

PRICE, EDWARD (1797 - 1887), Calvinistic Methodist minister

Name: Edward Price Date of birth: 1797 Date of death: 1887 Child: John Price Gender: Male

Occupation: Calvinistic Methodist minister

Area of activity: Religion Author: Robert Thomas Jenkins

Born 1 April 1797 at Carreg-y-big, Llangwm, Denbighshire. A blacksmith (who shod many cattle for drovers at Llangwm), he was a good representative of the popular culture of his region, had often seen Twm o'r Nant acting in interludes, and could still, in much later years, repeat long stretches of interludes.

But listening to Thomas Charles's sermons turned his thoughts to religion, and in 1826 he began preaching. In 1828 he removed to Oswestry - Ap Vychan worked in his smithy there. He went to Birmingham in 1837, still practising his craft. To all intents and purposes, he was the founder of the Welsh Calvinistic Methodist cause at Birmingham; he built its first chapel (1841), labouring at the building in his spare time, and travelling about to collect money for it. He was also for a time its unofficial pastor, but in 1848 was officially ordained. He resigned the charge in 1854 to become pastor of Adfa Calvinistic Methodist church at Llanwyddelan, Montgomeryshire.

In 1876 he removed to Oswestry, thence to live with his son, John Price (1830 - 1896), at Bangor, and afterwards to Hengaer-uchaf, Llawr-y-betws in the old parish of Llanfor, where he died 30 January 1887; he was twice married.

Emeritus Professor Robert Thomas Jenkins, (1881 - 1969)

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