

JONES, JOHN (Idrisyn, 1804 - 1887), cleric and author

Name: John Jones
Pseudonym: Idrisyn
Date of birth: 1804
Date of death: 1887
Parent: Elizabeth Humffrey
Parent: William Humffrey
Gender: Male
Occupation: cleric and author
Area of activity: Literature and Writing; Religion
Author: Elwyn Evans

Born 20 January 1804 at Dolgelley, the son of William Humffrey, carpenter, and Elizabeth. In 1818 he was apprenticed to **Richard Jones**, printer and publisher of *Yr Eurgrawn Wesleyaidd*, and accompanied him to Llanfair Caereinion on his removal to that town in 1824, and a little later to Llanidloes. It was at Llanidloes in 1830 that he started printing and publishing on his own account. He was a local preacher with the Wesleyans, and mayor of the town in 1852. In 1853, however, he joined the church of England and in September of that year was ordained deacon by the bishop of S. Davids, being licensed to the curacy of Llandysul, Cardiganshire. In September 1854 he was ordained priest, and became vicar of Llandysiliogogo in 1858. In 1881, he was granted a pension from the Civil List. He died at New Quay on 17 August and was buried at Llandysiliogogo.

He published about twelve works, the best known being his *Dehongliad Beirniadol ar yr Hen Destament a'r Newydd* in five volumes (Llanidloes, 1852). His other works include *Yr Esboniad Beirniadol* (six volumes; Llanidloes, 1845) and his translation of queen Victoria's *Journal of our Life in the Highlands* (Carmarthen; Morgan and Davies, 1868).

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