

JESUS COLLEGE OXFORD

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WELSH RELIGIOUS ENGRAVING, 1838

This lithograph was created by John Wynne, a Wesleyan preacher, who, having heard a sermon delivered by Thomas Thomas, Vicar of Carnarvon, on the subject of the Kingdom of Heaven, was inspired to make a drawing on the subject, on which this print was based. Thomas had come up to Jesus College in 1824, was vicar of Llanbeblig and Carnarvon from 1835-59, and then became canon of Bangor Cathedral in 1824. He died in 1877.

This copy of the lithograph was evidently given to Thomas himself, and then appears to have been inherited by his son Thomas Llewelyn Thomas who likewise came up to Jesus College in 1860, and was later a Fellow here in 1872-97. He also served as Vice Principal of Jesus in 1880-97. The print was then presented to the College in 1920 by Miss Harriet Thomas. Harriet Thomas was evidently a descendant of Thomas Thomas, and perhaps a daughter of Thomas Llewelyn Thomas.

The lithograph had been mounted on a board and framed, but was removed from its frame and cleaned and repaired in November 2017.

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Engraving titled "Pregeth ar Deyrnas Crist" (Preach the Kingdom of Christ), which shows scenes from the kingdom of heaven (e.g. a lion lying down with a lamb, and children leading wild beasts), around a large tree on whose branches are written appropriate exhortations on leading a good life. All the text of this engraving is in Welsh.

Below the engraving is a note that this engraving is dedicated by John Wynne to Thomas Thomas after his sermon preached at Carnarvon. It is dated June 1838, and the lithographer's name is given as J. Bell of Liverpool.

Size: 485 by 375 mm.

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n.d. (c. 1920)

Note giving the story of the creation of this engraving, and its donation to the College, with more information on the family of John Wynne. This note was found stuck to the back of the frame in which the engraving was found, and was removed during conservation work.