

PROTHEROE, DANIEL (1866 - 1934), musician

Name: Daniel Protheroe
Date of birth: 1866
Date of death: 1934
Parent: Eleanor Prothero
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Gender: Male
Occupation: musician
Area of activity: Music; Performing Arts
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Born 5 November 1866 at Ystradgynlais, Brecknock, the son of Daniel and Eleanor Protheroe. His first instructors in music were Philip Thomas, J. T. Rees, and D. M. Lewis. A good vocalist, he won prizes when he was quite young at national eisteddfodau held in Swansea and Merthyr Tydfil, 1880-1. When he was only 16 he conducted the Ystradgynlais choir which won the prize at the Llandeilo eisteddfod.

He emigrated to Scranton, Pennsylvania, U.S.A., when he was 19 and there took courses in music conducted by Parson Price, Dudley Buck, and Hugo Karn; in 1890 he graduated Mus. Bac. (Toronto) and later became Mus. Doc. He conducted the Cymmrodorion Choral Society, Scranton, for eight years. In 1892 he moved to Milwaukee where he was conductor of several music societies. Later he went to Chicago where again he conducted several choirs; he also taught in the Sherwood Music School, and was director of music at the Central Church. He paid frequent visits to Wales, adjudicated at national eisteddfodau, and was a conductor at the Harlech musical festival, 1931.

He is the author of *Arwain Corau* (1914), *Nodau Damweiniol a D'rawyd* (1924). His compositions, which were numerous, included cantatas ('S. Pedr'), male voice pieces ('Invictus,' ' Nun of Nidaros,' ' Bryn Calfaria,' ' Jesu, Lover of My Soul'), hymn-tunes (including children's hymn-tunes), and anthems. He died 25 February 1934, at Chicago.

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Sources

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Further Reading

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