

## THOMAS, THOMAS EMLYN (Taliesin Craig-y-felin; 1822 - 1846), Unitarian minister, poet, and schoolmaster

**Name:** Thomas Emlyn Thomas  
**Pseudonym:** Taliesin Craig-y-felin  
**Date of birth:** 1822  
**Date of death:** 1846  
**Parent:** Elizabeth Thomas  
**Parent:** David Thomas  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** Unitarian minister, poet, and schoolmaster  
**Area of activity:** Education; Poetry; Religion  
**Author:** David Jacob Davies

Born November 1822 at Pen-y-graig (Pengraigwnda), in the parish of Penbryn, Cardiganshire, son of David and Elizabeth Thomas. He was educated at a school which the rector maintained at his own expense at Troedyrour, at Ffrwd-y-fâl, and at Carmarthen Academy (1839-43). In 1843 he was ordained minister of the Unitarian churches at Cribin and Ciliau Aeron (see *Seren Gomer*, 1843, 275) and while he was there kept a school at Cribin. Some time before 1842 he edited a hand-written magazine called 'Goleuni Glan Ceri' (*Gen.*, 1901, 71, 159). He contributed poems and articles of various kinds to *Seren Gomer*, 1842-6; some of his more important essays were 'Awen,' 'Orgraph y Gymraeg,' 'Cofiant Mr. Rees Jones (Amnon),' 'Ofergoeidd Cenedl y Cymry.' In 'Ein Hiawnderau' he called for the appointment of judges who could understand Welsh to try cases in the Welsh courts. He won the prize for the best *englyn* in the Abergavenny eisteddfod, 1845. He died 21 April 1846, and was buried at Troedyrour.

### Author

Reverend David Jacob Davies, (1916 - 1974)

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