

EVANS, JAMES (1866 - 1931), Calvinistic Methodist minister and author

Name: James Evans
Date of birth: 1866
Date of death: 1931
Gender: Male
Occupation: Calvinistic Methodist minister and author
Area of activity: Literature and Writing; Religion
Author: Robert Thomas Jenkins

Born 16 April 1866 at Ystalyfera; his parents were members of the Independent church, but on the father's death (when the boy was 13) the family moved to Tonna near Neath, and there joined the Calvinistic Methodists. After working at the Aber-dulais tin-plate works, Evans began preaching, and in 1891 went to Trevecka. He was pastor at Pontardulais (1895-1900), at Bethel, Brecon (1900-10), and from 1910 till his death (at Pontypool), 1 August 1931, at Suffolk Street, Birmingham; he was unmarried. Lethargic in outward appearance, he had a remarkably lively mind and a mordant wit. Despite his lack of academic advantages, he developed scholarship and a love of letters - and it may be added that despite his long association with Calvinistic Methodism, his childhood upbringing in Independency left the more permanent mark upon him. He graduated (1905) at Trinity College, Dublin, with honours (and a prize) in philosophy. Articles by him appeared in *Y Traethodydd* and the *Hibbert Journal*, and a small volume on ethics, 1928, by him was published by the University of Wales. While at Birmingham, he contributed many essays on literary and general topics to the newspapers of the city; a selection of these was published in 1934 under the title *A Bookman in the Making*, with a biographical introduction by J. Young Evans.

Author

Emeritus Professor Robert Thomas Jenkins, (1881 - 1969)

Sources

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