

PARRY, DAVID (Dewi Moelwyn; 1835 - 1870), Independent minister, and poet

Name: David Parry
Pseudonym: Dewi Moelwyn
Date of birth: 1835
Date of death: 1870
Spouse: Kate Parry (née Williams)
Parent: John Parry
Gender: Male
Occupation: Independent minister, and poet
Area of activity: Poetry; Religion
Author: Hywel David Emanuel

Born 1835, the son of John Parry, Ffestiniog, Meirionnydd. He received some measure of education as a boy, and in 1850, at the age of 15, was successful at a Ffestiniog eisteddfod with a Welsh poem on 'The Printing Press.' He was received as a member of the church of Saron, Ffestiniog, but moved to Caernarvon in 1856. There he became a member of Pen-dref chapel, and in 1857 he began to preach. He was accepted as a student for the Independent ministry at Bala College in 1861 (*Dysgedydd*, 1861, 439), and was ordained pastor of Adulam chapel, Tredegar, Monmouth, on Christmas Day 1863. Resigning his pastorate in 1867 he emigrated to America, and accepted the pastorate of the Independent chapel at Providence, Scranton, Pennsylvania, where he ministered from September 1867 till his death on 8 September 1870. Shortly before his death, he married Kate Williams, of Bradford, Pennsylvania. He served as poetry editor of the Welsh newspaper, *Baner America*, from its inception in 1868 to his death.

Author

Hywel David Emanuel, (1921 - 1970)

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