

EVANS, EDWARD (Heman Gwent; 1823 - 1878), musician

Name: Edward Evans
Pseudonym: Heman Gwent
Date of birth: 1823
Date of death: 1878
Gender: Male
Occupation: musician
Area of activity: Eisteddfod; Music; Religion
Author: Robert David Griffith

Born at Llanidloes, Montgomeryshire, 2 November 1823. His family moved to Rhymney, Monmouthshire, in 1825, where he began to work in a coal-mine when he was quite young. He received no early education but he laboured hard to gain knowledge and become a competent musician and writer. After his marriage (1845) he opened a bookshop; he was also appointed postmaster. He was precentor at Ebenezer chapel, Twyncarno, and was one of the first conductors to undertake a performance of Handel's 'Messiah' with an orchestra. His choir was successful in many eisteddfodau, and he was also in demand as conductor of singing festivals. Hymn-tunes by him were included in *Llyfr Tonau Cynulleidfaol* and other collections and in *Y Cerddor Cymreig* and *Y Gerddorfa*. He left in manuscript a cantata called 'Gweddi Habacuc.' He died in 1878.

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