

HUGHES, HOWEL HARRIS (1873 - 1956), minister (Presb.), principal of the Theological College, Aberystwyth

Name: Howel Harris Hughes
Date of birth: 1873
Date of death: 1956
Spouse: Margaret Ellen Hughes (née Roberts)
Parent: Jane Hughes
Parent: J. Richard Hughes
Gender: Male
Occupation: minister (Presb.), principal of the Theological College, Aberystwyth
Area of activity: Education; Religion
Author: Gomer Morgan Roberts

Born 7 September 1873, in Brynteg, Llanfair Mathafarn Eithaf, Anglesey, son of J. Richard Hughes, a Presb. minister, and Jane his wife. He was educated at Beaumaris grammar school, the University College, Bangor (where he graduated B.A.), and the Theological College, Bala (where he graduated in theology-one of the first two to receive a B.D. degree of the University of Wales). He was ordained in 1901, and ministered in Penmachno (1901-03), Maenofferen, Blaenau Ffestinog (1903-07), Moriah, Caernarfon (1907-09), and Princes Road, Liverpool (1909-27). In 1927 he was appointed principal of the Theological College, Aberystwyth, and remained there till 1939. After retiring he moved near Liverpool, taking charge of the Welsh church at Southport, 1939-50. In 1902 he married Margaret Ellen, daughter of [Griffith Roberts](#) ('Gwrtheyrn'), Bala; they had three sons. He suffered from debility in his last years, and died 23 November 1956.

He was a powerful and influential preacher, who held many a memorable service during an Assembly or Association meeting. He became a person of influence in his denomination. He was Moderator of the Association in the North in 1943, and of the General Assembly during World War II, 1939-41. He was secretary of the committee on doctrine set up by the Presbyterian Church Commission for Re-construction after World War I, and he was one of the four who formulated the Shorter Declaration of Faith and Practice for the Presbyterian Church of Wales. His commentary on the Book of Amos (1924) was considered to be one of the best of the series published by his Connexion. He was gentle and gracious and was revered by his students and congregations as a saint and prophet.

Author

Reverend Gomer Morgan Roberts, (1904 - 1993)

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