

HUMPHREYS, RICHARD GRIFFITH (Rhisiart o Fadog; 1848 - 1924), journalist

Name: Richard Griffith Humphreys
Pseudonym: Rhisiart O Fadog
Date of birth: 1848
Date of death: 1924
Parent: Elizabeth Humphreys
Parent: William Humphreys
Gender: Male
Occupation: journalist
Area of activity: Literature and Writing; Printing and Publishing
Author: John James Jones

Born at Portmadoc, son of captain William Humphreys and Elizabeth his wife. He went to sea at the age of thirteen, but the chance purchase of an English book fired him with the desire to improve his education. By his own efforts he soon made himself proficient in reading and writing both English and Welsh and he even acquired some knowledge of Greek and Latin. In 1866 he became an office-boy in his native town, and two years later a clerk. It was not long before he had contributions accepted by *Yr Herald Cymraeg*. That was the beginning of an active and prolific journalistic career during which he served on several of the leading Welsh papers, such as the *Cambrian News*, *Yr Herald Cymraeg*, *Y Genedl*, *Y Werin*, *The Observer*, and the *North Wales Chronicle*. He won many prizes at local eisteddfodau under the pseudonym Rhisiart o Fadog. He was an active and popular figure in the social life of south Caernarvonshire, serving on the committees of several societies. He was for some time, also, a lay preacher. He died 17 November 1924 at the age of seventy-six.

Author

John James Jones, (1892 - 1957)

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