

JAMES, JOHN LLOYD (Clwydwenfro; 1835 - 1919), Congregational minister and historian

Name: John Lloyd James
Pseudonym: Clwydwenfro
Date of birth: 1835
Date of death: 1919
Gender: Male
Occupation: Congregational minister and historian
Area of activity: History and Culture; Religion
Author: John Dyfnallt Owen

Born in the parish of Llan-gan, Pembrokeshire, and brought up (after he had lost his parents) by his grandfather at Llanglydwen in the same county. He was at Glandwr school under 'Shôn Gymro' and W. Davies of Rhydyceisiaid. He was received into church membership at Hebron, Pembrokeshire, June 1848, and started to preach there 14 August 1853. He was at Carmarthen College, 1855-9; was ordained, 18 December 1859 at S. Bride's-super-Ely, Glamorganshire, and took charge of Whitchurch (ordained there 2 February 1860). He ministered at Capel Ifor, Dowlais, 1869-75, Moreton-in-Marsh, Gloucestershire, 1875-9, March, Cambridgeshire, 1879-95, and 1899-1902. He retired in 1915 and died 17 April 1919.

Clwydwenfro contributed much to Welsh periodical literature. A story by him, 'Edwin Powel,' appeared in *Seren Cymru*, 1856-7. He edited *Cyfaill y Werin*, 1862, and the poetry column in *Y Twr* (Aberdare) for some time. He wrote much to *Y Beirniad*, *Y Tywysydd*, *Y Diwygiwr*, and *Cennad Hedd*. He specialized in local and religious history. His two chief published works were *Hanes Cymanfaoedd yr Annibynwyr* (1867-9, in five parts, unfinished), and *Hanes Eglwys Glandwr*, 1902.

His novel *Habakkuk Crabb* was published in Liverpool in 1901. It was later given a different cover and a new title - *Croesi'r Bont, sef anturiaethau H.C.*

Author

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