

JONES, JOHN BOWEN (1829 - 1905), Congregational minister and writer

Name: John Bowen Jones
Date of birth: 1829
Date of death: 1905
Child: Ivor Bowen
Gender: Male
Occupation: Congregational minister and writer
Area of activity: Literature and Writing; Religion
Author: John Dyfnallt Owen

Born 10 February 1829 in Blaenborthyn, Llanwenog, Cardiganshire. He was educated in the local schools at Capel Dewi and Waunifor and at Llandysul grammar school. He had a brilliant career (1846-51) at the Carmarthen Presbyterian College, 1846-51 - he was one of the first in Wales to take the B.A. degree of the University of London (1850).

He began to preach in 1847 at Bryn-teg, where he was a member, was ordained in August 1851, and held pastorates as follows: Hermon (Llansadwrn) and Tabor (Llanwrda), 1851-9, Bridgend, 1859-74, Coity (near Bridgend), 1863-74, and the 'Plough' (Brecon), 1874-1903. He kept a ministerial preparatory school at Bridgend and at Brecon.

He was chairman of the Welsh Congregational Union, 1894. He was one of the founders of *Y Beirniad* (1850-79), and edited *Y Cennad Hedd* (1866-1903) and *Y Beirniad* (1875-9). He published *Y Blodeuglwm*, 1876, and edited *Casgliad o Hen Emynau* (1877 and 1883). He contributed much to Welsh periodical journals, was a powerful and original preacher, of a philosophical cast of mind, and was an excellent scholar.

He died 10 December 1905. His son, *Ivor Bowen*, is separately noticed.

Author

Reverend John Dyfnallt Owen, (1873 - 1956)

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