

LEWIS, REES (Eos Ebrill; 1828 - 1880), schoolmaster and musician

Name: Rees Lewis
Pseudonym: Eos Ebrill
Date of birth: 1828
Date of death: 1880
Parent: William Lewis
Gender: Male
Occupation: schoolmaster and musician
Area of activity: Education; Music
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Born in 1828 at Twyn Cynordy, near Bryn-mawr, Brecknock, the son of William Lewis, who was precentor at Nebo chapel, Pen-y-cae. He received his first lessons in music from his father and from a musician from Pembrokeshire, who resided in the district. Entering the teaching profession, he spent two years at the Borough Road Training College, London, taught at Blaina, Monmouth, and afterwards at Cardiff. He was a skilled conductor and worked hard to raise music standards and to develop a taste for classical music in Cardiff and district. He formed the Cardiff Philharmonic Society. A good violin player, he led a band for a long time. His anthem, ' Arglwydd, gollwng ', was published in *Y Gerdorfa*, nos. 76 and 77. He composed many musical pieces and compiled a collection of hymn-tunes for use by Baptists, but his work was not published. He died 14 December 1880.

Author

Robert David Griffith, (1877 - 1958)

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