

HOWELLS, WILLIAM (1818 - 1888), Calvinistic Methodist minister and second principal of Trevecka College

Name: William Howells
Date of birth: 1818
Date of death: 1888
Gender: Male
Occupation: Calvinistic Methodist minister and second principal of Trevecka College
Area of activity: Education; Religion
Author: Gwilym Arthur Edwards

Born at Cowbridge, Glamorganshire, in October 1818. He was educated at 'Eagle School,' Cowbridge, and after being apprenticed to an ironmonger in his native town went to Cardiff and Chichester. He decided to become a minister and went for his theological training to Cheshunt and Trevecka (1842-5). He was a minister at Swansea (1845-51), Zion, Carmarthen (1851-7), and Windsor Street, Liverpool (1857-65), where he was succeeded in turn by two other men who became college principals, [David Charles Davies](#) and [Thomas Charles Edwards](#)

In September 1865 he was appointed principal and tutor in divinity at Trevecka, with [John Harris Jones](#) as tutor in classics. He was a successful teacher and an exceptionally acceptable preacher, although he confined his activities to the small English churches and shunned publicity. 'It is probable,' says one writer, 'that Wales never had as great a preacher who was known to so few people.' He retired in 1888 and died 15 November 1888.

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Reverend Gwilym Arthur Edwards, (1881 - 1963)

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