

BRACE, DAVID ONLLWYN (1848 - 1891), Independent minister

Name: David Onllwyn Brace
Date of birth: 1848
Date of death: 1891
Gender: Male
Occupation: Independent minister
Area of activity: Eisteddfod; Poetry; Religion
Author: John Dyfnallt Owen

Born 11 November 1848 at Onllwyn near Neath of humble parentage. He began to preach at Onllwyn. He was a student at the Independent college, Bala, 1866-9, and was ordained in Rhos-y-medre, Denbighshire, 24 October 1870. In 1872 he moved to Pant-y-crwys in the Swansea valley and, for a time, was minister at Felindre and at Bethel, Llan-twrch. He then moved to Bethel, Aberdare.

As a young man he took pains to cultivate his taste, and his sermons were characterized by their fastidious style. He also achieved success as a poet in the eisteddfodau; in particular, he excelled in writing elegies and was considered by many the most distinguished elegist of his time. He published *Cerddi Onllwyn* in 1888, and a volume of love-songs, *Rachel*, in 1890. He died 28 June 1891.

Author

Reverend John Dyfnallt Owen, (1873 - 1956)

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