

## WILLIAMS, THOMAS RHONDDA (1860 - 1945), Congregational minister

**Name:** Thomas Rhondda Williams  
**Date of birth:** 1860  
**Date of death:** 1945  
**Parent:** Thomas Williams  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** Congregational minister  
**Area of activity:** Religion  
**Author:** Robert Thomas Jenkins

Born at Cowbridge, Glamorganshire, 19 June, 1860, one of three sons of Thomas Williams, a Calvinistic Methodist minister, who entered the ministry, two of them in the Congregational denomination and the other in his father's Connexion. He was admitted, as Thomas Rees Williams, to the Carmarthen Presbyterian College in 1877. He held pastorates at Bethania, Dowlais (1880), Gnoll Road, Neath (1884), Greenfield, Bradford (1888), and the Union Chapel, Brighton (1909). He resigned in 1931, spending the remainder of his life at Hove, where he died 21 November 1945.

He published several books. He was considered to be a forward-looking preacher, and was an advocate of the 'New Theology' which was the subject of much discussion at the turn of the twentieth century. In 1930 he preached to the Assembly of the League of Nations in Geneva. The Chicago Theological Seminary conferred the degree of D.D. upon him, and he was chairman of the Congregational Union of England and Wales in 1929.

### Author

**Emeritus Professor Robert Thomas Jenkins**, (1881 - 1969)

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