

JONES, EVAN KENFFIG (1863 - 1950), minister (B), social and educational reformer

Name: Evan Kenffig Jones

Date of birth: 1863

Date of death: 1950

Gender: Male

Occupation: minister (B), social and educational reformer

Area of activity: Education; Religion

Author: Thomas Richards

Born at Bryn Du, Kenfig Hill, Glamorganshire, 20 May 1863; student at the Pontypool Baptist College and University College Cardiff; he was ordained at Merthyr Vale in 1889, moved to Brymbo in 1891 and to Cefnmawr in 1913; retired in 1934. He was a zealous, uncompromising Baptist; he was secretary of the Denbigh, Flint, and Merioneth Association for years, and its president twice; president of the Baptist Union of Wales in 1928; president of the Baptist Missionary Society in 1934; he was the outstanding authority on the Circular Letters of the Welsh Associations (*Llythyrau Cymanfa*), as witnessed by his substantial contribution to *Trafodion Cymdeithas Hanes Bedyddwyr Cymru* in 1922. In addition to all this he was one of the most active personalities in the public life of north Wales, alert, vigorous, full of enthusiasm. He was a member of the sometime Wrexham Board of Guardians, and a prominent member of the Denbighshire Education Committee; (in 1933 he published a valuable book on the history of the schools in the Cefnmawr district). He was an eager advocate of temperance, not only as a leader in the North Wales Temperance Union but as a persuasive pleader at Brewster Sessions ('Your Mr Jones is worth twenty of our men ', said a prominent brewer to one of the temperance supporters). He was a sincere pacifist, and boldly carried his beliefs to the military tribunals and wrote numerous pamphlets in Welsh for Cymdeithas Heddwch Cymru. His chief literary works, apart from a number of articles in newspapers and periodicals, were *The Baptists of Wales and Ministerial Education* (1902), *Y Beibl a Dirwest* (1906), *A Short Sketch of the History of the Baptist Church of Llanidloes* (1908), *Hanes Cymdeithas Genhadol y Bedyddwyr* (1944); in 1941 he brought out *Hanes Eglwys Annibynnol Brymbo (Harwt a Bryn Seion)*. In 1937 he received the degree of D.D. honoris causa from the University of Wales. He died on 18 July, 1950.

Author

Thomas Richards, (1878 - 1962)

Sources

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