

JONES, JOHN (Mathetes, 1821 - 1878), Baptist minister and littérateur

Name: John Jones
Pseudonym: Mathetes
Date of birth: 1821
Date of death: 1878
Parent: Mary Jones
Parent: Roger Jones
Gender: Male
Occupation: Baptist minister and littérateur
Area of activity: Literature and Writing; Religion
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Born at Bancyfelin, Cilirhedyn, 16 July 1821, eldest child of Roger and Mary Jones, and brought up at Tan-yr-helyg, Cenarth. He went to work in a colliery at Dowlais in 1837, and became a member of Caersalem Church in 1839. He delivered his first sermon at Hirwaun in 1841, and entered Haverfordwest College in August 1843, after a short course at Cardigan grammar school. He was ordained at Porth-y-rhyd, 27 May 1846, and moved to the Temple, Newport, 1854, Llangollen (co-pastor with [John Prichard](#) (1796 - 1875)), 1857, Llanfachraeth (Anglesey), 1859, Pyle, 1861, Penuel, Rhymney, 1862 (with Siloam, Tafarnau-bach, 1871-1875), and Briton Ferry, 1877. He died at the latter place 18 November 1878, and was buried at Pant, Dowlais. He was married three times and was the father of six children.

He captured several prizes for eisteddfodic essays, including an essay at Llangollen in 1858 on the mineral resources of North Wales, and contributed much to the periodical press, especially to *Seren Gomer*. He published *Y Bedydd Cristionogol a Thaenelliad Babanod*, 1863; and *Pregeth i Fyfyrywyr Coleg Hwlfordd ... 1865*, and *Pregeth i Fyfyrywyr Coleg Pontypwl ... 1870* (1871), but he is best remembered for his *Geiriadur Beiblaidd a Duwinyddol* (3 vols., 1864-9,-83) and his *Areithfa Mathetes*, 1873. He was also co-editor of *Y Greal*, 1857-9, and *Yr Arweinydd*, 1869-70. A volume of his sermons has been preserved in [NLW MS 691B](#).

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