

HUGHES, EDWARD ('Y Dryw '; 1772 - 1850), eisteddfodic poet

Name: Edward Hughes
Pseudonym: Y Dryw
Date of birth: 1772
Date of death: 1850
Parent: Benjamin Hughes
Gender: Male
Occupation: eisteddfodic poet
Area of activity: Eisteddfod; Poetry
Author: Robert William Hughes

Born at Nannerch, Flintshire, (christened 9 July 1772), son of Benjamin Hughes of Walgoch, Nannerch. He was educated at S. Albans Hall, and was admitted to Jesus College, Oxford, in 1794 (B.A. 1797, M.A. 1800). He was a military chaplain for a time and served in the same capacity on a warship in the ill-fated expedition to Walcheren, 1809. He was rector of Llanddulas from 1814 to 1818 and of Bodfari from 1818 to 1850.

His *awdl* 'Elusengarwch' was judged to be the best in the Denbigh eisteddfod of 1819 by **William Owen Pugh**, **Robert Davies** (Bardd Nantglyn), and **David Richards** (Dewi Silin). This adjudication started a bitter controversy which raged for a very long time, for the general opinion among the poets and litterateurs of Wales was that the prize should have gone to **David Owen** (Dewi Wyn o Eifion). Hughes was elected official 'bard' to the Society of Gwyneddigion, 1820-1, and won the prize offered by the Society of Cymmrodorion, 1822, for his *cywydd* 'Hu Gadarn.' In the Denbigh eisteddfod of 1828 he was again successful with his 'Ymdrech Buddug yn erbyn y Rhufeiniaid' and also with his *awdl* 'Amaethyddiaeth' - **Walter Davies** (Gwallter Mechain), **John Blackwell** (Alun), and **Aneurin Owen** being the adjudicators. He competed with *awdlau* at Wrexham, 1820, Caernarvon, 1824, Rhosllanerchrugog, 1829, and Bryneglwys, Denbighshire, 1830. Short extracts of his work are to be found in the various periodicals and collections of verse published in his day. He died 11 April 1850 at Bodfari.

Author

Reverend Robert William Hughes, (1885 - 1954)

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