

## MORGAN, RICHARD WILLIAMS (Môr Meirion, c. 1815 - c. 1889), cleric and author

**Name:** Richard Williams Morgan  
**Pseudonym:** Môr Meirion  
**Date of birth:** c. 1815  
**Date of death:** c. 1889  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** cleric and author  
**Area of activity:** Literature and Writing; Religion  
**Author:** Nansi Ceridwen Jones

Born at Llangynfelyn, Cardiganshire, about 1815, the nephew of **John Williams**, archdeacon of Cardigan. He was educated at S. Davids College, Lampeter. He was curate of Mochdre, Montgomeryshire, from 1842-53 and in 1842 he was appointed perpetual curate of Tregynon, Montgomeryshire, which he held until 1862, after which he held livings in England. He was a leading figure at eisteddfodau and 'Gorsedd y Beirdd.'

He was the author of the following books: *Maynooth and St. Asaph*, 1848; *Verities of the Church*, 1849; *Ida de Galis. A Tragedy of Powys Castle*, 1851; *Vindication of the Church of England: in reply to Viscount Fielding*, 1851; *Raymonde de Monthault, The Lord Marcher*, 1853; *Christianity and Modern Infidelity*, 1854, reprinted New York, 1859; *Scheme for the Reconstruction of the Church Episcopate and its patronage to Wales*, 1855; *North Wales or Venedotia*, 1856; *The British Kymry or Britons of Cambria*, 1857, translated into Welsh by the **Rev. John Williams** (Ab Ithel) as *Hanes yr Hen Gymry, eu Defodau a'u Sefydliadau*, 1858, and reprinted New York, 1860; *Amddiffyniad yr Iaith Gymraeg*, 1858; *St. Paul in Britain or the Origin of the British as opposed to Papal Christianity*, a 2nd ed., 1880; *Correspondence and statements of facts connected with the case of Morgan and the Bishop of St. Asaph*.

There is a suggestion in **NLW MS 9267A** (200) that he died in 1876, but according to Crockford's *Clerical Directory*, 1889, he was a curate in Huntingdonshire until 1888.

### Author

**Nansi Ceridwen Jones**

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