

## JONES, HUGH (1831 - 1883), Baptist minister and college principal

**Name:** Hugh Jones  
**Date of birth:** 1831  
**Date of death:** 1883  
**Spouse:** Catherine Jones (née Hughes)  
**Parent:** Jane Jones  
**Parent:** Hugh Jones  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** Baptist minister and college principal  
**Area of activity:** Education; Religion  
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Born 10 July 1831 at Bodedern, Anglesey, son of Hugh and Jane Jones. He received very little early education, being apprenticed at 14 to a shoemaker at Bodedern, moving to Llanfachraeth when 17 to work with John Roberts, a Baptist, who lived near the Baptist chapel. Jones adopted his employer's tenets, was baptized in 1850 at 18, and began preaching at the age of 20. As he believed himself not sufficiently educated for a preacher, he attended school at Llanrhuuddlad for fifteen months, and in June 1853 was accepted for four years at the Haverfordwest Baptist College. He married, in 1858, Catherine, only daughter of John Hughes, Llangollen; there were thirteen children of the marriage. His first intention was the mission field, but he was persuaded to give up the idea and consequently accepted the pastorate of the Llandudno Baptist church, and was ordained for the work in 1857. In 1859 he became co-pastor with [John Prichard](#) at Llangollen and Glyndyfrdwy, and in 1862 became classical tutor at the newly-founded Baptist College at Llangollen, succeeding [John Prichard](#) five years later as principal of the college. A testimonial was presented to him in 1877 to enable him to make a tour through Switzerland and Italy for reasons of health. He was at one time editor of *Y Greal*. A racy writer, he contributed numerous articles and sermons to various denominational and other periodicals, among them being the following: *Yr Athraw*, *Y Greal*, *Seren Gomer*, *Baptist*, *Baptist Magazine*, *Traethodydd*, *Gwyddoniadur*, etc. He also published works on Baptism and one on Biblical Exposition. Although quiet and gentle in manner, he was reputed to be a very powerful preacher. He died 28 May 1883, and was buried at Fron, Llangollen.

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