

EDWARDS, GRIFFITH (Gutyn Padarn; 1812 - 1893), cleric, poet and antiquary

Name: Griffith Edwards
Pseudonym: Gutyn Padarn
Date of birth: 1812
Date of death: 1893
Parent: William Edwards
Gender: Male
Occupation: cleric, poet and antiquary
Area of activity: Eisteddfod; History and Culture; Poetry; Religion; Scholarship and Languages
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Born at Llanberis 1 September 1812, son of **William Edwards** (Gwilym Padarn, 1786 - 1857). Having had only an elementary education, he was taught the classical languages by **Peter Bailey Williams**, rector of Llan-rug. He graduated at Trinity College, Dublin, in 1843, and took his M.A. degree in 1846. Upon graduation he was ordained and appointed curate of Llangollen. Thence he moved in 1846 to be perpetual curate of Minera, Denbighshire, and in 1863 to be rector of Llangadfan, Montgomeryshire, where he remained till his death.

He was a competitor for the chief bardic prizes at the eisteddfodau held at Beaumaris (1832) and Liverpool (1840), and a collection of his poetry, entitled *Gwaith Prydyddawl*, appeared in 1846. His literary works comprised poetry in Welsh and English and numerous articles in periodicals. A volume of sermons by him, *Deg-ar-hugain o Bregethau*, was published in 1854. He was the editor of the collected works of **John Blackwell**, *Ceinion Alun*, 1851, and wrote a history of the parishes of Llangadfan, Garthbeibio, and Llanerfyl.

He died 29 January 1893.

Author

Sir Thomas Parry, (1904 - 1985)

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