

EVANS, JOHN RICHARDS (1882 - 1969), minister (Presb.) and author

Name: John Richards Evans
Date of birth: 1882
Date of death: 1969
Spouse: Anne May Evans (née Thomas)
Parent: Margaret Evans
Parent: William Evans
Gender: Male
Occupation: minister (Presb.) and author
Area of activity: Literature and Writing; Religion
Author: Gomer Morgan Roberts

Born 10 January 1882 in Manchester House, Pen-y-graig, Rhondda, Glamorganshire, son of William and Margaret Evans. He was educated in Cardiff High School, Porth secondary school, and, after beginning to preach, in the University College, Cardiff (where he graduated B.A.), and Trefeca and Aberystwyth theological colleges (where he graduated in theology). He was ordained in 1909, and served in the ministry in Bwlch, Brecknock (1906-10), and Bethlehem, Mountain Ash, Glamorganshire (1914-39). He retired from pastoral care in 1939, and lived in Cardiff for the rest of his life. He married in 1941 Anne May Thomas.

He was one of the leading Presbyterians of his day, being Moderator of the Association in the South (1952), and Moderator of the General Assembly (1955). He and **Bishop W.T. Havard** were the first presidents of the Council of Churches in Wales; he represented the churches in Wales in the first Congress of the World Churches Council. He also represented his Connexion in the Presbyterian Alliance. In 1938 he delivered the Davies Lecture *Cristnogaeth a'r Bywyd Da*, which was published in 1941. Prior to that he had published a useful textbook on the prophets, *Y Proffwydi a'u cenadwri* (1923). He wrote much for the *Goleuad*, *Y Drysorfa* and *Traethodydd*, being one of the editors of the latter from 1952 until his death. He died 10 February 1969, and was buried in the family grave, in Trealaw, Rhondda.

Author

Reverend Gomer Morgan Roberts, (1904 - 1993)

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