

WILLIAMS, DAVID DAVID (1862 - 1938), minister (Presb.) and author

Name: David David Williams
Date of birth: 1862
Date of death: 1938
Spouse: Clara A. Williams (née Jones)
Parent: Grace Williams
Parent: David Williams
Gender: Male
Occupation: minister (Presb.) and author
Area of activity: Literature and Writing; Religion
Author: Gomer Morgan Roberts

Born at Garth Lwynog, Croesor, Merionethshire, son of David and Grace Williams. He was educated at Gelli-gaer Grammar School, Bala College, and at the university colleges of Aberystwyth and Cardiff. He was ordained in 1891, and served his ministry at Peniel, Ffestiniog (1890-96); Oswestry (1896-1906); Moss Side, Manchester (1906-15); and David Street (later Belvidere Road), Liverpool (1915-38). He married, c. 1896-97, Clara A. Jones, Ashlands; they had no children. He lived at Prestatyn after retiring, and died there 3 July 1938.

He was a prominent figure in his Connexion, being Moderator of the North Wales Association (1931). He was an assiduous researcher and received a M.A. degree of the University of Liverpool for his thesis on 'Vaticination in Welsh literature'. For a period he edited *The Journal of the Historical Society of the Presbyterian Church in Wales* (1930-34). He competed regularly at the National Eisteddfod, submitting essays on literary and historical subjects. Many of his prize-winning essays were published by the National Eisteddfod Society. He contributed articles to *Y Brython*, *Y Beirniad*, *Y Genhinen*, *Yr Efrdydd*, and *The Journal of the Historical Society of the Presbyterian Church in Wales*. He published the following books: *Dyfyniadau llên Cymru* (1909); *Deuddeg o feirdd y Berwyn* (1910); *Twm o'r Nant* (1911); *Geirfa Prifeirdd* (1911); *Dylanwad y Rhufeiniaid ar iaith, gwareiddiad a gwaedoliaeth y Cymry* (1912); *Hanes mynachdai gogledd Cymru* (1914); *Cymry enwog cyfnod y Tuduriaid* (1914); *Addysg Cymru yn y Canol Oesoedd* (1914); *Hanes dirwest yng Ngwynedd* (1921); *Thomas Charles Edwards* (1921); *Cofiant T. J. Wheldon* (1925); *Hanes Cyfundeb y Methodistiaid Calfinaidd* (1927).

Author

Reverend Gomer Morgan Roberts, (1904 - 1993)

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