

RENDEL, STUART (1834 - 1913), 1st baron Rendel, industrialist, Member of Parliament, and philanthropist

Name: Stuart Rendel
Date of birth: 1834
Date of death: 1913
Spouse: Ellen Sophy Rendel (née Hubbard)
Parent: Catherine Jane Rendel (née Harris)
Parent: James Meadows Rendel
Gender: Male
Occupation: industrialist, Member of Parliament, and philanthropist
Area of activity: Business and Industry; Philanthropy; Politics, Government and Political Movements
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Born at Plymouth, 2 July 1834, third son of James Meadows Rendel and Catherine his wife. Educated at Eton and Oriel College, Oxford, where he graduated in 1856, he was called to the Bar, and later interested himself in engineering and ultimately became London manager of the Armstrong gunnery company. In 1880 he entered Parliament as Liberal member for Montgomeryshire, breaking the Conservative *Wynnstay* tradition which had lasted for over eighty years. He soon became the acknowledged leader of the Welsh members of Parliament, and till his elevation to the House of Lords in 1894 took a prominent part in the promotion of Welsh interests, particularly in connection with the Welsh Intermediate Education Act (1889), and the measures proposed to disestablish the Church of England in Wales. He was intimate with W. E. Gladstone, and was in close touch with him during his last premiership (1892-4) when there was considerable parliamentary activity in matters relating to Wales. Rendel was a benefactor of the University College of Wales, Aberystwyth, of which he was president from 1895 till his death, and where the chair of English bears his name; and in 1897 he purchased land at Grogytha n, Aberystwyth, and presented it to be the site of the National Library of Wales.

Rendel married Ellen, daughter of W. Egerton Hubbard, and by her he had four daughters. He died 4 June 1913 in London, and was buried at East Clandon, Surrey.

Author

Thomas Iorwerth Ellis, (1899 - 1970)

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