

## EVANS, JOHN (1830 - 1917), Calvinistic Methodist minister, and biographer

**Name:** John Evans  
**Date of birth:** 1830  
**Date of death:** 1917  
**Spouse:** Eleanor Evans (née Jenkins)  
**Parent:** Sarah Evans  
**Parent:** David Evans  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** Calvinistic Methodist minister, and biographer  
**Area of activity:** History and Culture; Literature and Writing; Religion  
**Author:** Evan David Jones

Born 20 November 1830, son of David (who died when the son was two years old) and Sarah Evans, Penlôn, Llanbadarn-trefeglwys, Cardiganshire. Brought up though he was in poverty, his love of reading made up for his scant education, and his devotion to Sunday school work led to his being pressed to start preaching (1853). After four years at Trevecka (1856-60), he was in 1861 called to the pastorate of Abermeurig, Cardiganshire, and remained there till his death, 24 January 1917.

He was moderator of the South Wales Association in 1898-9. He published several books. The most important of these are his very valuable contributions (in biographical form) to the history of Calvinistic Methodism in Cardiganshire: *Yr Offeiriad Methodistaidd* (1891, on John Williams, 1754 - 1828, of Lledrod), *Byr-gofiant am naw a deugain o weinidogion ymadawedig Sir Aberteifi* (1894), *Hanes Methodistiaeth De Aberteifi, 1735-1900* (1904), *Yr Ail Fyr-Gofiant* (1908), and *Y Trydydd Byr-Gofiant* (1913) - all published at Dolgelly; he also edited *Hanes Bywyd y Parch. Thomas Edwards, Cwmystwyth*. His wife, Eleanor, was sister of Dan Jenkins of Llan-y-crwys, schoolmaster and poet.

### Author

**Evan David Jones**, (1903 - 1987)

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