

DARLINGTON, THOMAS (1864 - 1908), scholar and inspector of schools

Name: Thomas Darlington
Date of birth: 1864
Date of death: 1908
Spouse: Annie Edith Darlington (née Bainbridge)
Parent: Richard Darlington
Gender: Male
Occupation: scholar and inspector of schools
Area of activity: Education; Scholarship and Languages
Author: Thomas Iorwerth Ellis

the son of Richard Darlington, farmer, Burland, Nantwich, Cheshire; born 22 February 1864, and educated at Whitchurch grammar school, the Leys School, Cambridge, and S. John's College, Cambridge, of which he was a scholar. He obtained a first class in the classical tripos, part I (1884) and the Members' Latin Essay prize (1885), graduated B.A. (London) in 1884, being first in classics, and M.A. (London) in 1887, winning the gold medal. After spending nine months in Germany he became assistant master at Rugby school in 1887, and headmaster of Queen's College, Taunton, in 1888; in the same year he was elected a Fellow of his old college. Though unsuccessful in his application for the post of principal of the University College of Wales, Aberystwyth, in 1891, he came to Wales in 1896 (after a period of four years spent in writing) as one of H.M. inspectors of schools, and lived at Aberystwyth till his death. Darlington was a remarkable linguist, being proficient in many modern European languages and also in Romany and Welsh (which he had learnt as a boy), and contributed articles in the press, in Welsh and English, on Welsh literary and political subjects. His wife was Annie Edith Bainbridge of Eshott Hall, Northumb.; she survived him, with one son and three daughters. He died in London, 4 February 1908, and was buried at Weston Lullingfield, near Ellesmere, Salop.

Author

Thomas Iorwerth Ellis, (1899 - 1970)

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