

## OWEN, ROBERT (1820 - 1902), cleric and author

**Name:** Robert Owen  
**Date of birth:** 1820  
**Date of death:** 1902  
**Parent:** David Owen  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** cleric and author  
**Area of activity:** Literature and Writing; Religion  
**Author:** Robert Thomas Jenkins

Born in 1820, third son of David Owen of Dolgellay. He went up to Jesus College, Oxford, 22 November 1838, 'aged 18,' graduated [with 3rd class honours in Lit. Hum.] in 1842 (B.D. 1852), was Fellow, 1845-64, held various college offices, and was examiner in law [and history] in the university in 1859 [and 1860]. Ordained by bishop Bethell of Bangor in 1843, he refused all preferment. He was a pronounced Anglo-Catholic and in 1851 published *An Apology for the High Church Movement on Liberal Principles*. A volume of verse by him, *The Pilgrimage to Rome*, appeared in 1863; and he published various other books - on the saints, the canon law, and other matters; one only of these works concerns Wales - *The Kymry, their Origin, History, and International Relations*, 1891. He supported the disestablishment and disendowment of the Established Church in Wales, regarding this as essential so that the Church could assert its independence and retain its 'Catholicism.' He lived for many years at Vron-y-graig, Barmouth (he had a small estate in the neighbourhood), and died there 6 April 1902, 'aged 82.'

### Author

**Emeritus Professor Robert Thomas Jenkins**, (1881 - 1969)

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