

GRIFFITH, MORGAN WILLIAM (Pencerdd Mynwy, 1855 - 1925), musician

Name: Morgan William Griffith
Pseudonym: Pencerdd Mynwy
Date of birth: 1855
Date of death: 1925
Gender: Male
Occupation: musician
Area of activity: Music; Performing Arts; Art and Architecture
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Born in August 1855 at Pontypool, Monmouthshire, where his father was precentor at a Congregational church; another account says that Griffith was born at Clydach, Glamorganshire. In 1876 he went to Aberystwyth where he pursued courses in music for three years under **Dr. Joseph Parry**; during this period as student he was one of two accompanists at the first performance of 'Blodwen,' **Joseph Parry's** opera. He became music teacher at Dr. Williams's school, Dolgelley, in 1879, and held the post for forty years. In 1880 he became organist of one of the Methodist chapels at Dolgelley and, in 1885, organist and choirmaster at S. Mary's church in the same town. He graduated Mus.Bac. (Toronto). His compositions, which were numerous, included songs, 'Gwlad y Bryniau,' 'Yr Ynys Wen,' and a duet, 'Chwi feibion dewrion,' together with anthems and other forms of church music. He was interested in the opera and at one time formed a company at Dolgelley. He died 2 September 1925 at the Southern hospital, Liverpool, and was buried in S. Mary's churchyard, Dolgelley.

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