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HUGHES, JOHN JAMES (Alfardd; 1842 - 1875), journalist

Name: John James Hughes Pseudonym: Alfardd Date of birth: 1842 Date of death: 1875 Gender: Male Occupation: journalist Area of activity: Literature and Writing; Printing and Publishing Author: Edward Morgan Humphreys

Born at Garreg-lefn, Llanbadrig, Anglesey, 1842, he began life as a farm labourer. He went to Bangor, where he found work as a stone mason's labourer and came into contact with Gweirydd ap Rhys (R. J. Pryse), who took an interest in him and encouraged his efforts to educate himself. In 1866 he joined the Caernarvonshire police force, but resigned about 1869, on his appointment as sub-editor of *Yr Herald Cymraeg* at Caernarvon, where he soon won a reputation as a trenchant writer on the Liberal side. He took a prominent part in the campaign for the appointment of county court judges with a knowledge of Welsh, and worked for the reform of the national eisteddfod and the 'Gorsedd.' He died 8 January 1875, and was buried in Glanadda cemetery, Bangor. Short as his career was, he impressed his contemporaries as a man of unusual ability and energy.

There is a biography, by Owen Jones.

Author

Edward Morgan Humphreys, (1882 - 1955)

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