

JAMES, THOMAS (1827 - 1899), Calvinistic Methodist minister

Name: Thomas James Date of birth: 1827 Date of death: 1899 Parent: Sarah James Parent: Thomas James Gender: Male

Occupation: Calvinistic Methodist minister

Area of activity: Religion **Author:** Gomer Morgan Roberts

Born 18 July 1827 at Llansawel, Carmarthenshire, son of Thomas and Sarah James. In 1842 he moved with his father to Dowlais, became a member of Hermon chapel, and started to preach. He was educated at Ffrwd-fâl school, Trevecka, and Glasgow University - where he graduated M.A. In 1861 he was ordained at the Newcastle Emlyn Association and settled at Llanelly, where, for a time, he kept a school. He was minister of 'Capel Newydd,' Llanelly, until his death.

He was a frequent contributor to the *Drysorfa* and the *Cylchgrawn* and was for some time joint editor of the latter with **Edward Matthews** and **Islwyn**. He was a powerful and enlightened preacher, and a shrewd leader of his denomination. He did more than any one else to establish the settled pastorate among the Carmarthenshire Methodists. He died at Llanelly, 27 September 1899. Several of his sermons were published in a memorial volume, Cyfrol Goffa Thomas James, 1901.

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