

HUGHES, HUGH (BRYTHON) (1848 - 1913), school-teacher and author

Name: Hugh (Brython) Hughes
Date of birth: 1848
Date of death: 1913
Parent: Hugh Derfel Hughes
Gender: Male
Occupation: school-teacher and author
Area of activity: Education; Literature and Writing
Author: Idwal Lewis

Born 8 April 1848 at Tre-garth, near Bangor, only son of **Hugh Derfel Hughes**. After completing his training at the Bangor Normal College he held scholastic appointments at Walsall, Aber-carn, Gwalchmai, Parc (Bala), Leicester and Llanelian. He was a frequent contributor to Welsh literary periodicals and newspapers, and the author of several Welsh school books and readers. *Tlysau Ynys Prydain*, 1902, *Ystoriwr y Plant*, 1908, *Tair cwpan aur*, 1909, *Melin law y tylwyth teg, Rhamant plât y pren helyg*, 1916. Around 1909, the E.P.C., Cardiff, published *Cyfres Brython*, a collection of popular histories and interesting tales. He translated a number of the folk tales of Europe but these were never published; his translations of *Aesop's Fables* and *The King of the Golden River* (Ruskin), 1908, were published. He was a competent musician, the composer of several musical pieces, and frequently in demand as lecturer, adjudicator and teacher of music. In 1910 he was appointed secretary of the national eisteddfod to be held at Colwyn Bay, but after a few months he resigned. He moved to Aberystwyth in 1911; there he was employed at the National Library of Wales as copyist for various authors. In 1912 he was appointed to the staff of Cwmpadarn council school but failing health forced him to relinquish the post after a year's service. He died 24 July 1913, and was buried in Aberystwyth cemetery.

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