

DAVIES, JOHN CADVAN (Cadvan; 1846 - 1923), Wesleyan minister

Name: John Cadvan Davies
Pseudonym: Cadvan
Date of birth: 1846
Date of death: 1923
Parent: Jane Davies
Parent: David Davies
Gender: Male
Occupation: Wesleyan minister
Area of activity: Religion
Author: Edward Tegla Davies

Born at Llangadfan, Montgomeryshire, 1 October 1846, son of David and Jane Davies. He joined the ministry in 1871 and worked in most of the North Wales circuits as well as in Liverpool. He was president of the Assembly in 1910. He was one of the editors of the *Wesleyan hymn-book*, 1900, which contains a number of his hymns. Others are found in *Llyfr Emynau y Methodistiaid Calфинаidd a Wesleidd*, 1927.

He was a successful writer of 'heroic' verse and won prizes with 'Madog ab Owain Gwynedd' (national eisteddfod, Liverpool, 1884), 'Cystenin Fawr' (Caernarvon, 1886), 'John Penri' (London, 1887), and there were many other successes to his credit. He was prominent in the eisteddfod as an adjudicator and conductor, and in 1923 became archdruid. He was an assiduous competitor and a formidable fighter when he thought he had lost unfairly - two famous battles being concerned with the *prydest* at the New Year's Day eisteddfod at Dolgellau, 1894 (see '*Dydd Coroniad*') and the love lyrics at the national eisteddfod, Liverpool, 1900.

He published *Caneuon Cadvan, i* (Rhosymedre, 1878); *Caneuon Cadvan, ii* (Dolgellau, 1883); *Caneuon Cadvan, iii* (Towyn, 1893); *Dydd Coroniad* (Beaumaris, 1894); *Caneuon Cadvan, iv*, with '*Dydd Coroniad*' as a supplement (Beaumaris, 1897); and *Atgof a Phrofiad* (an autobiography), which appeared in the *Eurgrawn*, 1917. He died at Oswestry, 12 October 1923.

Author

Reverend Edward Tegla Davies, (1880 - 1967)

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