

## AMBROSE, WILLIAM ROBERT (1832 - 1878), Baptist minister and antiquary

**Name:** William Robert Ambrose  
**Date of birth:** 1832  
**Date of death:** 1878  
**Parent:** William Robert Ambrose  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** Baptist minister and antiquary  
**Area of activity:** History and Culture; Religion; Scholarship and Languages  
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Born 19 January 1832, at Galltraeth (Bryncroes, Llŷn), son of the Rev. Robert Ambrose (on whom see *Spinther*, iii, 367) - he was thus cousin to the poet *William Ambrose*. He was brought up as a tailor, and worked at his craft at Caernarvon, Liverpool, Bangor, Portmadoc, and Tal-y-sarn. In 1856 (at Bangor) he received baptism, and began preaching; and during the last years of his life was a paid minister at Tal-y-sarn, though his preaching was considered uninspiring. At Tal-y-sarn, he took a prominent part in local affairs.

He won several eisteddfodic prizes for verse and prose; but his chief interest was in antiquities, on which he delivered lectures. His claim to remembrance rests upon his good essay *Hynafiaethau, Cofiannau, a Hanes Presennol Nant Nantlle* (Pen-y-groes, 1872). He was twice married; died 21 December 1878.

### Author

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### Sources

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### Further Reading

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