

## JONES, HUGH (Cromwell o Went; 1800 - 1872), Congregational minister

**Name:** Hugh Jones  
**Pseudonym:** Cromwell O Went  
**Date of birth:** 1800  
**Date of death:** 1872  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** Congregational minister  
**Area of activity:** Religion  
**Author:** John Dyfnallt Owen

Born in the parish of Cemaes, Montgomeryshire, of a family of Calvinistic Methodists. When he was fairly young he went to Newtown to follow his craft as a weaver. He was received into church membership at Bwlch-y-ffridd, a little outside Newtown; it was there also that he began to preach. He was active in the preparations made to found a Welsh Congregational church at Newtown. He spent the years 1823-7 in the Newtown Academy, among his fellow-students being **Samuel Roberts** ('S.R.'). He ministered at Saron, Tredegar, Monmouth, 1827-45, and at Lammas Street, Carmarthen, 1845-72. He went to Monmouthshire at a time when industrial development of that county and Glamorgan can almost be said to have been beginning. The existing Congregational churches in the district were somewhat unconnected and un-co-ordinated, and Hugh Jones took upon himself to introduce some kind of order and co-ordination, with the result that he was suspected by some of being disloyal to the old regime amongst Congregationalists. He came to be regarded as the oracle of the Congregationalists in Monmouthshire; he was a skilful debater, platform speaker, and writer; he also contributed much to denominational magazines. After moving to Carmarthen in 1845, where again he was accused of 'presbyterianizing,' and found several pulpits closed to him, as he was on bad terms with **David Rees** of Llanely (1801 - 1869), he became a staunch supporter of the movement to make the education of children a charge upon the rates. He died 5 March 1872.

### Author

Reverend **John Dyfnallt Owen**, (1873 - 1956)

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