

THOMAS, THOMAS (1839 - 1888), Wesleyan minister, and miscellaneous writer

Name: Thomas Thomas

Date of birth: 1839

Date of death: 1888

Parent: Mary Thomas

Parent: Owen Thomas

Gender: Male

Occupation: Wesleyan minister, and miscellaneous writer

Area of activity: Literature and Writing; Religion

Author: Robert Thomas Jenkins

Born in 1839 at Caernarvon, one of the eight children of Owen and Mary Thomas. He was apprenticed to the well-known Caernarvon printer, **Hugh Humphreys**, and afterwards worked in printing offices at Pwllheli and in South Wales. At Cardiff, while working there, he offered himself for the Wesleyan ministry - at first, for the foreign mission-field, but was rejected on medical grounds; he was accepted for home service, and was stationed, in 1862, at Tre'rddôl in the Aberystwyth circuit. He seems to have been but an indifferent preacher, but a hard-working pastor, and a most energetic chapel builder - when on the Llanidloes circuit, he set up as many as five new chapels. His last circuit was at Ulverston, where he died 1 May 1888.

His claim to inclusion in the present work is his great activity - following the example of his former master, **Hugh Humphreys** (to whose magazine, *Golud yr Oes*, 1862-4, he was a contributor) - in the production of popular books. Three especially of these may be mentioned: *Llyfr Pawb ar Bob Peth* (n. d.); *Hynodion Hen Bregethwyr Cymru* (1872); and *Grammadeg Areithyddiaeth* (1873); these three had a wide sale. Thomas also contributed to the periodicals of his connexion, *Yr Eurgrawn* and *Y Winllan*, and served a term as editor of the latter.

Author

Emeritus Professor Robert Thomas Jenkins, (1881 - 1969)

Sources

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