

## WILLIAMS, DANIEL THOMAS (Tydfylyn; 1820 - 1876), Congregational minister, poet, and musician

**Name:** Daniel Thomas Williams

**Pseudonym:** Tydfylyn

**Date of birth:** 1820

**Date of death:** 1876

**Gender:** Male

**Occupation:** Congregational minister, poet, and musician

**Area of activity:** Music; Poetry; Religion

**Author:** David James Bowen

Born 20 October 1820 at Merthyr Tydfil. He commenced his career as a grocer but had to relinquish this occupation on account of ill-health, and soon afterwards took up preaching with the Congregationalists. He was ordained minister of Adullam Congregational chapel, Merthyr Tydfil, 18 July 1870. An ardent eisteddfodwr, he was the chair poet at Ystrad eisteddfod, 1870. He published volumes of poetry and music, including *Y Canor Dirwestol*, 1845; prize musical compositions, 1849; *Pennillion Arobryn Eisteddfod y Cymmrodorion Dirwestol, Merthyr, 1854, 1855* (ed.); *Cathlau Byrion*, 1864; a lecture and an awdl on The 'Sea,' 1868. He wrote the Welsh words to 'Yr Ehedydd' and the English words to 'Rhyfelgan y Myncod' and 'Cydgan y Bradwyr,' musical compositions by **Joseph Parry**. He died 2 May 1876.

### Author

**Professor David James Bowen**

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