

JONES, DAVID MORRIS (1887 - 1957), minister (Presb.) and professor

Name: David Morris Jones
Date of birth: 1887
Date of death: 1957
Spouse: Esther Ann Jones (née Williams)
Parent: Elisabeth Jones
Parent: William Maurice Jones
Gender: Male
Occupation: minister (Presb.) and professor
Area of activity: Education; Religion
Author: Gomer Morgan Roberts

Born 14 March 1887 at Maes-y-groes, Maenan, Caernarfonshire, son of William Maurice and Elisabeth Jones. He was educated at the elementary and free schools in Llanrwst, the University College, Bangor (where he graduated with honours in Welsh and philosophy), Bala College, and Cambridge. He joined the armed forces in 1915, but was recalled from Salonica in 1916 to receive a commission as chaplain to the Welsh regiments in France; he was ordained the same year. He was awarded the M.C. for his bravery whilst administering to the wounded. He was minister of Gorffwysfa, Skewen (1920-24), Blaenau Ffestiniog (1924-29), and Trinity, Swansea (1929-34) before being appointed Professor of the philosophy of religion and history of religions at the Theological College, Aberystwyth, where he remained until he retired in 1953. In 1916 he married Esther Ann Williams, Pwllheli, and they had two sons and two daughters. He died 8 October 1957, during his year of office as Moderator of the Association in the South.

Morris was a thorough scholar. He became president of the theology section of the Guild of Graduates of the University of Wales, and was the first editor of its periodical *Diwinyddiaeth*. The Davies Lecture (in Welsh) delivered by him in 1953 on 'God the Creator and God the Saviour' was not published. He published *Llên a dysgeidiaeth Israel hyd gwymyp Samaria* (1929), *Efengyl Ioan a'i Hystyr* (1944), and a commentary on the first epistle to the Corinthians (1952).

Author

Reverend Gomer Morgan Roberts, (1904 - 1993)

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