

TUDOR, STEPHEN OWEN (1893 - 1967), minister (Presb.) and author

Name: Stephen Owen Tudor
Date of birth: 1893
Date of death: 1967
Spouse: Ann Tudor (née Hughes Parry)
Parent: Hannah Tudor
Parent: Thomas Tudor
Gender: Male
Occupation: minister (Presb.) and author
Area of activity: Literature and Writing; Religion
Author: Gomer Morgan Roberts

Born 5 October 1893 at Llwyn-y-gog, Staylittle, in the parish of Trefeglwys, Montgomeryshire, son of Thomas and Hannah Tudor. He was educated at Newtown grammar school, and he served with the Welsh Guards in France during World War I. As a result of deep experiences he had during the war, he felt a call to enter the ministry. He went to University College, Aberystwyth (where he graduated with honours in philosophy), and to Lincoln College, Oxford (where he graduated with honours in theology). He won a David B. Mills Scholarship which enabled him to continue his studies at the Union Theological Seminary, New York, U.S.A. He served for a period as student-pastor of Marsden church, Saskatchewan, Canada before returning to Wales. He was ordained in 1927 and became minister of Gaerwen and Pensarn Berw, Anglesey (1927-29), Tabernacl, Porthmadog (1929-35), and Moriah, Caernarfon (1935-62). During World War II he served as a chaplain in the army. After retiring, he moved to Colwyn Bay, supervising the churches at Llanddulas and Llysfaen. In 1927 he married Ann Hughes Parry of Machynlleth; they had two sons and two daughters. He died 30 June 1967 and his remains were buried at Llawr-y-glyn, Montgomeryshire.

He was a prominent figure in the life of his denomination, being Moderator of the North Wales Association (1966). He delivered the Davies Lecture in 1959 on the Doctrine of the Incarnation, which was not published. He had an astute mind and developed deep convictions which he expressed with firmness from the pulpit and through the press. He contributed much to *Y Traethodydd*, *Y Drysorfa*, *Y Brython* and *Y Goleuad*, and was for years a regular columnist to the last two, writing a query and answer column, under the pseudonym 'Theophilus' in the latter. He published several books on religious matters: *Protestaniaeth* (1940), *Ein cymunwyr ieuainc* (1947), and *Beth yw Calfiniaeth?* (1957). He also wrote two detective stories: *Cyfrinach yr Afon* (1934) and *Tranc y Rheolwr* (1937), and before the end of his life he published a collection of essays, *Hen Raseli ac ysgrifau eraill* (1966).

Author

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