

HUGHES, WILLIAM (1838 - 1921), printer and publisher

Name: William Hughes
Date of birth: 1838
Date of death: 1921
Gender: Male
Occupation: printer and publisher
Area of activity: Printing and Publishing
Author: Alfred Ernest Hughes

Born 27 January 1838 at Mold, Flintshire. He served his apprenticeship in the printing works of **Thomas Gee**, Denbigh, and moved to Dolgellay in 1864 to be in charge of the office of *Y Dysgedydd*, whose proprietress he afterwards married. His printing establishment came to be one of the best-known in Wales as is proved by a catalogue of important works produced by it. Welsh music, particularly congregational music, is greatly in the debt of William Hughes. It was he who ventured to publish, after it had been rejected by other publishers, the work of **John Ambrose Lloyd**, viz. *Aberth Molliant*, *Gweddi Habacu c*, and almost all his anthems; he also published 'Ystorm Tiberias,' the oratorio by **Edward Stephen** (Tanymarian), besides several anthems by the same composer.

He started a weekly newspaper, *Y Dydd*, in 1868, with **Samuel Roberts** ('S.R.') as its editor, and **Richard Davies** (Mynyddog) assisting him. He issued *Y Dysgedydd* for fifty-six years; he also published *Dysgedydd y Plant*, and *Cronicl Bach J.R.* for a period. He took an interest in public and religious affairs; he was an ardent Liberal, an alderman of the Merioneth county council, a justice of the peace, and was a deacon for fifty-five years. He died 23 February 1921, and was buried at Brithdir, near Dolgellay.

Author

Alfred Ernest Hughes, (1878 - 1956)

Sources

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