

MORRIS, CALEB (1800 - 1865), Congregational minister

Name: Caleb Morris
Date of birth: 1800
Date of death: 1865
Gender: Male
Occupation: Congregational minister
Area of activity: Religion
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Born 12 August 1800 at Parcyd, in the parish of Whitchurch, Pembrokeshire. He was educated at Cardigan, Haverfordwest, and the Carmarthen grammar school. He was received into church membership in Pen-y-groes, Pembrokeshire, when he was 14; it was there also that he commenced to preach later. He went to Carmarthen Academy in 1819. In 1822 he received a call to Narberth, Pembrokeshire, he was ordained there 2 April 1823. Morris moved to Fetter Lane, London, in 1827. In 1838 he was invited to accept the principalship of the Independent College, Brecon, but he refrained from undertaking the responsibility. Large crowds flocked to Fetter Lane to hear him. Owing to periods of physical weakness he was in the habit of returning to Wales to seek a renewal of his strength. He also sought for health in Switzerland and Germany but had to relinquish the care of his church and retire to Pembrokeshire where he died 26 July 1865. He possessed unusual gifts as a preacher and delighted in spiritual meditation. In spite of physical weakness he became one of the leading lights of the London pulpit.

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Reverend John Dyfnallt Owen, (1873 - 1956)

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