

JONES, Sir HENRY STUART (1867 - 1939), classical scholar and lexicographer

Name: Henry Stuart Jones
Date of birth: 1867
Date of death: 1939
Spouse: Ileen Jones (née Vaughan)
Parent: Margaret Lawrance Jones (née Baker)
Parent: Henry William Jones
Gender: Male
Occupation: classical scholar and lexicographer
Area of activity: Scholarship and Languages
Author: Harold Idris Bell

Born at Hunslet, Leeds, 15 May 1867, only child of the Rev. Henry William Jones [1834 - 1909] (then curate of Hunslet) and Margaret Lawrance, née Baker; [his grandfather was a solicitor at Bishops Castle, and the family seems to have been Cornish - not (as is often said) Welsh]. He was educated at Rossall school and Balliol College, Oxford (classical scholar 1886). A brilliant university career included the Hertford, Ireland, and Craven scholarships, the Gaisford Prize for Greek prose, and the Craven Fellowship. He was Fellow of Trinity College 1890-1906 and director of the British School at Rome 1903-5. In 1905 he settled at Saundersfoot, Pembrokeshire, in 1919 became Camden Professor of Ancient History and Fellow of Brasenose College, Oxford, and in 1927 was appointed principal of the University College of Wales, Aberystwyth. He then applied himself to mastering Welsh, and he was active in Welsh life, vice-chancellor of the University 1929-31, member of the governing body of the Church in Wales, and of the councils of S. David's College, Lampeter, Trinity College, Carmarthen, and the National Library of Wales. He was knighted in 1933, retired from the principalship in 1934, and died at Tenby 29 June 1939. He married, 1894, Ileen (daughter of the Rev. Edwyn Henry Vaughan), who died in 1931, and by whom he had one son. He was a Fellow of the British Academy from 1915 and president of the Society for the Promotion of Roman Studies 1926-9; a number of its *Journal* was dedicated to him on his seventieth birthday in 1937. His main work was in classical studies, in all branches of which, including Greek music, he had a wide knowledge. He was editor-in-chief of the new edition of Liddell and Scott's *Greek - English Lexicon* (1925-40). His numerous publications (bibliography in *Journ. Rom. Stud.*, xxvii, 3-11) included an edition of Thucydides (*Oxford Classical Texts*, 1898), *The Roman Empire*, 1908, and *A Companion to Roman History*, 1912.

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