

JAMES, JOHN (1872 - 1934), director of education in Glamorganshire

Name: John James
Date of birth: 1872
Date of death: 1934
Parent: Mary James (née Thomas)
Parent: David James
Gender: Male
Occupation: director of education in Glamorganshire
Area of activity: Education
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He was the son of David James, Baptist minister and his wife Mary, sister of '[Myfyr Emlyn](#)' (Benjamin Thomas), the poet-preacher. They had four sons and four daughters. His brother was [Defynnog](#).

He had a brilliant academic career after having worked for a time in a grocer's shop in the Rhondda valley, Glamorganshire. At 16, as the holder of an open scholarship, he went to University College, Cardiff. Having taken a first-class degree (London University) he went to Balliol College, Oxford, where he graduated with a first in mathematics. He gained a research B.Sc. degree and then proceeded to the University of Erlangen, Germany, where he gained a Ph.D. in electronics.

He was the director of education in Glamorganshire from 1903-1929, and did much to encourage the teaching of Welsh in the schools of Glamorganshire.

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