4 August 1913.

### Author

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