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JONES, JOHN (Ioan Bryngwyn Bach; 1818 - 1898), working man, astronomer, and linguist

Name: John Jones
Pseudonym: Ioan Bryngwyn Bach
Date of birth: 1818
Date of death: 1898
Gender: Male
Occupation: working man, astronomer, and linguist
Area of activity: Business and Industry; Scholarship and Languages; Science and Mathematics; Space and Aviation
Author: David Thomas

Born at Bryngwyn Bach, Dwyran, Anglesey. He commenced life as a farm labourer but was a slate loader at Port Penrhyn, Bangor, from 1848, and studied in his spare time. An excellent astronomer, he constructed two telescopes for himself. A good linguist, he owned twenty-six dictionaries and read the Scriptures in the Welsh, English, Greek, and Hebrew Testaments at his breakfast table. He was also a musician and a writer of verse. Samuel Smiles visited him and wrote about him. He died at Bangor in 1898.

Author

David Thomas, (1880 - 1967)

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