

## PHILLIPS, THOMAS (1806-1870), Calvinistic Methodist minister, and Welsh secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society

**Name:** Thomas Phillips  
**Date of birth:** 1806  
**Date of death:** 1870  
**Child:** Thomas Lloyd Phillips  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** Calvinistic Methodist minister, and Welsh secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society  
**Area of activity:** Religion  
**Author:** Robert Thomas Jenkins

Born 15 March 1806 at Llandovery. Influenced by the religious revival of 1819, he began preaching in 1821. He had intended to become a missionary abroad, and had already arranged to be trained at Cheshunt, when (in 1825) he was invited to become a C.M. missionary at Hay; he remained there for ten years, preaching and keeping school. Early in 1836, however, he was appointed by the Bible Society to be its secretary for Wales, and removed to Hereford. He was a great success in his new sphere, and was the society's oldest servant at the time of his death; the celebration of its jubilee (1853) was placed in his charge. He published in Welsh *Llyfr y Jubili* (1854) and a catechism on Protestantism (which went through several edns.), and in English *The Welsh Revival* (1860). He was a good organizer, and took a prominent part in the founding (in 1864) of the C.M. General Assembly, becoming, in 1865, its second moderator. He died at Hereford 28 October 1870. There is a biography in English, of which there is a Welsh version (London, 1871).

His eldest son was

### THOMAS LLOYD PHILLIPS (1832 - 1900), minister and schoolmaster

He was apprenticed to **Thomas Gee**, and in 1856 published *Llawiadur i'r iaith Seisonig*; he subsequently took Anglican orders (1859) and graduated in 1866; he kept a school at Beckenham (Foster, *Alumni Oxonienses*; *Asaph*).

### Author

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

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