

PEARCE, EVAN WILLIAM (1870 - 1957), minister (Presb.), and author

Name: Evan William Pearce
Date of birth: 1870
Date of death: 1957
Spouse: Rachel Pearce (née James)
Gender: Male
Occupation: minister (Presb.), and author
Area of activity: Literature and Writing; Religion
Author: Mary Auronwy James

Born 2 October 1870 at Llantwit Fardre, Glamorganshire, but the family moved to Pontycymer, where he began to preach in Bethel chapel in 1891. He went to Trefeca College on 14 September 1892, remaining there for four years, and was ordained in 1897. He became minister in Broughton, Glamorganshire, but retired to look after a relative in Pontarddulais in 1902. Shortly afterwards he went to Bethel, Porthcawl, where he was minister for 25 years, retiring in 1927. He served as Moderator and secretary of East Glamorgan presbytery. On 31 March 1898 he married Rachel James in Swansea and they had a daughter. He lived most of his life in Gorlan, Green Avenue, Porthcawl, and died 30 August 1957.

He took a great interest in local history and in the history of his own denomination, and was one of the first members of the Calvinistic Methodist Historical Soc. He wrote for the *Western Mail* and published *Beulah, Margam, 1838-1938, a historical hsketc* (1938), and a biography, *The Rt. Hon. George Swan Nottage, Lord Mayor of London, 1884-5* (1938).

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