

WILLIAMS, HUGH (Hywel Cernyw; 1843 - 1937), Baptist minister, writer, and poet

Name: Hugh Williams
Pseudonym: Hywel Cernyw
Date of birth: 1843
Date of death: 1937
Parent: Mary Williams
Parent: Moses Williams
Gender: Male
Occupation: Baptist minister, writer, and poet
Area of activity: Literature and Writing; Poetry; Religion
Author: David Tudwal Evans

Born 13 April 1843 at Pentre, Llangernyw, son of Moses and Mary Williams. He began to take an interest in literature at an early age, and lyrics and *englynion* written by him appeared in *Yr Athraw* in 1860, when he was only 17 years of age. He was admitted to the Baptist College, Llangollen, in January 1863, and was ordained to the ministry at Staylittle and Dylife, Montgomeryshire in December 1865. In 1868 he went to take charge of the Baptist churches at Cynwyd, Corwen, and Carrog, Meirionnydd. He gave up Carrog in 1879 and confined his labours to the two former churches until 1918, when he retired from the regular ministry, although he continued to preach in the neighbouring churches. He was for some years a tutor at the Baptist College, Llangollen. He was president of the Baptist Union of Wales and Monmouth, 1892-3. In 1932 the University of Wales honoured him with the degree of D.D. He wrote a large number of hymns. He was for a time editor of *Seren Gomer*, the *Greal*, and *Yr Athraw*. His publications include *Bannau Ffydd*, 1900; *Yr Arweinydd Dwyfol*, *Cofiant Dr. Hugh Jones*, 1884; *Nodiadau ar Epistolau Ioan a Judas*, 1874; *Esboniad ar yr Efengyl yn ol Ioan*, 1899-1900 (two volumes produced jointly by him and **Owen Davies** of Caernarvon; and *Christ the Centre*, 1902 (a book of English sermons). He also published a number of tracts. He died 3 May 1937, and was buried in Corwen cemetery.

Author

Reverend David Tudwal Evans, (1877 - 1951)

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